

**Westwood Civic Association
General Meeting 10/15/19**

In Attendance: Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Abe Brandyberry, Larry Eiser, Henry Frondorf, Emily Reynolds, Anne Murphy, Sara Overstake, Thomas Sauter, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, John Kerr

Absent: Geneva Clark, April Stephens, Alexa Justice

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda –approved
5. Approval of Minutes –September - approved
6. Police & Fire Report – Fire – 445 total runs in September, busiest truck company in the city. Active shooter trainings, hose testing. BLINK paramedics were on bicycles, but there were no major emergencies with the event. Reminder to have smoke detectors working and a CO meter working. Is it true that they cut their grass at the firehouse? Yes. Police – Capt. Broxterman – shooting near this intersection. Two victims – believed the intended target was the man driving the car of the second victim. They believe the shooting could be connected to the shooting the night before in Cheviot. They are not sharing the description of the car. Officer Minella – neighborhood officer, be cautious driving with students getting to school. Also, be careful on Halloween night. Sgt. Hicks – speed wagon near West High. We have one of the best Citizens on Patrol in Westwood. Crime is still decreasing.
7. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Rec Track system is now operating. Memberships grant access to all CRC locations. Scholarships are available for kids. Oskamp expansion meeting Oct. 28 at 6:00pm at Dater Elementary. They are looking for community input. They also have a program survey for Westwood Town Hall. November 7 – Park opening 4-8pm community party. After school day camp, preschool, dance classes, theater and performing classes coming in January. Hiring fitness instructors. Katie Butler is transferring to Mt. Washington Center. Teen programming 6-9pm on Friday nights. Bicycle program on Wednesday evenings. Pickleball 10-12 Mon-Fri and Saturday.
8. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) - Youth Board of 10 students, ages 12-17, elections are in beginning of December. Arcade Legacy at Forest Fair Mall on Friday.
9. Special Recognition – Girl Scout troop 41215 completed Silver Award by adding 15 buckets and 140 flags to crosswalks in Westwood for safety. Henry read proclamation from Westwood Civic Association. Thank you to these dedicated girls for their accomplishment!
10. Neighborhood Support Program Funds - \$6,078 Discussion and Vote By All Westwood Residents in Attendance. John Bowen handed out a draft proposal:
 1. Neighborhood Improvement \$687.50-25 Westwood Flags at \$27.50 each, rain barrel \$125, flower pots \$480
 2. Deck the Hall \$800
 3. Youth Council \$800
 4. Multicultural Fest \$800
 5. Art Show \$800
 6. Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence \$800 – change to \$350
 7. Backpack Drive \$700
 8. Student Awards \$100

9. Other Suggestions: (\$587.50 remaining)

1. Second Saturdays
2. Movie Night in the park \$185.50
3. Jammin' at the James-concert series sponsored by St. James Episcopal and Gamble-Nippert YMCA with music. Invitation for WCA to be a co-sponsor for 2020. \$250-500? \$250
4. Street banners/brackets for town hall business district

Last year we spent about \$3,000 for printing and mailing Westwords (150 people).

Question about money for planting pots. Question about a rain barrel for water for the dog park. There is a way to purify the water. Karen Strasser would be willing to monitor this. Discussion about Town Hall Park maintenance. Westwood Coalition is working with the city to get horticulture support. Thomas Sauter motions to approve the budget.

Emily seconds. 29 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.

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

1. Properties - Sale of City-Owned vacant lots (VOTE)

1. 3077, 3130, & 3153 Bracken Woods & 2722-2728 Faber Ave – We do not know who they are selling the lots to, but they are asking for permission to sell the lots. Abe looked them up (Bracken), and he said some of them are near those already acquired by CUP, so they may have interest in purchasing them for greenspace for youth programming, gardening, outdoor classrooms, possible playground. Motion by Thomas to approve the sale of the lots. Emily seconded. Motion passes. Abe abstains.

2. Yard of the Month - John Bowen and Sydney – Sydney Crosby will continue this through October.

3. Pots – Mamma J – People are encouraged to do an autumn themed pot.

4. Westwood Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet (not present) – Gazebo is completed. Thank you to Peyton Lynch for his hard work on this Eagle Scout Project.

12. Public Safety (Shawntee)

1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – Meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month – October 22 at 7:00pm at District 3. More participants are needed to be involved and focus on the hot spots in the community.

2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – If interested in forming a block watch, Anne can help you do this. This helps create a relationship with police and neighbors and help keep an eye on the streets and prevent crime.

3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – Still working hard and recruiting members. Helping with Warsaw cleanup on Thursday 11am-2pm. They will be at the grand opening of Town Hall in uniform.

4. Pedestrian Safety – plans for bump outs for Harrison Avenue. Parking is permitted at all times on Harrison Avenue. Discussion about other traffic calming measures (oval-about)

13. School Enhancements: Sara Overstake – no report

14. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) –

1. Westwords – Please send updates to Trinette

2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter

3. Reimbursement - WCA Flyers - Emily -Facebook ads to drive awareness, canvassing in the neighborhood. Outreach committee is inviting people to come to meetings.

Needs reimbursed \$30.33. Shawntee motions to reimburse Emily \$30.33 for recruitment costs, Larry seconded. Motion passes, Emily abstains.

4. Gamble Elementary Walk a Thon - October 31, Gamble Elementary is doing a Walk-A-Thon and is looking for someone to do a WCA booth – John Bowen volunteers.
15. Finance (Steve Beckman) – Have about \$4,000 in the bank.
 1. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – Will gather the committee for 2020 ideas
16. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Larry Parker came to the Coalition meeting, discussion about maintenance at Town Hall grounds. Cincinnati Parks will take it over. Coalition is working to get funds to upkeep the park. Second Saturdays went well through the summer (biggest ever), Westwood Works 10th Anniversary party on Saturday at 7:00pm. There will be a small program with presentations of mini-grant recipients, and all dollars raised will support future mini-grants.
17. Other Business
 1. Gamble Montessori High School Open House October 22, 5-7pm, all are welcome. \$15M was spent to renovate.
 2. Newsletter – we need to determine what we will do in November. Consider cutting off the paper delivery completely. Plan is to switch to printing in-house because the volume is so low.
 3. What is going into Family Video? Rumor is Family Dollar, but there is not any action to take at this point in time.
 4. Question about neighborhood boundaries. Henry will email and ask how the boundaries are drawn (South Fairmount/Westwood).
 5. Hearing about Family Dollar at McHenry getting a liquor license. Have there been updates on that? Henry went to Columbus to fight against it, but the lawyer from Family Dollar did not show up. Two permits for liquor licenses – Western Hills Sports Complex and Tech Team Inc. (not Westwood) but the response times have passed. Henry has not received information on these items.
 6. Clean Up Cincy – October 26 – UC initiative in Westwood. Usually between 9:30 and 12:30, Team leader and other volunteers are needed. This is a fun event, and the students do great.

Tommy motions to adjourn, Larry seconds.

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 12-17** - Is every Friday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 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 Town Hall and 3rd Monday meets at 3rd Presbyterian on McHenry. Email Emily Miller Reynolds at emilylynwca@gmail.com for more info.