

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting July 17, 2018
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Emily Miller Reynolds, Larry Eiser, John Bowen, Geneva Clark, Henry Frondorf, April Stephens, Abe Brandyberry, Joe Corso, Trinette Zawadzki

Absences: Steve Beckman, Anne Murphy, Stephen Schramm, Thomas Sauter

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – conversation about Jubilee Market added.
5. Approval of Minutes May General – no concerns, minutes are approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Officer Minella – copies of crime stats are available online at CPD website. Most numbers of crime are down. We are down 34% in part one violent crimes. We are down 3.5% in property crimes. Theft from autos continues to be the most common. There were 3 store robberies July 15 at BP on Harrison, then UDF on Glenway, then UDF on Glenmore. There is a suspect in custody. First Tuesday (8/7) in August – National Night Out at Oskamp Park. Smart 911 – login with smartphone and give info for 911 to know if you need to report from your phone. Share important information with police and fire through this app.
7. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Summer Dance classes, River Trek is next week
8. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Second Saturday this past Saturday, the youth council had activities. They are in the process of planning their service project for the year (focused on homelessness). They are taking a field trip to Smale park this Friday. Leadership meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Ages 12-18. Teen night every Friday.
9. School Enhancements: Sara – no updates
10. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (Joe Corso)
 - a) Townhall Grounds Improvements – Construction has started, playground Sept 21-Jan 24, Amphitheater work Nov 14-Jan 25, Dog Park early Dec.-late March, Gaines triangle late Sept. through end of 2018.
 - b) Liquor Control – Sakura Steakhouse on Glenway – Police objected because he applied for the same license in 2016 and did not open a steakhouse.
Geneva motioned we object to the liquor license for this address. Shawntee seconded. Motion passes. Two abstentions – Emily and April. Also, there was a hearing for a liquor license for Family Dollar on Harrison. WCA submitted a letter of objection in September 2018, but Officer Minella said there was not community input at the hearing. Can WCA submit the letter again?
 - c) 2859 Fischer Place – To be sold through a public RFP process – half acre vacant lot across from St. Catharine Church owned by the city, zoned residential. At August meeting, there will be a representative to explain that process.

- d) Yard of the Month – John Bowen and Joe Corso – John put out July signs (8 nominees). If anyone has nominations for August, send them to info@westwoodcivic.org.
 - e) Westwood Community Gardens – Joel – Site Manager – There are some vacancies still available. Gazebo project – filed with city for zoning variance. Hearing is August 1. Time TBD, Joel will share when he has that info.
 - f) Tri-state Trails, Wade Johnston – presentation – working to connect and expand the trail system in Greater Cincinnati. High priority project is Crown, 104 miles of trails, all connected by a 30 mile loop. The Lick Run Greenway connects it to the west side. What are areas on the west side that would be good for trails? There is an opportunity along Queen City where there was a railroad. There is a long process for turning a corridor over to a trail. The best route for this group is to have a discussion with ODOT or send a letter of support to the city saying this is a priority. Westwood Northern is an opportunity. If there is a street that is wide, that is a good place to put an extra bike lane. If there are streets getting repaved, that is a good time to add a bike lane. There was a bike plan from 2010 that mapped out some areas of roads that allow biking. Question about Red Bikes. Could we have some Red Bike stations added to the west side (electric ones to get up the hill)? Red Bike just applied for a grant through OKI to be the first B cycle system to have electric bikes in their network.
 - g) Jubilee Market – Geneva – information that came out at the steering meeting is that the market is not being used for what it was intended. The issue of loitering on the property came up at the WUTSTV meeting, in addition to how the property had not been kept up. It has been cleaned up and there is a food truck over there with more hours that the store is open. Abe is unable to reach Thomas about it. Abe spoke to the people working at the store to ask, and they said they were working on just having a thrift store (no produce), and it is being run by Reset Ministries (based out of Covington). This means the community is not benefitted by the store. Abe met with a board member who is the father of the person in charge of Reset Ministries who said Reset Ministries is completely running the operation, and this confirmed what the store employees said. He did not know about the produce part of it. Jubilee still owns the building, according to the County Auditor website. The group running it said they are not doing much business at all. The food truck does most of the business. A few reps from WCA can meet with Thomas to ask about it. We can approach the city about what is happening. There is no produce being grown at Bracken Woods. We will try to find out if they purchased the building or if it was given to them by the city.
 - h) Liquor license – Starvn Sam – DBA Spot – 2100 Montana Avenue, realization that the response was due July 9. No action.
11. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – the next meeting is planned for July 23 at 6:00pm at West Side Brewing.
- a) Westwords: Trinette – going well, we have 232 people subscribed. About half open it when they receive it. We send the agenda to twice that amount. Trinette will work with Steve to see if we can get more people to receive it electronically to save money.

