

**Westwood Civic Association**  
**General Meeting, March 19, 2019**  
**Cincinnati Urban Promise**

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

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – add Rodney Christian running for school board, Latrina Williams is changing a business in Westwood and will speak.
5. Approval of Minutes – February – approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Fire – 390 runs, which is average. Topic for tonight is clothes dryer safety. It is important to keep it clean by cleaning the lint trap. Annually, you should clean out where the lint trap goes, as well as the duct work. There is a kit with attachments that can be purchased to clean out the pipework. Do not overload dryers, and it is best to not leave the house while the dryer is running. Police – Officer Minella-crime reports are available. There were two homicides in the past 28 days. One was at the 2800 block of Harrison, and one was at Aspen Village. Captain Broxterman and Sergeant Jacob Hicks. Assaults have been down, but the nice weather tends to raise crime rates. It's important to watch out for our neighbors. Survey on April 6 at 11:30am for Shotspotter – coming to Price Hill, and may be added to Westwood in the future. This system has detectors that can detect where the shots were fired. Drug situation on Stathem reported through a Facebook message. Police will follow up.
  1. Rodney Christian is running for CPS School Board. He recently retired. He grew up in this area, and has worked with the youth for over 30 years. He wants to join the school board to help. He is also president of East Westwood. He needs 300 signatures by mid-August to get on the ballot. He supports vocational training.
  2. Latrina Williams – She helps to organize the multi-cultural fest. She owns Tiny Tots Kiddie Care in the Westwood business district. She would like to open a small event/banquet reception center instead. She is working on zoning permits for this change in business type. The hearing is March 27. Capacity will be about 100 people. She plans to hold trainings there – she can train in CPR/First Aid and CDA coursework. Sara motions that WCA writes a letter of support of the change in venue. Abe seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
7. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds)
  1. Westwords – Trinette -submit to [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)
  2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm & Thomas Sauter- Exact membership number is not available at this time. A few people attended because they saw a Facebook ad.
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey-Work continues at Westwood Town Hall. No exact date to return to the building, possibly June. Summer day camp will run at Westwood School if it is not open. All programs are currently held at Dunham Center. Cincyrec.org has info on programs. They are adding teen camp this summer. Reds Rookie is free for ages 6-13, June 17-27, 10:00-1:00, kids are bussed to fields, and this is a free event. Register online. River Trek is coming up at the end of July again – July 22-26, free for ages 12-17. Swish basketball program with 15 young men at the College Hill Center. They will work toward earning shoes by the end of the program. Seven teens went to the Mayor's job fair last week.
9. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens)-working on their service project for the year, brainstorming ideas. They would like to participate in litter clean up. A few teens will

attend the Columbus youth in government conference. They will help with Second Saturdays as well.

10. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake)-by the end of this week, Sara will have all submissions from the schools for the Wayne Brinkman Youth Civic Award. These awards will be given at the April meeting at library. We need to find a person to present the awards.

1. CWCA Outstanding Young Citizen Award Banquet – in the past WCA sponsored two students. Event is May 9 at Harvest Home Lodge, and sponsorships are due by April 9. Henry motions to sponsor two students for \$60, with two members of WCA to attend as sponsors. Larry seconded. Motion passes with one abstention: Thomas Sauter.

11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)

1. Properties – List of blighted – Joel- John Bowen is working through this list and finding a lot of properties are improved. They are working with Greg Hand and their efforts and collating this list with the port authority land bank list. The port authority has mechanisms for acquiring the properties. There is also a property on Coral Park that will be added to the list. Contact WestCURC for information on acquiring those properties. Is there an update on Jubilee Market? The city is working on it, but there is a potential fish restaurant going into that space. It is still owned by Jubilee Ministries though United Methodist. The Family Dollar liquor license hearing was postponed.
2. Cleanup – neighborhood blitz – Shawntee – March 30 at 9:30am Clean the Green event with Clean Up Cincy and UC students and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Locations include Westwood Northern and Fairmount to Harrison Avenue. We need a team leader for the second location. What can we do to keep the community clean year-round? (Especially Bracken Woods) Cincinnati Urban Promise will be acquiring the land owned previously by Jubilee. CUP will make sure to have people working to keep the area clean. The plan is to close on this deal in three weeks. Blitz week is April 8-12 for Westwood and East Westwood. There will be a dumpster, most likely located at Save-A-Lot. Chemicals and hazardous materials are not permitted. There will be a roaming trash truck to pick up large items and extra trash. We need to report dumping locations and tall grass.
3. Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety – John Kerr – Henry announced they are meeting with ODOT to discuss the Mustang/Montana intersection.
4. Townhall grounds update – hoping to have it completed by the June second Saturday event.
5. Zoning
6. Beautification
7. Yard of the Month - John Bowen – send nominations to [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)
8. Pots – Mamma J – Joel needs to deliver pots. Still have four pots that have not been adopted.
9. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – There are a lot of beds available. They are requesting supplies for the gazebo install. Items are delivered on March 31, and hoping to have it completed by end of May. Gamble Montessori helped clean up the gardens.

12. Public Safety (Shawntee)

1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – meeting each month on the fourth Tuesday, next meeting is March 26 at 7pm at District 3.
2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – All are encouraged to get to know their neighbors and keep an eye on each other. If you see anything, you can call the non-emergency number 765-1212 in order to report patterns of criminal activity.
3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – Very active and they are reporting litter and concerning things they see. They have two new recruits from the community completing the training.

13. Finance (Steve Beckman) – We donated \$340 to gazebo to pay for the building permit, we brought in \$245 in membership. They changed the way we get NSP funding this year, so we have all of it in our account now, and then it gets paid out. Invoices for ads in Westwords were

sent out last week. He is working through a question from the IRS regarding a mixup with tax forms.

1. NSP –John Bowen – projects have been approved and once completed, submit invoices to get reimbursed.
  2. Fundraising and 2019 Auction: Thomas Sauter- Meeting held today to plan the silent auction event. Working on finding a location. Hoping to hold the event in June. Need volunteers to organize auction items, and volunteers to bring people to the event.
14. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Parks update, NBDIP funds for parking study discussed, and discussion about purchasing the funeral home by CURC. CPS and Mercy update – Gamble Montessori is moving into Mercy building. Brews and Stews was a success. Second Saturdays will take place between Montana and Epworth again, starting in June. Eat, Play, Splash, and Create are the themes. Bill Rich will be opening Wondercade and is worked to get new streetlights in the business district. Reds bench will be delivered April 1. For the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration, they are putting benches around the city, and John Eby wrote a letter requesting one for Westwood. The bench will be near the Harrison and Epworth intersection, and it will have a statue of a Reds figure on it for a photo op.
15. Other Business
1. Multi-cultural Fest is August 31, 1-7pm. Planning meeting Tuesday first week in April.
  2. Cincitalia is May 31-June 2 at Harvest Home
  3. St. Catharine is having a fish fry at West Side Brewing the next two Fridays.

#### **Announcements:**

**Westwood Civic** meets every 3rd Tues of the month 7p, @ various locations. Tell your neighbor about our efforts in the community! **CRC Teen Night: Is for youth 12-18** - every Friday 6:30-8:45pm at Westwood Town Hall with the **Youth Council** every Friday of the month. More info at [cincyunitedyouth.org](http://cincyunitedyouth.org) **Youth Council Leadership** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Mondays at 7pm. 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.