

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting June 20, 2017
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Joe Corso, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Stephen Schramm, Henry Frondorf, Thomas Sauter, Emily Miller Reynolds, Geneva Clark, April Stephens, Anne Murphy

Absences: Abe Brandyberry, Trinette Zawadzki

1. Call to Order – Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Approval of Agenda – Emily motioned to approve the agenda as written, Larry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Approval of April Steering, April General, and May General meeting minutes. – Thomas motioned to approve April Steering minutes, April General minutes, and May General Minutes, Emily seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
6. Fire – Lieutenant Nieman, For May, 475 total responses, 407 EMS, narkan levels are increasing in the city. Heroin overdose is still an epidemic. Reminder to be safe with fireworks. Most injuries with children are ages 5-9. Some fireworks are illegal, but novelty fireworks are allowed.
7. Police – Sgt Chatman shared crime stats, which are available in the back of the room. Comparing period 1 to period 3 shows increase in overall crime by 111%. August 1st is National Night Out at Price Hill Rec Center. Captain Jones spoke about District 3 leading the city in shooting reductions – down by 30%, usually we average 3 or 4 homicides in Westwood by this time of the year. Robberies are up, though. Additional police officers are out in District 3. There is a trend of delivery driver robberies, which tends to happen in cycles, involving teens. Quick Response Team is still going out to individuals who have overdosed to get them to agree to get help. Tensing trial is going on. Deliberations will take place tomorrow. Police are ready to deal with possible unrest. Questions about what citizens can do with drug deals happening in their neighborhood. Report suspicious activity and police keep track of trends. All over the city, there is an increase in car thefts.

8. CRC – Jincey, Club CRC, ages 6-12 Mon-Thurs, 1-4, free lunch program at 12:30pm. Scholarship funds are available, over \$10 for the summer. Westwood Walkers 6-7 Tues and Thurs. Crush Fit Fitness program is free on Tuesdays. July 8, 90th CRC celebration in Oakley in the afternoon, Madcap puppets will be at Westwood Town Hall performing at 2:00pm, price is \$5. Ryan pool is open, no swimming at night. Swim lessons available for kids and adults. Memberships are available. Teen nights on Friday nights, 27 teens here last Friday. Youth Council is active as well.
9. **Vice Mayor Mann** – A police class graduated Friday and a fire class will graduate in July. City Hall is working to pass the budget for 17-18 fiscal year, hopefully by tomorrow. NSP funding is kept at current levels. Funding is going toward the heroin epidemic and needle exchange. Education, enforcement, support, and treatment are all part of the solution. He is inspired by the strength and amount of activity from Westwood's neighborhood organizations. Question about NSP funds being divided by per capita instead of evenly. The policy is complex. Money is being transferred to make pedestrians safer. Question about rules for cars and bicycles. We need more bike lanes. Concerns about litter, and the city has an improved plan for cleaning up litter. Question about mowing on major roads as well, and he will look into that.
10. Laure Quinlivan - D3 documentary, and City Council race. – PBS is interested in the documentary because the new District 3 location is the first netzero police station in the country. Air date may be September. Laure served on council in the past, and is ready to return. She loves public service. Her focus is Cleaner, Greener, Smarter. She wants to improve public transportation, and bike lanes. In the past, she worked to get the entertainment district changes implemented. Website is qforcouncil.com. She is running as an independent.
11. Kevin Tolan - Spring Solarize Cincy Campaign – Kevin is with Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance. Hamilton County is a leader in sustainability, and number one in the state of Ohio for solar panel installation. Solarize Cincy does free solar assessments on homes with cost savings and install costs, as well as the tax write off benefits. Deadline to sign up is June 30. Ohio has Solar Renewable Energy Credits. Payoff could take 9 years.
12. Town hall grounds update – Henry – Bids will go out in July, which means a possible September groundbreaking. The money is there, and

it will happen. Westwood Coalition will hold a public meeting with info about it around August. Conditions of Westwood Town Hall grounds are not good. We may need some volunteers to do some work on the grounds. July 1st may be a good day to gather volunteers to work. Emily will set up a facebook event for July 1 at 9:00am.

13. Painting the Water tower – Idea to get "Westwood" painted on the tower. – Henry Frondorf said they are taking bids for painting the Water Tower, and suggested we ask that it be painted with the word Westwood on it. Steve Schramm motions that WCA writes a letter of support for having the painting of the word Westwood added to the project. Steve Beckman seconded. David Mann can help support the initiative and asked for a copy of the letter. Motion passes unanimously.
14. Youth Council update – Emily – Flyers for Youth Council are available. They are meeting monthly and helping with Second Saturdays. They are deciding on activities and issues and service opportunities. One service project will be focused on Teen Suicide. On June 30 they will have an overnight focused on preventing teen suicide, using the SARA model – Scan, analysis, response, assessment. Cincyunitedyouth.org.
15. WUTSTV - NEP close out - Shawntee' – June 15, there was a closeout ceremony for the NEP project. There were 6 signature projects that took place, which is the biggest they have ever accomplished. There was a ribbon cutting for Jubilee Market at McHenry and Harrison, which will have fresh produce and second-hand clothing for sale.
16. Other Business
 - a. Westwood Second Saturday on June 10 was a success. There will be another on July 8, theme is PLAY. There will be Braxton beer, fun games, a pop up version of Supercade, which is coming to Westwood in the fall, live music. Giant games, bounce house, cornhole, and other fun games. Muse and West Side Brewing will be open. There is a sign up genius for volunteers. 5:00-10:00pm. July 22, there will be a pop up beer garden at St. James Episcopal.
 - b. Shawntee read upcoming hearings for city-wide issues.
 - c. Giant Yard Sale took place last Saturday. Emily motioned to reimburse Shawntee \$25 for the yard sale. Steve Beckman seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
 - d. Henry announced that Gamble Montessori and St. Catharine are teaming up to do a 4 person 4 mile relay race on July 15. Info is available on Facebook at Westwood Relay Race.

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.

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