

Westwood Civic November General membership meeting Tues. November 20, 2018  
MadCap Education Center – 3064 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211

Attendance: Henry Frondorf, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Thomas Sauter, Emily Miller Reynolds, Anne Murphy, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman, Stephen Schramm

Absent: Sara Overstake, Geneva Clark, April Stephens, Joe Corso, Trinetta Zawadzki, Abe Brandyberry, John Bowen

Agenda

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Add Holiday Party to other business; Former Firehouse
- 5) Approval of Minutes September General - approved
- 6) Police & Fire Report –

Police: Officer Minella and Captain Broxterman

Recent rash of thefts from garages/sheds in Daytona/Penrose/Epworth/Eggers area of items for quick sale. Take care to secure outbuildings and property; install motion lights. Call or e-mail Officer Minella with any issues/concerns. Phone: 513-263-8385.

Shotspotter system is coming to Price Hill in 2019. Locates gunshot within 60 seconds to help officers respond quickly. System has been in place in Avondale-they experienced a 50% reduction in shots fired.

Fire: not present

- 7) CRC Announcements – Jincey: Westwood CRC programs still going on temporarily at Dunham Rec. Tae Kwon Do is at Westwood Elementary School currently-for youth and adults. Teen nights every Friday-First Friday birthdays being held at OTR rec center. Going on other field trips, fun outings for the teens. 24+ teens attend each Friday.
- 8) Youth Council (Emily Reynolds): Youth Council collected, assembled, and distributed backpack care packages for people experiencing homelessness. The youth distributed 100 bags to Maszlo's Army. Ten youth form the leadership team. Additional members are always welcome.
- 9) School Enhancements (Henry Frondorf): CPS and Westwood Coalition held 8 community conversations to gain input from neighborhood residents, Mercy alumni, and students, broader CPS community. Findings from the meetings will be presented to the Board of Education on Monday Dec 10, 6:30 pm at a public meeting at CPS headquarters on 2651 Burnett Ave.  
Gamble Montessori is looking for a volunteer to serve on their LSDMC Local School Decision Making Committee Board. The individual appointed will be helping with search for new principal.
- 10) Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (John Bowen & Abe Brandyberry)
  - a) Town Hall Grounds Update (Larry Eiser): New estimate for completion is June 2019 due to weather delays
  - b) Yard of the Month (John Bowen): Will accept nominations for Holiday Yard of the Month through Holiday Season.
  - c) Westwood Community Gardens: Gazebo build will begin in Spring 2019.
  - d) Neidhard Minges Funeral Homes-parking lot expansion: Mark Minges presenting plans/blueprints for demolition of property to enlarge parking space/increase capacity. Requires zoning variance. Will be presented to zoning commission in January. They have owned the 2-family property that they plan to demolish for about 15 years. Property has

been rented to date. They have letters of support from nearby businesses (Bonhaus Automotive) and residents. Westwood Historical Society has researched the property and deduced that there is no known historical value to the house on the property which is at least 100 years old.

Thomas Sauter makes a motion to write a letter of support for their plans. Motion unanimously approved.

- e) Firehouse: Nation kitchen & bar plans to move into firehouse. They are making progress going through the proper steps with the city to enable sale and transfer of property. Emily made a motion to write letter of support to approve transfer to Nation. Motion unanimously approved.
- 11) Membership & Outreach (Emily Reynolds): outreach team is working on encouraging renewal and new memberships. Thomas makes a motion for WCA to spend \$25 for Facebook ads to promote WCA membership. Motion unanimously approved.
- 12) Public Safety (Shawntee Stallworth Schramm)
  - a) Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence (WUTSTV) Shawntee. WUTSTC will hold closeout meeting of the year and to discuss plans for coming year. Nov 27 @ 7 pm at D3
  - b) Citizens on Patrol): Mary Fichter-new COP members needed.
- 13) Finance (Steve Beckman): \$500 in new memberships over past few months. Received NSP reimbursement from city. Currently there is just under \$7,000 in WCA account.
  - a) Fundraising (Thomas Sauter): Starting to think about second annual Westwood Gala and forming planning team
- 14) Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee Stallworth Schramm): Coalition met in November. Boudinot water tower is scheduled for painting. The plan is for Westwood logo to be painted on the tower. They are working on determining the proper font size and positioning to maximize visibility and whether or not to include a logo.  
Deck the Hall will be Dec 1 at Westwood Elementary 4-7 pm; Westwood Works Brews and Stews events will be held at St. James Episcopal Church (date tba); Westwood Historical Holiday Party will be held at Henke Winery (December 18) Reservations required by Dec 6. E-mail [info@westwoodhistorical.org](mailto:info@westwoodhistorical.org). MadCap Education Center is now open! Programming listed on their website-can see what's available and register for classes for youth and adults. Nation Restaurant expected to open in 2020. EP Investment Group purchased former Huntington Bank building on Harrison Ave. They are looking for tenants for upstairs commercial space. UpSpring will continue to occupy offices on lower floor.
- 15) Other Business
  - a) WCA Holiday Party-will be held at MapCap Education Center on Dec. 18 6:30-9. Will need to pay \$100 fee for staff and have cash bar. Tickets will be \$10 to attend. Event will be catered by Muse. Emily makes motion to hold event and budget for up to \$200 towards food for the event. Motion approved. Shawntee abstained.
  - b) WCA will begin forming nominating committees to nominate potential candidates for board elections. President's committee (formed by Henry--will include Shawntee/Steve Beckman/Emily) and membership committee (led by Larry) Committees will report at January meeting with potential board candidates. 5 positions up for election. No members are term limited this round.
  - c) A member of Cheviot's The Drama Workshop announced their upcoming show "It's a Taffeta Christmas" opening soon.
- 16) Meeting adjourned.

### **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](http://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](mailto:emilylynwca@gmail.com) for more info.