

Westwood Civic Association
August General membership meeting Tues. August 21, 2018.
Shepherd's Heart Church, 2427 Harrison Avenue (Next to Save-a-Lot) @ 7pm.
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Emily Miller Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Abe Brandyberry, Steve Beckman, Anne Murphy, Stephen Schramm, Thomas Sauter

Absences: Joe Corso, John Bowen, Geneva Clark, Larry Eiser, April Stephens, Trinetta Zawadzki

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda - Approved
5. Approval of Minutes July General - Approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Fire – Lt. Nash – Smart 911 app/website available to save information for first responders at www.smart911.com. This is helpful if you live in a space that is difficult to find. Any important information for police or EMS is good to share on this website. The information cannot be seen unless the person calls 911. If you are in a building when a fire alarm goes off, it's best to always respond as if there is a fire. Do not use elevators; they will not work. Use stairs only. Have a plan for pets in case of a fire. Saturday, October 13, 1-5pm, Cincinnati Open Fire House Day. All firehouses are open to the public. Children welcome with adults. 440 runs last month, which is very normal. Narcan administered 10 times in July, which is consistent. Police – Officer Minella – visitors at the meeting are recruits from the recruit class. They introduced themselves. There are half-sheets of paper with Officer Minella's name and contact info for complaints/comments. July crime stats and arrests for July are available. We are down 35% in violent crime compared to last year. The only crime that is not down is theft from autos. Be sure not to leave valuables in the car. Watch out for children now that school is back in session. Do not pass school buses; be prepared to stop for buses. Officer Minella stopped by the auto sales place on Harrison and Ratterman to give them a warning about cars parked illegally and other concerns. Comment about the people driving up the middle lane on Montana. Police switched their presence from Montana, but can put more presence in that area. Question about what happens if a guard needs assistance (private security). Police will respond quickly if the security officer reports that there is someone in danger.
7. Welcome members from ioby – they help bring neighborhood projects to life – David Weinberger – Ideas for making Westwood a fun and more livable space. Website is www.ioby.org.
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Programs are now moving to other spaces due to construction. They will move to Dunham Schoolhouse building beginning September 4. School age programs, preschool, art school, senior programs, evening dance, and others will move to that space. Teen nights continue on Friday nights, first meeting at Westwood Town Hall and then traveling in the van to other locations. First Friday of the month will be birthday night. The teens participate in the Second Saturday events. They will also be at the Westwood 150th birthday celebration on September 15. They are working on a service project focused on homelessness.
9. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Teens are working on a service project around homelessness, and they are looking for donations – Emily has a list of items needed. Leadership team meets on first and third Monday (about 10 kids).
10. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake)

- a. Old Mercy High School – CPS - Community Engagement Sessions in September - hosted by CBI and Westwood Coalition – Community Building Improvements and Coalition are co-hosting neighborhood engagement sessions to get input about what the community wants the building to become. First meeting is September 11 at 6pm at Westwood Elementary School. There are 2 community wide meetings and one city-wide meeting, as well as open sessions for kids in grade schools and high schools – each session is geared toward certain groups. All meetings end September 27. There will be 3 more sessions in October to finalize plans, and the report will be presented in November.

11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (Joe Corso)

- a. Townhall Grounds Improvements Update – everything is on track, to be completed in April.
- b. Wardall Water Tower Painting Project - Logo & “Westwood” will be painted on the tower
- c. Yard of the Month: John Bowen and Joe Corso (not present)
- d. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – Gazebo Project Moving Forward!
- e. Liquor License Note – Shop N Save transferred to new owner. Police had no objection.
- f. Liquor License Note (Transfer of Stock) – Cancun Mexican Restaurant. Police had no objection.
- g. Liquor License Note – Cincinnati Landmark Productions for Madcap Education Center. Police had no objection.
- h. Rodney Christian present – East Westwood meets on third Thursday of the month. September 9 March 11:00am, worship starts at 12:00 at Third Presbyterian

12. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) –

- a. Westwords: Trinette
- b. Membership Update: Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter - Thomas announced that we had a meeting to increase membership. John Bowen put together a mass email to send to all email addresses on file to remind about renewing memberships or joining. Idea to set up a recurring Sunday to get volunteers together to canvas the neighborhood to share information about WCA and get memberships. Postcards will be sent to people who do not have email.
- c. Multicultural Fest – Westwood Civic Booth – September 1 – Thank you to Ty Gray for hosting this meeting tonight. Event is 1:00-7:00pm. There will be pony rides, bounce houses, live entertainment, and beer. Westwood Civic will have a booth and needs people to volunteer at the booth.

13. Public Safety (Shawntee)

- a. WUTSTV: Shawntee – Meeting last month, discussion about getting Glenmore team to do a grill out or event. They are also focusing on the Shell station and Jubilee Market location. The tax place windows are now boarded up.
- b. Block Watch: Anne – Anne is reactivating the Facebook page. If anyone has anything to share on that page, let Anne know. She can also help if someone wants to set up a block watch.
- c. Citizens on Patrol – Report from Mary - Still looking for more members. There was a training session this week, but there will most likely not be another for 6 months.

14. Finance (Steve Beckman)

- a. NSP: John Bowen
 - i. Neighborhood Improvements: \$1,397 must be spent by August 31
 - 1. Yard of the Month Signs, Replacement adopt a pot pots, Business district signs or sign hangers – Henry and Emily (Emily designed the Yard of the month signs) will order the signs, and Henry and Shawntee will order the sign hangers. Suggestion to supply dirt for pots and

possibly additional plants. Trinette already gathered info for sign hangers. Suggestion to spend some money on "litter getters".

ii. Art Show: \$300 must be spent by August 31 – completed

b. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter

15. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Madcap puppets is on track with renovations, Historical has the Westwood-o-poly for sale. Liz sent info about sesquicentennial party on September 15, 11:00-2:00pm at Westwood School – free cake and ice cream while supplies last. Volunteers are needed. On September 12, Tim Perrino will talk about Landmark Productions. There is a birthday card contest for the 150th celebration. They discussed the African restaurant to get information.

16. Cincy Flags – Westwood's Workshop is Saturday, August 25, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Millvale Rec Center. All are invited. Short video on flag design at 2:00pm. Ideas shared at that meetings, and the designer will put together options to share at the September WCA meeting. If you cannot get to the meeting, you can leave comments on the website.

17. Other Business

a. Abe shared that in two days 8/23, Cincinnati Urban Promise is having an open house 5:00-8:00pm. Pre-registration for preschool, barber with free haircuts for kids, facepainting, food trucks, tours of facility.

b. Wardall is getting speed humps (Sara referenced minutes from January)

c. Greg Hand shared that the Madcap building is not exclusively a puppet center. It is an educational building. Opening night is planned for November 2 (preview) with opening on Saturday November 3. November 2nd is for donors and November 3rd is for the public.

d. Next meeting is at Police District 3 with a tour at 6:30.

18. Emily motioned to adjourn. Steve B. seconded.

Announcements:

Westwood Civic meets every third Tuesday of the month 7p, @ various locations. September 18 will be at Police District 3 and October 16 will be at new Firehouse near McHenry. 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.