

**Westwood Civic Association
February 2019 General Meeting Agenda
2/19/19**

In Attendance: John Bowen, Abe Brandyberry, Larry Eiser, Henry Frondorf, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Sara Overstake, Thomas Sauter, John Kerr
Absent: Steve Beckman, Geneva Clark, Anne Murphy, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, April Stephens, Trinette Zawadzki

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes – January Steering and January General – minutes approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Officer Minella, Captain Paul Broxterman, Sgt. Jacob Hicks. Copies for last 28 days of crime stats are available. Assaults up slightly. Thefts from autos down slightly, but auto thefts up slightly, no major changes. Call as soon as possible if you see suspicious activity, possible burglaries. Over the past few months, pedestrian safety around the schools is a hot topic, especially near West High and Dater. They are working with Transportation and Engineering and Duke and CPS for safety measures with crossing guards, LED lights, patrols. Most incidents are happening outside of the 150 buffer of School Zones. Fire – Lt. Eckel – Month of Jan. - 23 fire, 35 non-fire, 358 ems runs. Home heating fire safety. Be careful with wood-burning stoves and space heaters. Have a qualified person inspect home heating annually. Make sure wood stove is on approved stove board and has a screen. Space heaters need auto-shutoff, and do not leave unattended. Go to www.Smart911.com to put your info in the system.
7. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – Facebook ad and Western Hills Press ads to get people to come to the meetings.
 1. Westwords - Trinette
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Westwood Town Hall is getting some new paint inside, new LED lighting, and other updates. Teen programming still taking place. Averaged 22-25 kids per Friday evening. Mayor's job fair March 8 and 9 at Duke Convention Center – 14-24 years old. All other programs are still running as usual at the Dunhum Recreation Center.
9. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Past Friday, Jincey organized some job learning activities for the teens. They also had mock interviews with the kids 14 and up. Volunteers are needed Friday night to help the teens on the computers. Leadership team meets first and third

Monday of the month. They are identifying issues in the neighborhood where they can make an impact.

10. Invest In Neighborhoods Quarterly Meeting – Report from John Kerr – There are 26 councils who applied for Community Budget request funds. They will disperse those funds in May. City Manager's liaison to IIN is Kelly Carr, and we can go through her with items. On March 14, there will be a workshop here at WUMC tax abatement info. Cincy Neighborhood Summit is coming up with classes on March 16, registration is required.
11. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake) – Motion by Sara to have \$175 approved for Wayne Brinkman Awards. Seconded by Emily. Motion passes unanimously.
12. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
 1. Properties – List of blighted – Joel – Current list is about a year old and is getting updated. Each committee member is taking a look at four of the properties. Some properties are looking better. Recommendations can be made by the group with a letter from WCA. WestCURC is working with the landbank to work through a list of blighted properties. John Bowen and Greg Hand will work together.
 2. Liquor License – Henry - Family Dollar near Save a Lot – VOTE – We voted no months ago for this liquor license. The state approved it, but the City is fighting it with a hearing on March 6.
 3. Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety – John Kerr – They are working on traffic slowing measures.
 4. Townhall grounds and traffic light at Mustang update – DOT responded to our letter asking for a light at Mustang and Montana, and they took traffic counts recently. A new signal is not warranted at the location.
 5. Sharon Thomas – property on McHenry – she lives on Cavanaugh and is concerned about 3222, Corner Carryout store – trash in the lot. Also, 3350 Harrison – house that is abandoned and boarded up and trash is building up. Another house (blue) on Harrison is another empty house. Emily motions to write a letter to City Council about the Corner Carryout Store keeping their area clean. What does it take to put in more trash cans? Shawntee organizes a clean up in the Spring. Suggestion to continue to submit issues through Fix-It Cincy.
 6. Zoning – Larry Eiser - Form-Based Code – Sign Restriction Policy – VOTE – Westwood is one of four neighborhoods that have been going through form-based code review. Any new business coming in will not be able to get a new sign, and this could be a problem. Larry motions for a letter from WCA to support the city to open up form-based code to do a study and propose any changes. Thomas seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
 7. Beautification – no update
 8. Yard of the Month - John Bowen – Sydney will get started in April.

9. Pots – Mamma J – Almost all pots are adopted. There are some businesses she is waiting to hear back from. There will be pots added down Harrison near McHenry. If anyone has any connections to places that could help with plants or dirt, please share.
10. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – looking for new gardeners, plot applications are available. Rental fee is \$25 per plot for 4x8 raised bed. They are also looking for new Westwood Community Gardens Core Team members to help with administrator responsibilities at the gardens. They meet once a month April through November. They finally have the building permit for the gazebo. It is now considered a commercial project, which is a much bigger process than originally planned.
13. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – Next meeting next Tuesday at District 3 at 7.
 2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – not present
 3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – March 19, 20, and 21 new recruit training for Citizens on Patrol.
14. Finance (Steve Beckman) – no present
 1. NSP –John Bowen – no update. Funds have been allocated and will be reimbursed as spent.
 2. Fundraising and 2019 Auction: Thomas Sauter – Rick and Frank are unable to host the Gala this year. Goal is to hold this in May.
15. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Meet once a month.
Westwood Works is doing Second Saturdays again – June, July, August, and September. Westwood Works hired Leslie Rich as their Executive Director. Greg Hand – WestCURC is putting together a plan for the next couple of years. Westwood Historic meets on the second Wednesday.
16. Other Business
 1. Marlena Brookfield is running for Cincinnati Public School Board in 2019. She is from Cincinnati and went to Westwood Elementary and West High. She is a full-time volunteer and she is passionate about education. She is focused on equity for all. There needs to be more in the curriculum about civic engagement. Wants a broad coalition of community members, families, school board members, elected officials working together.
 2. Larry – meetings for Mercy High School – decision should be shared on Monday. There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the options.

Announcements:

Westwood Civic meets every third Tuesday of the month 7p, @ various locations. 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.