- b) Membership Update – meeting next week to figure out how to grow membership.
12. Public Safety (Shawntee)
- a) WUTSTV: Shawntee – meeting next Tuesday 7/24 at 7pm at District 3. McHenry/Harrison, Boudinot/Harrison, Glenmore/Montana. There was a community meeting in September, **and Shawntee motioned to pay Karen Strasser \$56.15 for printing for that meeting. Emily seconded. Motion passes with one abstention (Shawntee).**
 - b) Block Watch: Anne (not present)
 - c) Question regarding a man's car that was towed after an accident. The tow truck did a lot of damage to his van, and he is looking for the person who took a picture of the situation. Person in attendance was the person to take the pictures. They will connect after the meeting.
 - d) Citizens on Patrol – no report, COPS are always looking for more members.
13. Finance (Steve)
- a) NSP: John Bowen – We need to spend all money by end of August. All people have been contacted about payments. Question about brackets. We have \$800 for the flags/signs. We need to figure out the size before we can purchase brackets. Trinetta will reach out to the company to find out more information.
 - b) Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – not in attendance
14. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – see town hall updates, Madcap, etc. Nation Bar and Grill will be working on plans and getting started. They hope to bring CPS to a meeting to discuss the Mercy High School space. Second Saturday is August 11, theme is GO. Multicultural Fest (6th) is on September 1, 1-7pm – Food trucks, pony rides, bounce houses, water area, lots of family activities. This takes place in the parking lot of Save-A-Lot, **Larry motions that any extra cans of beer from the fundraiser be donated to the Multicultural Fest. Emily seconded. Motion passes unanimously.** Geneva – There is a group in the community working to bring the two communities together. A variety of music will be there. The other churches in Westwood sponsor the event.
15. Cincinnati Neighborhood Games and Flags (Henry) – Torch relay comes from Price Hill Chili to West Side Brewing – Jackie Frondorf and John Eby are the riders. This ends at Opening Ceremonies on Saturday with a parade, possibly over by 8:15pm. If there is a roster spot open for the community games, anyone can come down and participate. The flags project with community input sessions. This is an open house type of meeting with the designer there. Henry will update everyone with meeting times when he has them.
16. Other Business
- a) Ongoing meeting location – we will most likely be out of Westwood Town Hall until February at the earliest. Do we want to move around the neighborhood or stay at one meeting place. Ty offered Shepherd's Heart Church as a meeting location. Discussion, will consistency help with attendance. Would it be confusing to move the meeting around? District 3? Fire house? Would rotating attract more people? Could we purchase signs to advertise where the meeting is? Businesses could sponsor the signs. **Shawntee motions we move the meeting to different places every month. Emily seconded. Motion passes with 8 yays, 3 nays.** We need to communicate in multiple

- ways. Next meeting at Shepherd's Heart Church (August), then District 3 (Sept.), then Firehouse (Oct.) here, Madcap? (Nov.) all tentative.
- b) National Night Out – August 7 at Oskamp, times 5-8pm. Emily has a tent, table, and can possibly be there. Shawntee will volunteer as well.
 - c) CUP is still under construction, Open House August 23, 5-8pm with sign-ups for programs, free haircuts for kids, and tours. During the school year, there is youth mentoring, there will be a preschool, church, food pantry.
 - d) Ty wants to talk to Abe about what the community center looks like. Auto Zone is going in the plaza. We could talk to the owners about keeping it a good establishment. Shepherd's Heart is having a grill out next Saturday.

Geneva motioned to adjourn the meeting. 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!

CRC Teen Night: Is for youth 12-18 - Is every Friday from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm at Westwood Town Hall with the **Youth Council** every Friday of the month. For more information about Youth Council please go to cincyunitedyouth.org

Youth Council Leadership meets the first and third Mondays at 7 pm. 1st Monday meets at 3rd Presbyterian on McHenry and the 3rd Monday meets at Westwood Town Hall. Email Emily Miller Reynolds at emilylynwca@gmail.com for more info.