

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting July 18, 2017
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Joe Corso, Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Stephen Schramm, Henry Frondorf, Thomas Sauter, Emily Miller Reynolds, Geneva Clark, Anne Murphy, Abe Brandyberry, Trinette Zawadzki

Absences: Larry Eiser, April Stephens

1. Call to Order – Shawntee' Stallworth-Schramm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Approval of Agenda – Change to agenda is discussion about Western Hills Viaduct instead of Banners on Harrison. **Emily motions to accept the agenda with changes, Henry seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
5. Approval of July steering meeting minutes – Approved unanimously.
6. Fire – Engine 35, Month of June – 30 narcans administrations, run totals 475, recruit class of 40, and 6 new fire fighters assigned to Engine 35. Focus this month is cooking safety, especially outdoors with grills. #1 call for fire incidents is from cooking. Do not use a grill on a balcony of a multi-unit residence unless it is approved by the fire code. What is the ordinance for the city for outdoor burning (brush)? There are no outdoor fires allowed in the city except for cooking. Exceptions may be allowed for small fire pits that are enclosed with a cover. The smoke is not permitted to bother others. Call the non-emergency number with concerns.
7. Police - Rich Minella – Copies of Westwood crime stats on are available on the table. National Night Out August 1, 2017, 5:30-8:00pm at Price Hill Rec Center. Saturday morning at Epworth and Verdin – there was an argument starting near BP that continued up Verdin, and one person began shooting at the other, but no one was injured. There was a lot of damage to houses and cars from gunshots. One person was arrested for not cooperating, a 17 year old. Delivery drivers are still being robbed, but the incidents seem to be slowing down. Block watches may be a good way to communicate an alert.
8. CRC - Jincey – All are encouraged to join, fees are: Youth \$2/yr, Young Adults \$10/yr, Adults \$25/yr, Seniors \$10/yr, August 13 – Spin at the Brewery 11:00am. Registering for After School Camp and Club CRC and Winter Break Camp. Senior

Table Tennis at First Presbyterian – 9:30-noon MWF, Emily - Youth Council announcements – Ages 12-18, third Friday of each month, 6:30-9:00pm, elections for youth council and service project planning. Second Saturday Event – Splash – Youth Council will have activities that day. Suicide Prevention Walk August 26.

9. Street Sweep program – Joel Koopman – Street Sweepers have started on July 1 on a regular basis in all 52 neighborhoods. Signs will not be posted, there are five sweepers and five hand sweepers. Cleaning happens each Friday, alternating even and odd sides of the street, starting at 7:00am in Camp Washington and headed out to the neighborhoods. Map will be available on the WCA website.

10. Lt. Matt Hammer; PIVOT. Crime Presentation – Place-based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories, Partner-based strategies, SARA problem-solving strategy – Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment. Goal is Sustainable Violence Reduction. Focus on Harrison/McHenry with the goal of long-term reduction in violent crime. Crime in these areas has reduced drastically. It has been over 240 days since the last shooting in the area. Overall gun violence score is at its lowest since the program began. Baltimore/McHenry is another focus. Over 160 days since the last shooting, same lowered violence score trends. CPDPIVOT.com has more information. Center for problem-oriented policing has chosen this program as one of 6 finalists internationally.

11. Ethel Cogen Department of Community and Economic Development - NEP sustainability. This was the first time NEP worked with 2 neighborhoods, coincided with PIVOT, and had 6 projects!

12. Shawntee' - What NEP looks like in Westwood! – Jubilee Market in the former US Market space, selling clothing and soon produce, 2 KaBOOM playgrounds built, Youth Council was created, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful clean up at the McHenry corridor, farms and community gardens established, Cincinnati Urban Promise updates in the building – Abe Brandyberry is the director and discussed renovations and partnership with a preschool called the Learning Lounge to begin operating in the building. Summer enrichment program is going on with 85 students registered from the surrounding community. The community will need to continue the efforts to keep the area safe.

13. Dorothy Smoot - Community Policing Partnering Centers role in our achievement - Present Awards for WCA and Mary Jenkins – Awards are given for successful work with the city and police to create safer communities. Luncheon in May to recognize outstanding communities working collaboratively. Westwood Civic Association received an award from this organization – “Outstanding Partnering Award” – all partners who were involved received awards.

14. WUTSTV - What's next - Shawntee' – join a block watch or start a block watch, get involved in Citizens on Patrol, give input to WUTSTV. Comments about loitering at McHenry and business owners who are allowing problems to exist. Suggestion to communicate with business owners and keep moving forward with positive changes.

15. Light refreshments - Signup WUTSTV; please take a Survey

16. Western Hills Viaduct – Catherine Ross – According to the way everything is going, funding for rebuilding will not be available until about 2028. Today a chunk of concrete fell on the lower level. That area is closed temporarily. FC Cincinnati and US Bank are asking for public money. Could we put together a coalition of west side communities who are affected? **Henry motions that WCA write a letter to local, city, state reps asking for support to rebuild the bridge. Geneva seconded.** Include in the letter the concern with the other for-profits? WCA should keep the letter simple. We need to stress that this is a matter of public safety. **Motion passes with one abstention.**

17. Other business

- NSP – additional \$900 - will be resolved this week
- Henry – issues on Motor Lane, street near City on a Hill at Harrison. **Emily motions for Henry and Joe to have authority to visit City On a Hill to respectfully ask for them to respect right of way and not block the street, Steve Beckman seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
- Liz Kissel – Logo for 150th celebration, Westwood-opoly game will be established – organizations (like CRC and YMCA) and individuals can sponsor to have their name on it.
- Walkway between Penrose and Epworth is a problem. This can be brought up at WUTSTV.
- Yard of the Month question – info@westwoodcivic.org

18. Adjourned by Shawntee'

Announcements:

Join us @ Public House after Civic.

Adopt-a-Pot is back in the spring of things!

Thanks to all of our pot adopters! Don't forget to plant and tend your pots.

Youth Council: This is for youth 12-18. For more information go to cincyunitedyouth.org