

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting November 21, 2017
Minutes

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

Absences: John Bowen, Trinette Zawadzki, Joe Corso

1. Call to Order – Motion by Shawntee to amend agenda to add a discussion about conditional use variance for Bare Necessities market, seconded by Emily. Approved unanimously.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Oct. General meeting minutes - Approved
5. Fire – Total of 369 total runs for October, 322 for EMS, and 47 for fire or other incidents. Theme for this month is fire safety, especially with Thanksgiving. This is the peak season for home cooking fires, often caused by unattended cooking. The National Fire Protection discourages frying turkeys, but be safe if you do. Keep the fryer away from structures, have a fire extinguisher approved for grease fires, do not overfill with oil, completely thaw the turkey first. Keep hot items out of reach of kids. Narcan was administered 14 times in 45211 in October.
6. Police – Officer Minella said there were 246 reports of criminal activity in October, which is average for this time of year. Looking into the busy crosswalk intersections in Westwood, the statistics only showed one incident in three years. They are continuing police presence on the busy part of Montana. Request made to move the police presence up to the Cheviot/Montana intersection as well due to major accidents in the past. Captain Jones addressed the shooting on McHenry and said it was an argument between people who knew each other.
7. CRC Announcement / Youth Council update - Emily & April – Katie Butler represented CRC and shared that Deck the Hall is on December 2, 4-7pm, the fitness calendar is

available, they offer spin, Zumba, clogging, Crush It, and more. The winter program is available for more details. For Youth Council, students are learning Roberts Rules of Order and how to run a meeting. They will be going to Scallywag tag and participating in Deck the Hall selling soda/water as a fundraiser. This is open to students age 12-18, and they meet on the 3rd Friday each month, 6:30-8:30. Youth leaders meet on Mondays.

8. Pinnacle Treatment Center discussion - Ivy and Rob – Pinnacle wants to be part of the community and get feedback. They are a substance abuse treatment program in multiple states. Ohio changed the regulations for opioid clinics, which allows them to expand to Cincinnati. They are for profit, but believe they are good stewards of their funds. They are an outpatient treatment facility with counseling and a licensed physician. They chose this area because the services are highly needed. In their experience (location in Covington, for example), their presence in the community does not create a problem with crime or safety. Rob shared that trends show crime decreases with their presence. They regulate the amount they give patients and do not give more than two weeks of medication at a time. They are highly regulated, have an open door policy, have a 40 to one patient to counselor ration with weekly counseling, and will have open houses for the community. Concerns were expressed from neighbors about the clinic causing crime to go up, as well as a question about whether they always choose a shopping center for their location. Henry, Joe, and Capt. Jones toured the facility and asked similar questions. Capt. Jones previously reported that he would monitor crime stats, and Henry assured the group that WCA would keep them responsible. The zoning for the location (Glencrossing, previously TQL location near Bargains and Buyouts) allows for this type of use. Some shared opinions that another location would be better. Comment shared that addictions affect all demographics.
9. Western hills Coalition for Immediate Repair of the Viaduct – Henry – Henry proposed that a viaduct coalition be established by Westwood Civic Association with 10 neighborhoods on the west side of town, 7 neighborhoods on the east side of town, Green Township, and Delhi. Emily motions for Henry to send letters on behalf of WCA to each organization inviting them to a meeting in February to form the coalition. April seconded. Thomas mentioned he was very impressed with Henry's campaign for city council, and he would like to contribute by helping with this project. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Bare Necessities – Henry – A permit is needed to sell/serve liquor at the small grocery store Henry is opening on Harrison near Subway. The drawings are available. Emily motioned for WCA to write a letter of support for Bare Necessities' application for conditional use. Steve B. seconded. Thomas and Henry abstain, motion passes.
11. Annual Dinner Dec. 5, Dec. 12th; other dates? @ Henke? – Majority of the group prefers December 5 at Henke (It has been 3 years since it was held there). Sara motioned to approve \$100 for appetizers at the dinner. Abe seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Shawntee will check with Henke on the date.
12. Nominating Committee – President's Appointments – Shawntee nominates Larry, Geneva, and Joe for the nominating committee.
13. Nominating Committee – Membership Appointments – John Eby, Leslie Rich, and Mary Fichter will serve on the nominating committee.
14. Westwood Uniting - A call to action. We need a leader for McHenry @ Harrison hot spot location -Shawntee' – Abe volunteered to lead the Harrison/McHenry group working on WUTSTV, and Geneva will help. They will check with Ty to see if there is already a group meeting regularly, originally led by Kyle Vath. There is a WUTSTV meeting 11/28 at 7pm.
15. Outreach update – Emily – no announcement
16. Other Business
 1. Henry – Cincinnati Neighborhood games is being planned for 2018 with Karen Strasser as captain for Westwood. July 21st is opening ceremony.
 2. Larry mentioned an article in the Enquirer about all development happening on the east side of town. The article stated the Mercy hospital site was purchased for Citirama (originally a site planned for the landswap with Woodlands Golf Course). John Cranley is out of town, but staff will check with him about the accuracy of the information in the article when he returns.
 3. Thank you from Shepherds Heart Christian Ministries for those who helped at multicultural fest.
 4. Deck the Hall is December 2, 4-7pm.
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