

Westwood Civic Association
Steering Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020

Attendance: April Stephens, Emily Miller Reynolds, Larry Eiser, John Kerr, Steve Beckman, Sara Overstake, John Bowen, Anne Murphy, Henry Frondorf

1. NSP Funding – John shared a handout with the budget for NSP 2020. Larry proposed we move funding from Deck the Hall to Movie Night. Deck the Hall has support from Gamble Montessori High School, keep \$300 in Deck the Hall and have Movie Night at \$685. We may also decide that the rain barrel will not be needed because there is a drinking fountain. **Motion by Larry to move \$500 from Deck the Hall to Movie Night. Seconded by Emily. Motion passes unanimously.**

2. Proposed Town Hall Business District Business Owner's Assn - Karen Strasser – There are concerns in the community about the media coverage about the Subway closing and support of police. A business owners association would allow for quarterly meetings, a private Facebook page, the police will go into a new business and give safety suggestions for the layout. Businesses outside the business district could be included. Meetings will be held in small groups to address various issues as needed. The question is: should this be under the umbrella of Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence or Westwood Civic or Coalition? Many neighborhoods have business owners associations and they are usually their own entity. What is the intent of it? This would most likely be more than a block watch or safety initiative. It could eventually become a 501c3. This name could be "Westwood Business Owner's Association". Karen will regroup with Shawntee to share this discussion info and talk about next steps.

3. Email about the CWCA Young Citizen Awards. **Emily motions that we spend up to \$60 on CWCA student awards to sponsor two kids. Larry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Westwood Resource Center – Ty and Maxine Gray presented about the former Jubilee property. The city asked for Jubilee to give them an offer for purchasing back the property. Maxine shared information about needs in the community for consideration. This includes career services, social stability, economic empowerment, computer training, and GED. They are asking us to partner and approach the mayor about this issue. We have been told that if the city acquires the building, they will either tear it down, or have an RFP process for proposals to decide the next use of the property. WCA could try to get a meeting set up with the Mayor. Ty and Maxine will send their handout to Henry, and he will send it to the mayor asking for a meeting.

5. Year End Budget – Steve Beckman shared the financials for 2019. We need to figure out a way to cut back on spending for sustainability. No more NSP funds are allocated to Westwords printing, but we are still paying for it. We need to take off the printing option on the website. Henry will communicate with Trinette about stopping the printing. We could print off a small number and have them available at the library, Westwood Town Hall, the Y, and other places. Larry offered to hand-deliver them if necessary. We will discuss this at the general meeting next week. Next year we will consider having the holiday party somewhere else (possibly Henry's house).

6. Election Committee – Larry gave background on election for 2020. No one is term-limited. Up for re-election: Henry Frondorf, Stephen Schramm, John Bowen, Geneva Clark, Abe Brandyberry. In 2021, Larry, Sara, Emily, and Steve Beckman are term-limited. Henry is going to step down in April. We will need a new president. We need a nominating committee. Emily, Steve B, and Larry are interested in being on the president's nominating committee. The membership nominating committee will be appointed at the next meeting. The election is in March. Larry will ask the board members up for reelection if they are interested in serving another term.

7. Jeff Stein from DOTE will be at the meeting on 1/21 to discuss the bump outs on Harrison. The principal from Midway will be attending.

8. Update on the Brewery parking issue – Landsman, Joe from WSB, and Emily met with the residents. The brewery has to make some changes to the sidewalk. They also talked about adding a mirror to help people see traffic. It was a good, productive meeting.

Meeting adjourned.