

Westwood Civic Association  
September General Meeting Tues. September 18, 2018.  
Cincinnati Police District 3 HQ @ 7pm.

Attendance: Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Abe Brandyberry, Geneva Clark, Henry Frondorf, Emily Miller Reynolds, Sara Overstake, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, April Stephens, Trinetta Zawadski

Absent: Joe Corso, Larry Eiser, Anne Murphy, Thomas Sauter

## Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – add a liquor license to 15a, add a clean up on October 9 as 15b
5. Approval of Minutes - August General – approved with no changes
6. Police & Fire Report – Police – Officer Minella – welcome to the new building, nation's first platinum LEED building, there is a documentary about it – search Cincinnati LEEDS the nation to find it. Crime stats – copies available at the meeting, email officer Minella to receive crime stats at [rich.minella@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:rich.minella@cincinnati-oh.gov), phone 513-263-8385. They are switching over to a new crime stat update that will include rolling 28 day information. Overall violent crime and property crime is down. There were a few events – a pedestrian killed on Harrison, so they will now have traffic enforcement on Harrison. They decide on traffic enforcement based on crime stats. Each shift has a traffic car working in those areas. SMART 911 – private and secure website to provide important information to emergency personnel. Fire – Engine 35 – Ed gave monthly stats – 356 EMS runs in August, total of 419 runs. Safety with dryers and washing machines. The lint traps need to be cleaned out. Avoid hoarding in your homes. This can make it difficult to get out of the house or for the fire department to get in the house if there is a fire. Make sure you have working smoke detectors. Saturday October 13, 1-5pm, Open House at all firehouses.
7. CRC Announcements – Jincey – not in attendance, Henry reminded that all programs are being held at Dunham while the grounds are under construction.
8. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – CRC is having teen night every Friday at 6:30pm, meeting at Town Hall and driving in the van to Dunham. They are collecting donations for homeless, including toiletries, backpacks, and other items. There are drop off locations around the neighborhood. Leadership meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7-8pm. This past weekend, they participated in the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Westwood as volunteers.
9. Political Candidate: Judge Lisa Allen – She is running for reelection this year. She has been a judge for 15 years, 13 spent in municipal court, but currently in common pleas court. She is one of the mental health court judges. She works with people who are mentally unstable, as well as people who are addicted to drugs, helping them get treatment so they do not become re-offenders.
10. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake)
  1. Old Mercy High School - Community Engagement Sessions in October – Henry – Community Building Institute meetings were postponed, September 27 at 10:00am Press Conference at Mercy High School. They will lay out the plans for the community engagement sessions. Meetings will be structured for different groups (9 total): parents/students, community leaders, teachers, etc. All are encouraged to attend at least one meeting. Dates are not yet set.
11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (Joe Corso)
  1. Town Hall Grounds Improvements Update – Progress is being made

