

Westwood Civic Association January General Meeting

Tues. January 15, 2019 – 7 PM

Gamble Nippert YMCA

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

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – Add Heather Couch, running for CPS School Board added after #9
5. Approval of Minutes – no meeting in December, November approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Fire-New recruit class in February with grant funding. Numbers for the year – cleared over 5000 runs, average of 14 each day. Engine 35 is the busiest in the city. Safety during winter storms. If there is a hydrant in front of your house, if it is buried in snow, dig it out. Heating processes can cause fires (space heaters mostly). Keep heaters away from curtains. Do not use extension cords, unless they are large enough to handle the current. Carbon monoxide incidents are common in the winter. Police – Officer Minella – 28 day crime report is available. Theft from autos were up over the holidays. Robberies were up slightly. Focus on pedestrian safety, conversations with City Hall, Police are directing patrols in front of schools. We need long-term solutions. 45 recruits started at the police academy tomorrow. 43% of the crime in the city happens in District 3. Discussion about crosswalks, pedestrian safety, etc.
7. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – Award given to Leslie Rich for her dedication to Westwood. Working to expand membership to WCA. Membership is \$10 per year.
 1. Westwords - Trinette
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Park still under construction, operating programs out of Dunham. There are all types of classes, including dance classes – age 3 through adult. Teen programs on Fridays. Birthday Friday is on first Friday of each month. Preschool and Summer Camp will hopefully be held at Westwood Town Hall.
9. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – 3rd Friday of month is Youth Council programming. Leadership team elected officers last month, meet 1st and 3rd Monday at 3rd Presbyterian. Ages 12-18, no residency requirement.
 1. Heather Couch – running for CPS School Board – From West Price Hill, is a “Y Kid” and did Youth in Government through the YMCA. Five years in Big Brothers, Big Sisters, became a school counselor at Covington Latin. Believes we need to have equitable education practices. Supports vocational training.

10. WCA Board Nominating Committees report – Each year 5 board members are up for election. Two nominating committees. Mary Fichter (membership nominating) April, Thomas, Shawntee, Anne nominated to run again. Steve Beckman (board nominating) – Nominating April, Alexa Justice. Election is in March. Henry calls for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the board. New term begins in April.
11. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake) – no report, updates about the YMCA
12. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry) – first meeting on Monday
 1. Townhall Grounds Improvements Update – Larry Eiser – target to open in Spring, maybe May.
 2. Wardall Water Tower – Larry Eiser – Water tower has Westwood painted on it. Henry reached out to Water Works to ask about it, and a branding team put together a design. Looking to plan a party at the water tower.
 3. Question about the building on the corner of McHenry and Harrison – there is a person interested in purchasing it for a restaurant. There will most likely be an RFI from the City for it.
 4. Yard of the Month - John Bowen – Being taken over by a community member name Sydney who will take nominations from the community. Marie Jones is taking over the Adopt-A-Pot program.
 5. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet
 6. Traffic light at Mustang – resident Michael Schenk – lives at the house across from Mustang, would like to propose the addition of a light at Mustang and Montana. His dog got hit by a car there. There is a school bus that lets kids off at Mustang. They have a petition with over 200 signatures. Police will put a speed sign there tomorrow. John motions to write a letter of support to add a traffic light at Mustang and Montana. Abe seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
 7. NBDIP – WestCURC proposed project – grant money we have applied for in the past and not received. We did receive it for the WestCURC lot previously. Coalition organizations will be meeting on January 28 to talk through the budget and possibilities for this grant.
13. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – meeting at District 3 every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm. January 22nd is the next meeting. Will be talking about having more events and get more people involved. There are 3 hot spot locations.
 2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – This is a great way to connect with neighbors to keep the community safe. There is a facebook page for Block Watch.
 3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – Still looking for recruits. There is a city-wide meeting in February for Citizens on Patrol at Police Academy. They are hoping to get some ideas for how to get people involved quicker.
14. Finance (Steve Beckman) – year end treasurers report will be in the next Westwords. To summarize, we are in a better position than the beginning of the year. There is about \$7,000 in checking and \$9,000 in savings.

1. NSP –John Bowen – vote held in November. John will send an email to all responsible for spending the funds.
2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – Auction/Gala in May again, but we need to confirm the date.
15. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Meeting of groups in the neighborhood to encourage all to work together and make a difference as a group, with all represented. CPS meeting for Mercy property will be rescheduled, date TBA. EP investment group purchased old Huntington Bank building. Westwood Works meeting is at the building this month, last Wednesday of January. Tours at 6:30 and meeting starting at 7:30pm
16. Other Business
 1. 2 cultural events with drama workshop – looking for suggestions for locally written plays, due February. Love Loss and What I Wore.
 2. Brews and Stews at St. James Episcopal with West Side Brewing, is a ticketed event and a competition. Kids 10 and under are free.
 3. Abe Brandyberry - New partnerships at Cincinnati Urban Promise – City Gospel Mission (Little Village-play space for parents and kids) and Dawn Community High School.
 4. Announcement about a post from Frank Eversole – Westwood property values increased by 7.5%. Increase by 11.7% in sales for houses in Westwood. Homes are selling quicker.

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.

Meeting locations:

February meeting – Westwood United Methodist Church
 March meeting – Cincinnati Urban Promise
 April Westwood Library
 May – Possibly at Gamble Montessori