

Westwood Civic Association
General Meeting July 16, 2019, Westwood Town Hall

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

1. Call to order- Tommy Sauter
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – no changes
5. Approval of Minutes –June General meeting minutes approved with no changes
6. Police & Fire Report –
 1. Fire: June Engine 35: 26 fire runs, 34 non-medical, 395 medical= 435 runs total, which is about average for this time of year. Truck 35 had additional an additional 200+ runs. Theme for month is water safety. Be aware of electrical maintenance around hot tubs and pool lights. Fire department encourages everyone to sign up for SMART 911.
 2. Police: Officer Rich Minella and Sgt. Hicks, neighborhood sergeant for D3, in attendance. Most major crimes are down. There has been a recent uptick in shootings, however. Recently there have been some instances of people arranging sales online (e.g. craigslist) and being robbed at point of transaction. Please know you can meet in D3 parking lot for these transactions, or other public spaces. National Night Out will be Tues Aug. 6 in Price Hill, 5-8 pm. Sgt. Hicks: Citizens on Patrol training upcoming, always looking for new recruits and will be helping out with Westwood Second Saturdays. COPS meets every Thursday at Westwood Presbyterian Church.
7. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – WUSTV usually meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm at District 3 on Ferguson Rd. Next meeting will be 7/23. Looking for more resident involvement with this initiative.
 2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy-no update; Resident on Urwiler spoke out about a problem house on Urwiler with suspected drug activity. She connected with police at meeting and will follow up with Sgt. Hicks.
 3. Citizens on Patrol – COPS is affiliated with police as eyes/ears for police by patrolling community events and neighborhood. May have a few new recruits. Mrs. Fichter was not in attendance tonight to provide an update.
 4. Pedestrian Safety – City has established a leadership position for Vision Zero initiative in Cincinnati
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey-There is now a pickle ball court in the Town Hall auditorium but space is not quite ready for use. There is a program interest survey to inform future offerings at Town Hall and Jincey encourages everyone to fill one out to express their interest for programming at Town Hall CRC. CRC is also looking to hire contract instructors in art, music, fitness, etc. Instructors earn a 75/25 split on participant fees. River Trek starts next Monday including 6 kids from Westwood Youth Council. The teen bike club has average of 9 boys each night. They learn how to maintain and repair bikes at bike shop and earn their own bike by lending their time and effort there. They are in need of donations of bike lights and helmets to ensure safe riding. Youth council is having a teen pool party at Ryan Pool this Friday.
9. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) –Youth council sold water, lemonade, and sodas at Second Saturday. Revenue from drink sales supports their group activities and outings. They earned Reds tickets through their support in different activities and attended a game on July 3. Youth council leaders are participating in River Trek. Next month they are attending a community-wide bowling party and will receive school supplies at that event.
10. School Enhancements: no update

11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
 1. Properties – Jubilee Market
 2. Infrastructure - John Kerr
 3. Townhall grounds update –WCA meetings are being held in Town Hall again! Second Saturday for July was held on the grounds. Construction is still ongoing but the grounds are partially open.
 4. Zoning –two zoning notices received. One for additional telecommunication equipment on current tower on 3030 Montclair (next to My Neighbor’s Place). The other is for 6150 Glenway request for conditional use approval for retail space and outdoor dining in Western Hills Plaza.
 5. Beautification—Emily has flag brackets and American flags for Town Hall business district to replace previously used American flags. Other banners/flags can be ordered for use in brackets. WCA needs to consult with city about appropriate placement of flags on existing poles. Shawntee will look into process for gaining city/Duke energy approval. These were purchased with past year’s NSP funds. Additional flags and brackets will need to be purchased.
 6. Yard of the Month - John Bowen and Sydney – send nominations for August via WCA facebook page or by email to info@westwoodcivic.org
 7. Flower Pots – Marie requested 2 new pots which will be paid for from NSP funds.
 8. Westwood Community Gardens – Concrete for gazebo footers were poured last weekend for Eagle Scout project. Grading needed before ready to build. Anyone welcome to walk around and check out the garden-it’s always open. 45 garden plots are currently rented. Garden is located at the corner of Harrison and Talbot.
 9. Westwood sign at Montana/ I-74-A resident won a grant from Westwood Works to purchase and install a new Westwood sign at this location. City stated a letter of approval from WCA would be needed to have city approval to install. Emily requests that sign placement is verified to be within Westwood boundary. Motion to support construction of a new Westwood sign at Montana and I-74 for DOTE purposes, pending final approval of design by DOTE. Motion approved.
 10. Westwood sign at Boudinot and Harrison needs attention. Kiwanis has taken care of that in the past. WCA will reach out to them regarding this.
12. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – next outreach meeting will be next Monday 7/22 at Tommy Sauter’s house. Working on plans to encourage greater resident attendance and participation in WCA. Creating promotional flyers for distribution in all parts of Westwood.
 1. Westwords – Please send updates to Trinetta Zawadzki before 20th of July, or send updates to info@westwoodcivic.org for newsletter inclusion.
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter—no update
 3. Membership Secretary – Motion to nominate Stephen Schramm to serve as membership secretary again. All in favor. Motion approved.
 4. Reducing Membership Cost – Topic is under consideration by committees and will be tabled for discussion at future general meeting.
13. Finance (Steve Beckman)
 1. NSP – Steve B.-Half of NSP money left, needs to be spent in next 6 weeks. John Bowen-discussion of reallocation of funds to ensure funds can be spent by deadline; Tommy introduced motion to move \$200 designated for WUSTV to support Multicultural fest. Unanimously approved. John will send updated NSP budget. Emily Reynolds is in charge of ordering WCA t-shirts for WCA volunteers attending Multicultural fest.
 2. Steve B.-Motion to use WCA funds to provide an additional \$200 to purchase backpacks for school kids in need (Geneva will manage purchase/distribution). Motion approved (All in favor-except abstention by Geneva.)
 3. Fundraising—The planned fundraising gala was cancelled this year, but WCA plans to host it regularly in future. WCA status as 501c3 still pending by IRS. Initial application was erroneously rejected. Tommy Sauter will prepare and resubmit application for second review by IRS.

14. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) –The last Second Saturday event (July 13) was held on new Town Hall grounds and was a huge success. New grounds were well utilized. Coalition did not meet in July. Westwood Coalition put out application to recruit new individuals to participate in updating Westwood strategic plan. Application is on WCA Facebook page. Seeking deeper representation of neighborhood. Greg Hand-WestCURC is working with Public Safety and Engineering to identify properties for future development.
15. Other Business: Next Second Saturday is 8/10. September Second Saturday event will coincide with Westwood Art Show and run all day. Town Hall grounds should be complete by then as well as several new murals supported by ArtWorks and Westwood Works that are currently in progress within historic business district area. Westwood Works is hosting a Halloween themed event, evening of Oct 19 at MadCap Education Center. Jammin' at the James--free music, food, and non-alcoholic beverages at St James Episcopal Church 7/27 and 8/24 5-8 pm.
16. Suggestion that WCA keeps an inventory of all WCA property, status and where it is being stored. Need to designate a person to track this inventory. Alexa has offered to assist with this.
17. Meeting adjourned.

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 with **Youth Council**. For more information about Youth Council, go to cincyunitedyouth.org. **Youth Council Leadership** meets the 1st and 3rd Mon at 7pm. 1st Mon meets at 3rd Presbyterian on McHenry and the 3rd Mon meets at Westwood Town Hall. Email Emily Miller Reynolds at emilylynwca@gmail.com for more info.