

Westwood Civic Association
Meeting 9/17/19
Minutes

Attendance: Henry Frondorf, Sara Overstake, Alexa Justice, Emily Miller Reynolds, Larry Eiser, John Kerr, John Bowen

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes –August
6. Police & Fire Report
 1. Police – Capt. Paul Broxterman - Thank you to Henry for speaking in Columbus as a rep. of Westwood regarding the liquor license for Dollar General. Officer Rich Minella, neighborhood officer, report shows that there were two homicides in Westwood (one in Aspen Village where a son killed his mother), and one that has suspects but is still investigating (2500 block of Westwood Northern). These were not random homicides. Sgt. Hicks – some decreases in rape, robbery, but there was an increase in burglaries. They are making a database to track personal cameras.
7. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Key fob memberships, Oskamp surveys are available, next meeting is 9/25 at 6pm at WTH. Programming for all ages, art classes, pickleball, basketball for teens, etc. They are hiring instructors.
8. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – thank you to all who supported the kids selling beverages at Second Saturday. That money goes toward their activities. Third Friday of the month, the youth council plans an activity. Leadership team of 10 boys who are planning their next service project. Ages 12-17 are welcome to join.
9. Representative Steve Chabot's Office – Rosalind – shared a flyer about Chabot's Constituent Services. Have a youth program for teens based on community involvement and leadership. They do take policy statements over the phone 513-684-2723. Request to get more notice about town hall events. Question about the Western Hills Viaduct.
10. Fair Cincy – City Council Districts Ballot Initiative – (WCA does not support/oppose issues or candidates) Matt Woods (Westwood resident) is on a group with others to get better representation on City Council. They would like to create a 5 district, 4 at-large structure for council. The group is kicking off this Friday at Red Rose Pizzeria. Intention is to get on the ballot in March. The website is www.faircincy.org. There is also a Facebook page.
11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
 1. Properties
 2. Infrastructure – John Kerr
 3. Townhall grounds update – Ribbon cutting on October 16 at 4:00-6:00pm. They plan to have some vendors for the event.
 4. Zoning
 5. Beautification
 6. Yard of the Month - John Bowen and Sydney – September is the last month for this. info@westwoodcivic.org
 7. Pots – Mamma J – purchased 4 new pots for the business district
 8. Westwood Community Gardens – Update on Gazebo - Joel Kimmet–Gazebo is completed! They need to build a ramp, but that has been funded. Payton will be recognized for this.
12. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. WUTSTV – Shawntee – no meeting in September.
 2. Block Watch – Anne Murphy

3. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – They are always looking for new members, apply online at the police website. They go out and drive through neighborhoods a couple of times a week. Thank you for the volunteer hours by Citizens on Patrol.
4. Pedestrian Safety – New signs will be put up on Harrison to allow parking 24 hours a day, which helps slow traffic. The plan has been drawn for “bump outs” but the funding has not been secured. Question about walk lights at Harrison and Epworth where you have to hit the button. It will become a scramble type of stop light, where all lights will be red for people to cross. There will be a diagonal cross as well. Thank you to Girl Scouts for the flags (NSP funded project).
13. School Enhancements: Sara Overstake – no report
14. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – had a booth at the Multicultural Fest at the end of August passing out flyers about membership. There will be a meeting on Sept. 30 at 6:30pm. We have about 30,000 residents and only about 300 members.
 1. Westwords – Please send updates to Trinette
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter
15. Finance (Steve Beckman)
 1. NSP –John Bowen – 2019 funds have been spent – Neighborhood Support Program – 2019 funds were \$6,080 – all funds were spent by August 31. At the October meeting, we will need to vote on 2020 funding (the amount is very similar to 2019). We could put info in the Westwords publication about the funding spent and the vote in October.
 2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – considering options such as father daughter dance or mother son dance.
16. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Larry Eiser, Second Saturday this past weekend was the biggest ever! Thank you to all who helped. There were many volunteers. On October 19, Westwood Works 10 year anniversary party at Madcap with a silent auction, costumes, etc. Westwood Works gives out mini-grants and they are taking applications through October.
 1. February – Brews and Stews, Spring – Beer Garden at the painted water tower. Thank you to Jincey for partnering for Second Saturday.
17. Cincy Flags – Flag Unveiling Party Coming Up – obvious winner for the new flag. Friday, September 27, 4-8pm at Findlay Market.
18. Other Business
 1. Question about Westbrook with vehicles driving very fast around the bend. They can't put speed bumps at the bend. She called downtown and asked District 3 to create a presence. A four-way stop sign at Westbrook and Dunaway would slow them down. We can ask DOTE to take a look at this. Henry will send an email to District 3 about the concern. Police have told a member it costs them \$100 per ticket they write in costs.

Announcements:

Westwood Civic meets every 3rd Tues of the month 7p, @ Westwood Town Hall. **CRC Teen Night: for youth 12-18** - Fri 6:30-8:45 pm at Westwood Town Hall, **Youth Council** every Friday of the month. For more information, go to cincyunitedyouth.org. **Youth Council Leadership** meets the 1st & 3rd Mon at 7 pm. 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.