

Westwood Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020

Attendance: Thomas Sauter, Larry Eiser, Alexa Justice, Andrea Boettcher, Anne Murphy, Scott LeCates, Stephen Schramm, Karen Strasser, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Steve Beckman, Emily Miller Reynolds, John Kerr, Abe Brandyberry, Sara Overstake, April Stephens

1. Recording consent
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda – Emily motions to approve agenda, Steve B seconds. Motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes – Alexa motions to approve the minutes from October General meeting, Steve B seconds. Motion passes. Emily abstains (did not attend).
5. Police Report – Crime numbers are holding steady. Concerns in some areas, but part one crimes are down for the fourth year in a row. Robberies, assaults, and homicides are concerns, and there is a violent crime force focused on gun crimes. They've recovered over 100 guns and there have been many arrests. Question about the homicide at the intersection of Boudinot and Harrison. There is no info to release at this time, but there are suspects. There is an increase in porch thefts, but they think it is a repeat offender. The photos they have are good, and they need help identifying the person. Be sure not to leave packages in the car.
6. Fire – April reached out via email and did not get a response.
7. Bylaws Vote – Stephen S is at Town Hall to meet anyone who wants to vote. For those on Zoom, they can put their name in chat and they will receive an email with the link to vote. These bylaw changes allows for online voting and in person voting for board members.
8. NSP Update – Plan to spend the remaining funds on PPE for teachers worked out well. Thomas has the PPE and needs help distributing it to the schools. We could share some of the PPE with nonprofit child care centers providing full-time care to students for remote learning. Send requests to Tom Sauter. We spent almost all of the funding. There were two categories where people overspent. Youth council and back pack drive. Steve would like to reimburse those out of the general fund. \$37.44 to Youth council, \$30.08 to Abe for back packs. Steve motions to pay those funds out of the general fund and Larry seconds, Emily and Abe abstain. Motion passes. We need to decide on the funding for next year. Any ideas can be sent to Steve B via email. Emily motions to have a December meeting, laidback format, sticking to NSP brainstorming, open to members and the general public. Sara seconded. Motion passes. The meeting will be Dec. 15 at 7pm on Zoom.
9. Public Safety – Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month 7pm via Zoom. Shawntee is working on a flyer campaign and engaging businesses. Cleanup Cincy with 10 participants per site. There will be two sites for the cleanup this

Saturday 9-12. She still needs team leaders to volunteer. They can use CUP's parking lot for a meeting space if needed.

10. Crosswalks – There are a couple of projects for crosswalks to be added in areas around Westwood. They are also looking at a “raised intersection” at Montana and Harrison and Urwiler and Harrison for traffic slowing. DOTE was concerned on moving forward with anything because they were getting a lot of different information from various Westwood organizations. They asked for the priorities, and Westwood Coalition met to discuss it. They are wanting to move forward on traffic calming on Harrison in the business district starting at Kling. There are many on the list, but some are on the short-term, higher priority list. We need to have some matching funds for these projects.
11. Nominating Committees – two committees, one president appointed and one for membership. There are 5 openings with all term limited. John Kerr filled Joe Corso's spot and is up for reelection. Alexa, Emily, and Larry are willing to serve on the committees. All are welcome to join, contact Larry or Tom.
12. Teacher Morale Celebration – Scott, Alexa, and her partner reached out to the five schools in the neighborhood to find out what the schools need and how to boost morale. Scott compiled their information but is wondering about funding. Ideas include bagel days, mini-grants, etc. Could we use NSP funds for any options? NSP cannot be used for food. Alexa and Scott will gather more information and put together a plan in the next month.
13. Other Business
 - a. Shawntee heard today that the Gamble Property will be retirement/nursing homes and is wondering if anyone has information about this. WestCURC may have more information, and Thomas will reach out to them.
 - b. Abe – there is another food drive happening this Saturday 11/21 noon-3:00pm in the CURC lot on Harrison to benefit the food pantries with CUP, My Neighbors Place, and Third Presbyterian.
 - c. Follow up on the speed bumps – there has not been funding for this for the past three years. (Larry)
 - d. Noon tomorrow, Cincinnati.com will be streaming the ceremony for the women of the year awards, and Shawntee is being honored!
 - e. Tomorrow evening, Rodney Christian will be receiving a character award.
 - f. The website needs to be updated with correct governor info and other info. Sara and Emily will take a look at it.
14. By-law vote results – 19 votes, by-law changes approved. Larry paid for the survey monkey for the month. Shawntee motions to reimburse Larry about \$106 for the month of survey monkey for the vote. Abe seconded. Motion passes. The changes now need to be put into the document. Emily will work on it.
15. Announcements:

Clean Up Saturday 11-21, 9am-noon

Mt. Airy Neighborhood Plan – Jackie Frondorf is joining the group putting together this plan and will share updates. Scott is interested in serving on a committee or group to ensure we keep our greenspace.
16. John Kerr motions to adjourn. Shawntee seconds.