

Westwood Civic Association
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

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

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes –October
6. Police & Fire Report – 428 total runs in October, reminder when it's cold, make sure to have a carbon monoxide detector for gas furnaces.
Question about the injury of the fireman this morning – he will be back to work Friday, minor injury. Police – Officer Minella and Sargent Hicks, rolling 28 day crime report is available. If your home or business has a camera outside, please register it with police on the city's website.
Monday night there was a "shots fired" investigation at Montana and Epworth.
7. Special Recognition – Proclamation for Gayle Rece in honor of all her work in Westwood.
8. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – April and Emily attended a youth summit with Urban League. The teens will attend a youth summit this Saturday to discuss issues concerning them in the community. There are other youth summits they will participate in as well.
9. CRC Announcements – Jincey – Congrats on the new park opening.
Winter break camp for school age children. 7am-6pm Monday-Friday (except holidays) the holiday weeks \$80/\$85 per week. Tap dance and Zumba classes available. Friday night teen programs. First Friday is birthday Friday where they have pizza and cake for everyone that has a birthday that month.
10. Public Safety (Shawntee)
 1. David Pickerel – regarding Police D3 officer count / response times – Owner of Subway on Harrison Avenue. Explanation of why they closed. Comments on Nextdoor about concern about lack of support from police. Data shows we are underserved in District 3. He has asked leadership why they are not sufficiently staffing police. His suggestion is to gather as a group and ask those in leadership (Smitherman's office) for equal police support (33% of officers). He is going to all 14

councils in District 3 to support the effort. **Stephen motioned to write a letter to the city from WCA asking them to look into the statistics of District 3 and policing. Steve seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

2. WUTSTV – Shawntee – next meeting is December 10 at District 3 headquarters at 7pm.
3. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – This is a way to be united and engaged with neighbors in a neighborhood. If half of the residents on the block get formally involved, they will be recognized by the police as an official Block Watch. Anne can give more info if anyone is interested.
4. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – (via email) – concerns about groups hanging out near market at Cavanaugh and McHenry – shared with police.
5. Pedestrian Safety – WestCURC has taken the lead on this initiative. They are gathering community input about traffic calming measures.
6. Dadrien Washington - Candidate running for Ohio House of Representatives. Wants to reach the kids before they are involved in crime. Cincinnati has a youth-to-work program, but he wants to bring back CCY. He is a conservative democrat. Planning to be on the ballot March 2020. Formerly a postman, but couldn't run as an employee of the post office.
7. Councilman Greg Landsman – Child education advocacy work, helped lead Cincinnati Preschool Promise. They saw the largest increase in school readiness rates this past year. Focus on council is on children and families, pedestrian safety and infrastructure, and legislation for contracts with the city. Tries to attend 2-4 community councils per week. He will respond personally to calls or emails.
11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
 1. Ruehlman Place Parking and Traffic Congestion – Dawn Sherman, resident on Ruehlman since 1996. Parking has increased immensely on this street since West Side Brewing opened. Shared a PowerPoint with pictures showing parking issues. Concerns about parking illegally, including on the sidewalk, not enough signage to direct people away from the dead end, lack of curbs, problems disturbing residents. Another resident added some comments – concern about the parking of the food truck on Harrison, trash collection early on Sundays. They are grateful for the new businesses coming to Westwood. **Emily motions to ask the city to enforce parking restrictions, and add signage such as “no outlet” or other parking signs. Alexa seconded. Thomas abstains. Motion passes.** We will share the information with West Side Brewing.

2. Liquor License Requests – Ivory House, Supercade/Wondercade, and Nation Kitchen and Bar. – All are planning to serve food. **Emily motions to support all three liquor licenses, April seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
12. School Enhancements: Sara Overstake – School awards will be given in April 2020.
13. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds)
 1. Westwords – Printed or Online only? – We were using half of our NSP dollars to print and mail Westwords. Stephen said there are members who have paid in advance for the printed copies. There are about 50 households receiving the mailing. We will need volunteers to help send this out cheaper. Thomas has volunteered to help print. We need a plan in place in January. Cincinnati Urban Promise could use nonprofit postage to send. We need to notify printers and Trinette to make these changes.
 2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter – Reaching the end of the year, and it is time to renew for most members. \$10/year.
 3. Nominating Committees for Upcoming WCA Election – Presidents committee – Henry selects 3 people to nominate others for the WCA election. Elections are in March. Henry needs volunteers for the community committee. Email info@westwoodcivic.org if you would like to be on a nominating committee or be on the board.
 4. Holiday Party – December 17 at Madcap – It is \$150 to rent Madcap, and food costs from last year will be similar to last year. **Emily motions to approve up to \$400 for the party. Steve seconded. Stephen abstains. Motion passes.** Tickets are \$10 per person. 6:30pm.
14. Finance (Steve Beckman)
 1. NSP –John Bowen – passed NSP allocation in October.
 2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter
15. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee)
16. Westwood Flag – For Sale at End of Meeting - \$35, available for sale.
17. Other Business
 1. Fair Cincy – Collecting signatures on a petition to have a rep from each district and 5 at large.
 2. John Eby - December 15 Concert at St. James Episcopal at 6pm.
 3. Dec. 4 Westwood Works holiday party 7pm, Muse Café
 4. Question about cutting down trees that were planted by the city in front of businesses or residents.
 5. Dec 10 Westwood Town Hall – Outcome for community engagement for the Oskamp property.

6. Dec. 1 at Gamble Montessori High School Westwood Deck the Hall, 2-6pm.
7. Concern about kids leaving Westwood School and crossing the street to the library unsafely. We will reach out to the principal asking about this issue. (Sara)

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.