

Westwood Civic Association
Steering Meeting July 10, 2018
Minutes

Present: Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, Anne Murphy, Thomas Sauter, Trinetta Zawadzki, Geneva Clark, Abe Brandyberry, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, April Stephens, Larry Eiser

Absences: Emily Miller Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Joe Corso, John Bowen

1. Call to Order – Thomas Sauter
2. Pledge – none for steering
3. Roll Call
4. Agenda – Add liquor license letter and Building grant for CUP under section 9
5. June General Meeting Minutes – Abe motions to approve, April seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
6. Youth Council – April Stephens – Fundraiser at Second Saturday this weekend.
7. Civic Meeting Location decision – Suggestion is to find a permanent place to meet or find rotating places to meet. Open discussion. The difficulty with moving the location requires communication about location of meeting. Some people like the idea of having one location for all meetings. CUP has meeting space available. Geneva motions that we have our July meeting at CUP. Larry seconds. Motion passes unanimously. At the July meeting, we can decide ongoing meeting spaces. We can get a sign made to post on the fence at Westwood Town Hall. We can post information about it at CUP, the library, on facebook, Westwords, and the website. There will be a special subject line on the agenda noting the change in location.
8. School Enhancements: Sara
 - a) Sara will send a letter to the schools in Westwood to ask if they need community representatives for their LSDMCs (Local School Decision Making Committee)
9. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (Joe Corso) – Joe is not present
 - a) Townhall ground improvements – question about existing flowers on the grounds from Anne. She is going to ask about salvaging some of the perennials.
 - b) Yard of the Month – we received a compliment from someone who received yard of the month. Geneva mentioned that she wants to make sure her part of the neighborhood is considered for Yard of the Month. Nominations can be

sent to John Bowen. Question about the process for notifying people receiving nomination.

- c) Westwood Community Gardens – All info was submitted for gazebo approval.
- d) CUP building grant – Abe explained that CUP would like to acquire the old tax company building on the other side of the Shell station. The plan for it is to find a restaurant partner that would hire people from the community for training, enriching the economic development, people development, and fixing a blighted property. CUP wants to ask WCA for an endorsement of support for acquisition of the property. They are in the early stages of planning. CUP is submitting an application (approved by their board). Abe does not know if they have approached any other organization. **Sara motions WCA writes a letter of support for CUP to acquire the building. Steve seconded.** Question about the process for deciding what would go in the space. Abe said he could hold meetings to get input from the community. Abe does not think there would be conditions on what goes in the building. **Motion passes, with two abstentions – Abe and Geneva.** Geneva expressed that she is concerned about how inclusive the process of selection was because there are other parties in that community. Abe would like to work with other parties in that community about what that location will become.
- e) Henry sent information from Jennifer Dawson about 5049 Crookshank Rd. Liquor license for Sakura Steakhouse. District 3 will object because they are not getting a response from the owner. They have not had a liquor license in the past. We could just take no action.

10. Membership and Outreach – Thomas Sauter - Meeting will be rescheduled, Geneva will be added to the membership outreach email.

- a) Westwords: Trinette – Request to meet the deadlines for Westwords.

11. Public Safety

- a) Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence - Meetings are still taking place at the District 3 Police station. Jubilee Market – Abe found out from the woman at the store (who claimed to be a manager) that Thomas is no longer managing the store. It is now managed by Reset Ministries. Abe has a meeting tomorrow with the director of Reset Ministries to find out more information. From what Abe has researched, Abe discovered Reset Ministries is out of Alexandria, KY. Larry suggests that other community leaders reach out to Thomas about this. We need to gather more information about this. Part of the problem at McHenry and Harrison is trash from solicitors. The market seems to have hired someone to mow and clean up the outside area. If that location becomes available, Geneva would be interested in finding out.
- b) Block Watch – Anne would like to find out who controls the Block Watch facebook page so she can be added as an admin.

12. Finance

- a) Final tally on fundraiser ended up being just under \$4900. NSP update is that we need to spend all the money by the end of August. We have only spent about half. We still need to write a check for \$400 for the multicultural fest,

\$300 for the art show, \$200 for Deck the Hall, Shawntee will email Emily about purchasing the new Yard of the Month items. Part of the funding was to be spent on brackets for flags. \$500 is allocated for flower pots, leaving \$800 for brackets.

- b) Fundraising – Thomas will put together a meeting for fundraiser plans
- 13. Coalition Update – Groundbreaking at Westwood Town Hall was well attended. Madcap is still planning for a November opening. Cincinnati Neighborhood games opening ceremony is July 21. Second Saturday theme for July is MOVE this weekend. Feedback from businesses and attendees is to have food trucks on the street instead of the parking lots and close Epworth to Montclair. Coalition will try to get a meeting with CPS regarding the Mercy High School location and new school going there.
- 14. Other Business
 - a) September 2017 – Karen Strasser paid for some printing and needs to be reimbursed. Shawntee will bring this to the next meeting.

Thomas adjourned the meeting.