

Westwood Civic Association
April General Meeting Minutes – Westwood Library
April 16, 2019

In attendance: Henry Frondorf, Sara Overstake, John Bowen, Abe Brandyberry, Thomas Sauter, Emily Miller Reynolds, Anne Murphy, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Geneva Clark, Alexa Justice, Stephen Schramm, Larry Eiser

Excused: John Kerr, April Stephens, Steve Beckman

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes – March
6. Police & Fire Report – Officer Minella has 28 day crime report to share. District 3 will have an open house on May 15, 9-noon. If you have old medication, District 3 is taking medications (no liquids) Saturday, April 27. This is also at the Krogers on Kenard and Walgreens on Seymour. Fire- Ltn Kroeger – theme for April is Spring Cleaning. Make sure to clean out lint traps of dryers, attend food on stove, make sure smoke detectors work, close doors to rooms at night. Have an escape plan in the event of a fire.
7. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – UDF and Babes Bar (resident concerns) – resident shared her concerns about living in this area, and she is noticing that it is getting worse with multiple ODs per week. Question for Officer Minella about this. He said they met with UDF several times with WUTSTV, and they have made some improvements, but it is a very busy corner. Westwood United to Stop the Violence meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, and all are welcome to join.
 2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – a great way to get neighbors involved and work together. This can be informal or formal, and it can help prevent crime. Anne can help to get a block watch set up. People are encouraged to keep reporting events that happen. There are meetings for Block Watches held each month.
 3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – they do patrols at the UDF area, too. Two members are moving on in May, but they gained two other members as well.
 4. Trinette is leaving the board, but she is going to keep creating the Westwords. Alexa Justice is joining the board.
 5. Liquor License Application – All in One Occasions (*VOTE*) – They have been at the Second Saturday events, and they are expanding their business. They are applying for an entertainment district liquor license. Emily motions to support the liquor license for All in One Occasions with a letter from WCA. Anne seconded. 3122 Harrison. Motion passes unanimously.
8. Candidate: Judge Dwane Mallory – Candidate (3 minutes) – Ham. County municipal court judge. Grew up in the West End. He went to Chase Law School. Has worked for the City of Cincinnati. Worked in Juvenile Court, has been a judge for 11 years. He is asking for signatures for reelection. He is concerned about safety in the community.
9. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds)-Gamble Montessori is having an event on May 18, and WCA will have a booth there. Also, there will be booth at Westwood Works Second Saturday events. All are welcome to join WCA and attend meetings. Join at Westwoodcivic.org.
 1. Westwords - Trinette
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter – We have 139 memberships, and 40 memberships will expire at the end of April. Those will be contacted about renewing.
10. CRC Announcements – Jincey- Back in Westwood Town Hall in June, weather permitting. River Trec program is coming up, ages 12-17, July 22-26, free, Little Miami River trip. Applications due at the end of the month. Reds Rookie Success League June 17-27, 10-1pm. Summer Day Camp and teen camp (MWF) this summer. Club CRC is ages 6-12, M-Th 1-4pm, preschool camp 9:30-

12:30 starting June 25. Other classes available. Teen nights on Friday nights, 6-9pm. 3rd Friday is youth council. Service project coming up will be litter pickup on McHenry on May 17 at 6pm. Looking for volunteers for "Earn a Bike" program, starts tomorrow.

11. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Board of 10 youth organize events and service projects. Leadership team meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays. Ages 12-18.
12. School Enhancements: Wayne Brinkman Awards: (Sara Overstake, Karen Strasser, and Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld). Thank you to P.G. Sittenfeld for speaking and presenting.

School	Nominee	Principal
Midway School	Briana Burton	Martha Hasselbusch
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Megan Grim	Heather Bessler
Dater Montessori	Alyssa Roell	Tony Greco
Westwood Elementary School	Yahya Tall	Christopher Grant
St. Catharine of Sienna	Grace Kamphaus	Jerry Metz
Western Hills High School	DeAsia Shavers	Dr. Carlos Blair
Gilbert A. Dater High School	Amos Goodwin	Stephen Sippel
Gamble Montessori H.S.	Lucas Miller	Beth Schnell

13. Break for Pictures with Students

14. SORTA's plan for the future (Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld, SORTA, and the Cincinnati Regional Chamber) – This is under the umbrella of buses, but is more than that. Transportation, infrastructure, and economic competitiveness plan. The focus is on transportation to jobs, medical care, groceries, and more. Metro bus budget is \$100M/year, and half of this is funded by earning taxes. This plan removes the tax, and places the tax on sales (about up to \$0.01). This would generate \$150M, and we could use a portion of that for infrastructure improvements where the buses travel. Board Chair, Craig, spoke about this. They would like to increase frequency and service area, as well as expanding Access Service. There is a powerpoint plan that will be shared with members. SORTA board will take this to the ballot. Once we have more info, WCA can vote on writing a letter of support.

15. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
 1. Properties – List of blighted – Joel – list was divided up among members and explored, and many of the properties are either demolished or fixed up. They will be putting together a new list.
 2. Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety – John Kerr – 50 benches distributed by SORTA through the whole city. We are requesting some for Westwood. They do not have advertising on them. Mustang and Montana request for a light. Thomas was at the meeting with transportation today. The city engineers believe the light could make the problem worse. There may be a "no left turn" sign on Mustang. The 24 hour study showed the average speed of 42mph. Suggestion is enforcement of speed limit, or reducing speed limit.
 3. WHV update. – Some funding support has been secured by the city and county, but more is needed from the state to get to the amount.
 4. Townhall grounds update – Will not be usable green space for events in June and probably July.
 5. Zoning
 6. Beautification
 7. Yard of the Month - John Bowen
 8. Pots – Mamma J – There are some remaining pots. She gave all the pots fresh soil.
 9. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – gazebo project is coming along. Geneva won a free garden bed!

16. Finance (Steve Beckman) –

1. NSP –John Bowen
2. Fundraising and 2019 Auction: Thomas Sauter - June 21 at Maple Ridge Lodge. Tickets are available on our web page. We need silent auction items. \$35 per person, \$60 per couple.

17. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee)

18. Other Business

1. June 8, First Second Saturday Event

Announcements: **Westwood Civic** meets every 3rd Tues of the month 7p, @ various locations. **CRC Teen Night: youth 12-18** - every Fri 6:30-8:45pm at Westwood Town Hall, **Youth Council** every Fri of the month. For more information about Youth Council go to cincyunitedyouth.org **Youth Council Leadership** meets the 1st & 3rd Mon at 7pm. 1st Mon meets at 3rd Presbyterian on McHenry, 3rd Mon meets at Westwood Town Hall. Email Emily Miller Reynolds at emilylynwca@gmail.com for more info.