

**Westwood Civic Association  
General Meeting January 21, 2020**

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

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes –November
6. Police & Fire Report – Officer Minella-burglaries and auto crimes down. There was a homicide on Schaffer on Jan. 10. Victim was Stanley Moore, Jr. and pronounced dead at the scene. Officer Minella's phone number is 513-263-8385.
7. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Leslie Rich did a team building exercise with Youth Council at their last meeting. They are planning a talent show on March 14, 6-8pm at Westwood Town Hall. There is a teen lock-in/sleepover that evening. Last Friday, a motivational speaker presented to the group on leadership.
8. CRC Announcements – Jincey – programs with teens – teen room in lower level. They are looking for donation of a tv and game system. Open for rentals. I Am Me conference is Saturday Feb. 8 to help teens learn about jobs. Ages 14-17. Duke Convention Center. Mayor's job fair is February 28 and 29.
9. School Enhancements: Sara Overstake
  1. Midway School STEAM model - Martha Hasselbusch, Principal – 2<sup>nd</sup> year in this position. Strategic Plan for the district available, as well as brochure for the school. There are equity teams serving on the CPS plan. Vision 2020 is an initiative to ensure the neighborhood schools are on par with magnet schools. Midway chose to be a STEAM model (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). There will be a science fair this spring, and they are planning for a 3D printing lab. They are looking for volunteers.
10. Public Safety (Shawntee)
  1. Westwood United to Stop the Violence – meeting next Tuesday, 7pm, check Facebook page for info. Working to get a business owners association developed.
  2. Business District Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Jeff Stine, City of Cincinnati (vote) – bump outs will be added to the streetscape project. He showed a drawing of the bump outs on Harrison. Using city funds. New trees and lighting. Question about timeline – scheduled to begin around March. It should take about 3 months. Question about bollards added to the project. Suggestion to not allow cars to turn on red from Montana. ODOT wants a letter of approval from the board for the project. **John Bowen motions to write a letter of approval supporting the plan with suggestions given, including no turn on red, bollards, and removing the unused parking poles. Larry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
  3. Jeff Kramerding – Rapid Run Park – from West Price Hill, has a map for Rapid Run Park. There are five green spaces of park that border Rapid Run and Guerley. They border Westwood and West Price Hill. Question about extending bike path to connect these park areas. Parks is seeking funding to begin planning process of \$50,000. A letter of support from Westwood would be helpful for the next step of planning. **Alexa motioned that WCA write a letter of support to the city supporting this plan. Anne seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
  4. Block Watch – Anne Murphy – Anne can help anyone get a block watch set up.
  5. Citizens on Patrol – Mrs. Fichter – another training class in March, always looking for new members. There will be a driving course in May.
  6. John Eby – Jubilee Market – Chris Dalton, PG Sittenfeld's chief of staff recommends we put together a letter for the city asking for an update on the situation with the property at Harrison and McHenry that is owned by Jubilee Project. Where is it "stuck"? Chris does not know for sure. We need the city to acquire the property so there can be an RFP process for something good the community to go into the space. **Stephen motioned that WCA writes a letter to city council**

**and the mayor asking for an update on this situation. Henry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

11. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
  1. Update on Nation Kitchen and Bar – zoning hearing last week, with Junietta residents present. Still going through zoning and permits. No known date for opening.
12. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds)
  1. Westwords - Printed or Online (vote) WCA does not have the funding to print Westwords for 130 people. At the steering meeting, we discussed printing a “chunk” of them and distributing to the library and other locations in the community, as well as continuing with email and posting them on the website. Suggestion is to stop the mailers immediately. Thomas said he could print the smaller number for distribution to community locations. We could then refund the extra \$5 that people have given for their printed copy. Question about how we notify people who do not have email. We can send a postcard or letter with notification. **Larry motioned we eliminate paper copies mailed to members and provide them in community locations each month. John Bowen seconded. Two opposed. Motion passes.**
  2. Membership Update - Stephen Schramm and Thomas Sauter – This is a new year, so it is time to renew the Westwood Civic membership. It is \$10 and forms are available on the table.
  3. Nominating Committees for Upcoming WCA Election – Larry Eiser – there is a president’s nominating committee – Steve Beckman, Emily Miller Reynolds, and Larry. They are identifying candidates for the 2-3 openings available. There is a nominating committee from the membership as well. Members for that committee are needed. John Bowen volunteered. Others are needed to join him.
13. Finance (Steve Beckman) – we have about \$3500 in checking and \$8500 in savings, according to Henry from Steve’s report at the steering meeting last week.
  1. NSP –John Bowen – budget has been submitted, included neighborhood improvement, Deck the Hall event, Movie night, youth council, multicultural fest, Jammin’ at the James, and others.
  2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – no report, he will put together a meeting to plan the fundraiser for this year.
14. Westwood Coalition Update (Shawntee) – Westwood Works – Larry – the meeting this month next Wednesday at 7:30 is at Midway School. They will go to Muse or WSB after. Brews and Stews Feb. 8 (3<sup>rd</sup> year), still need volunteers. May 9, Pop Up Beer Garden on the grounds of the new Westwood Water Tower. They are working with Greater Cincinnati Water Works. Also working on Second Saturdays. WestCURC – Greg Hand – thank you to WCA for supporting the city project today. This is part of a traffic calming project that is to run from Kling to Higby, in the works for about 3 years. Westwood Historic meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
15. Other Business
  1. Westwood flags \$35 are for sale.
  2. St. Catharine is holding their auction/gala on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Question about lights on the triangle. They are not working, so Henry will look into it. Jincey is also trying to find out about the lights on the playground.
  4. Cincinnati Storytelling Festival with Greg Hand. Feb. 6, 7, and 8 at Madcap Center.
  5. The Drama Workshop is accepting submissions for Homebrew Theater.
  6. Hamilton County Transportation Board – Henry – meeting last Monday to discuss the viaduct. The project will not happen until the funding is complete. The state and federal departments do not recognize the viaduct as being connected to the highway. This project is tied to the Brent Spence Bridge project. Issue 7 will impact the sales tax increase and a portion will go to infrastructure. Chris Dalton spoke about the integrating committee, which decides which projects get funding if this passes. Last week, the city decided that the Western Hills Viaduct is the number one priority. Letters of support are needed as well. March 17 is the date to vote. WCA does not take a stance on issues. People can vote non-partisan.
  7. Jammin’ at the James – John Eby – four concerts. Meeting to plan tomorrow evening at 6pm at West Side Brewing.

Meeting adjourned.

**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](http://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](mailto:emilylynwca@gmail.com) for more info.