

Westwood Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting May 15, 2018  
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Emily Miller Reynolds, Larry Eiser, Anne Murphy, John Bowen, Geneva Clark, Stephen Schramm, Henry Frondorf

Absences: April Stephens, Abe Brandyberry, Joe Corso, Thomas Sauter, Steve Beckman, Trinette Zawadzki,

1. Call to Order – Shawntee
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – approved with note that Tamaya Dennard is unable to attend
5. Approval of April minutes – Steering and General minutes approved
6. **Police** – Officer Minella – copies of April crime stats available, arrests have been made in robberies of delivery drivers (juvenile – 3 total). Only crime up this month is theft from autos (up 43 from last year). Do not leave items in vehicle. Tomorrow 5/16/18 is District 3 Open house – 9:00-1:00. First Tuesday in August 8/7/18 is National Night Out at Oskamp on Glenway, 5-8pm. Captain Broxterman – with warm weather, we tend to see crime rise. People are encouraged to report concerns they witness.  
**Fire** – unable to attend
7. CRC – Jincey, Service Area Coordinator – Giant yard sale is on Saturday June 21, 9-2. Flyers are available. Spinning at the brewery at 11:00 Sunday June 10. Youth sewing available. Zumba and Crush It are also offered here. Oskamp Rec is having expansion meeting on June 10. Youth Council is meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (usually at Westwood Town Hall), planning to have a lock-in program to plan service projects. Teen night is every Friday evening.
8. Youth Council Update – Emily – Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Leadership meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. This is open to all youth ages 12-18. Service project topic is homelessness.
9. Cincinnati Neighborhood Games – Westwood Qualifier Info – Karen - June 23, 5-9pm at Gamble-Nippert YMCA, there will be 16 sports qualifiers for the event in July. Ages 8 and up. Ages 14 and up are considered adults. Go to [cincygames.com](http://cincygames.com) for more information.
10. Wayne Brinkman Student Awards – Sara – Presented by CPS Board Member Mike Moroski. Mike spoke about the importance of youth leadership, and his past and

current work with students. He encouraged them to continue to work hard, and he thanked them for being leaders in their schools. We thanked the school staff present for their support, the students for their leadership, and parents for all they do for their children. Sara read a description of why each student was nominated and they were presented the awards one at a time. Here are the schools and award recipients:

Wayne Brinkman Award	
<b>School</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Midway School	Mohamed Bouhout
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Shannon Hennessy
Dater Montessori	Brynn Gardner
Westwood Elementary School	Desiree Warner
St. Catharine of Sienna	Aniveawna Famble
Western Hills High School	Aminata Famble
Mother of Mercy High School	Kaelynne Goozey
Gilbert A. Dater High School	Raphael Hicks
Gamble Montessori H.S.	Sarah Bilz

11. Jeff Stine, City of Cincinnati – Preliminary Streetscape Design – WestCURC received funding from OKI and ODOT (with 20% match from city) to do streetscape along Harrison Avenue. The planning team is gathering community input for the project. The streetscape goes from the Ruelman building to Epworth/Urwiler. There will be pavers for the 6 foot sidewalk. The plan is for the project to be completed in Spring of 2020. They are looking at possibly adding parking on the street. The crosswalks at the intersections may change, but not all of them. In some areas, it does not change the width of the sidewalk, but in some areas it will increase the current size. Preliminary plans will
12. Mercy Hospital/Oskamp property – CRC Board Member Amy Whalen – City is considering acquiring this property. There will be a meeting on June 5, 7-8pm at Westwood Town Hall for community input on the options for the space. There is not funding allocated to this project at this time. This project scope will most likely include the old Midway property. There is funding allocated for the purchase of the land.
13. Cincinnati Neighborhood Flags – Henry – Henry and others received a grant to have a flag designed for the neighborhood. A professional graphic designer will gather info from the community, design a flag, and have the community vote.
14. Invest in Neighborhoods – This organization is working with all community councils to help align insurance plans and save costs. Emily motions we support the decision to switch our insurance plan to the plan the city is proposing for all community councils to use. Larry seconded. Motion passes (eight in favor with one abstention).
15. Western Hills Viaduct Coalition – next meeting May 31, at 7pm at Westwood Town Hall. The intent is to have a representative from the federal, state, city to discuss how

to secure funding for the viaduct. The city is applying for a Build Grant for the project (up to \$25M), and they are looking for letters of support for this application. Shawntee motions to support this application by the city and Emily seconded. This is a federal grant (new). Motion passes unanimously. Henry will write the letter of support.

16. Westwood Coalition Update – Shawntee – Madcap is at 92% funded, with about \$400,000 gap in funding, but they are moving along with construction. They hope to be open by November. RFP is out for Firehouse. There will be an announcement of the winner at the end of May. Town Hall bid is accepted, and they plan to break ground in June/July. Westwood Home Tour was last Saturday, and it went great (Thanks, Liz!). Neighborhood games qualifiers June 23 at GNY. There was some discussion about Mercy School, but no further details are available. Westwood Civic Association is have a Gala/Silent Auction this Saturday 5/19, 4-9pm at EP Manor. There will be food and drinks.

#### 17. Other Business

- a) May 21, 7pm– Carolyn Duffy is holding an open house for pedestrian safety. Westwood Active Transportation Plan. Flyers are available. On May 24, there will be a meeting to review what is found from the initial meetings at 7pm.
- b) Westwood-o-poly – WCA receives a game as a sponsor. The game is available for a \$30 donation. Muse and Wooden Hill are selling them.
- c) Larry – Westwood Works is bringing back Second Saturdays with a grant from Haile. The first is June 9, 5-10pm. The area is moved to Ruehlman Avenue to Montclair. The bands will be near Urwiler and Epworth. There will be beer and food trucks.
- d) Sara mentioned giving certificates to the Youth Council Leaders at the June meeting. There will be no funding necessary. No motion is needed.
- e) Saturday June 2, Mercy will have a final event at the High School. (afternoon to the evening) – information on the website.
- f) Shawntee – Westwood United is having a clean up on June 2, 9-12. Bracken Woods and Gobel is the meeting space.
- g) Jeff Stine – preliminary plans for streetscape will be on the web page.

Henry adjourned the meeting.

#### **Announcements:**

- Westwood Civic meets every third Tuesday of the month 7p, @ Townhall. Tell your neighbor about our efforts in the community!
- [WCA Fundraiser – Saturday, May 19 – 4 pm to 9 pm – 2932 Montana Avenue – Tickets can be purchased online for \\$40 person / \\$60 couple or day of for \\$45/\\$65.](#)
- Reminder: Adopt-a-pot Spring is around the corner don't forget to renew your pot today! Previous adopters have first dibs.
- Youth Council: Is for youth 12-18. We meet @ Townhall every third Friday of the month. For more information go to [cincyunitedyouth.org](http://cincyunitedyouth.org)

Shawntee adjourned the meeting.