2. Yard of the Month: John Bowen and Joe Corso – new smaller signs were purchased, and they look great. There are 20 signs, so 10-20 will be distributed each month. Send nominations to [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org).
3. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – 2163 Harrison Avenue, at the corner of Talbot. On October 20, 6-10pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Howl at the Moon Party. The garden will be open for tours. There will be a campfire with food, a Bluegrass band, and all are welcome. Gazebo project required zoning variance to put it in the center of the garden. Now they are working on the building permit. It may be built in October.
4. Pedestrian Safety – Cars are driving too fast, and there are few crosswalks. We can push City Council to install lighted more crosswalks by writing a letter to City Council members expressing our concern. They have not found the person who drove the car who killed the student recently. Concern about the intersection at Queen City and Harrison with construction trucks not obeying traffic laws. Question about whether children get education about crosswalk and street safety in schools. Emily motions that WCA write a letter to City Council members and DOTE asking them to consider more lighted crosswalks. Trinette seconded. We can invite all City Council reps to the meeting in October to discuss this. There was a group out of Washington DC who did a study of traffic flow, pedestrian safety, etc. They will be at the October meeting to discuss their findings. There is funding available for these initiatives (used for the new crosswalk at the Y). Motion passes unanimously. Henry will write the letter.
5. Westwood Town Hall Foundation Repairs – In 2015, there was an engineer from the city who did a study on the foundation, and some issues were found. No repairs were made. While WTH is closed, this may be a good time to do repairs. Emily motions to write a letter to CRC and the City of Cincinnati to address foundation repairs, April seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Henry will write the letter.
12. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – reminder to send updates to Trinette, sign up for membership on our website. Outreach meeting October 8 at 6:00pm. Anyone is welcome to join. We have signs for location of each meeting. They are also planning to canvas the neighborhood to get people to join. Date TBD.
  1. Westwords: Trinette – extra copies are available, you can sign up to receive them electronically.
  2. Membership Update: Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter
13. Public Safety (Shawntee) – UC students on September 29 will do a cleanup at 9:00am. All are welcome to join. Locations are Fairmount and Queen City, and possibly Westwood Northern between McHenry and Baltimore. Event is registered with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful in order to get supplies. Working on a meet and greet event for residents and friends around Glenmore and Montana – Karen Strasser is leading this.
  1. WUTSTV: Shawntee – next meeting is Tuesday 9/25 at CPD District 3 at 7:00pm.
  2. Block Watch: Anne
  3. Citizens on Patrol – Reminder to not place signs out of the grass between the sidewalk and the street, and help inform others of this policy. New members are needed. Contact Princess Davis through CPD.
14. Finance (Steve Beckman) -
  1. NSP: John Bowen – last of the NSP money was spent at the end of August. We do not know how much we will receive in 2019 yet.
  2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – Plans to do the silent auction again in May.
  3. CBR – Community Budget Request – Every 2 years, neighborhoods can submit project requests. We have not gotten a request fulfilled in the near past. Ideas: traffic calming and crosswalks, Red Bike Stands, Bump Outs at crosswalks, with only one lane each way (similar to Northside), Crosswalk marker in the middle of the road, Curve signs on Werk Road. Henry will draft a letter requesting items focused on pedestrian safety. Emily motions that we put together a Community Budget Request for traffic calming items. Steven Schramm seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

15. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Westwood Coalition discussed the Mercy High School grounds. Greg Hand discussed the Madcap Education Center. Landmark had a small tour last week. All interior walls are completed, fixtures are going in, a director is hired – Blair Bartish, and they are beginning to schedule classes for later in the fall. September 15, there was a party for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with many proclamations and a lot of community groups present. On behalf of Westwood Historical Society, Greg is thanking the Youth council and the YMCA for their participation. There were over 100 people there to celebrate with cake and ice cream donated by UDF and Kroger on Ferguson. Proclamation – one created by the Historical Society – Saturday was Westwood is the Best Hood and one signed by Mayor Cranley as well. Westwood Works – Emily shared that during the week 8am-4pm, Westwood Works partners with West Side Brewing for offering a work space for free. September 26 at 7:30pm. Haunting at the Manor – Halloween themed party. Holiday event December 1 (Deck the Hall), possibly at Westwood Town Hall.

16. Other Business

1. Police are objecting to the Sakura Steakhouse application for a liquor license on Westbourne because the owner is non-responsive and there is no business there. It is an empty medical building. Sara motions WCA write a letter of objection to the liquor license. Shawntee seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Henry will write the letter.
2. Question about the building that was previously Vitor's on Harrison Avenue. It is marked for sale. 3232 Harrison, part is in Cheviot and part is in Westwood. The old tax building across from the fire station is also in poor shape. There is a cage in the Friendly's parking lot where the dumpster was before, and it looks bad and could be a place for drug dealers. The building that is labeled as rooftop bar does not have a liquor license. Someone may speak to them about their business. The properties, beautification, and zoning committee needs to meet to discuss the problem properties and take action.
3. Shoes are hanging on the wire by the tax place. Officer Minella will call Duke Energy and have them removed.
4. Steering meeting October 9 at Muse Café at 7:00pm.

17. Meeting Adjourned.

**Announcements:**

**Westwood Civic** meets every third Tuesday of the month 7p, @ various locations. October 16 will be at new Firehouse near McHenry (cookout before!). 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](http://cincyunitedyouth.org) **Youth Council Leadership** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7 pm. 1st Monday meets at 3rd Presbyterian on McHenry and the 3rd Monday meets at Westwood Town Hall. Email Emily Miller Reynold at [emilylynwca@gmail.com](mailto:emilylynwca@gmail.com) for more info.