

Westwood Civic Association  
October General Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020  
Location: Zoom

Attendance: Thomas Sauter, Larry Eiser, Alexa Justice, April Stephens, Scott LeCates, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Anne Murphy, John Kerr, Steve Beckman, Sara Overstake

Excused: Karen Strasser, Emily Miller Reynolds, Abe Brandyberry, Andrea Boettcher

1. Recording Consent
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda – Shawntee motions to approve agenda. Larry seconded. Motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes – Steering and General, Larry motions to approve both sets of minutes, Steve seconded. Motion passes.
5. Police Report – Sgt Hicks from District 3. This is our fourth year in a row with reduced crime in this district. There were a few increases in total crime this quarter. There is a violent crime/robbery task force who has recovered 11 guns in this district. There is an investigation on the homicide in Westwood recently. He does still feel there are positive trends. He will send an email to WCA with crime stats. Question about contacts for Walgreens. Sgt. Hicks will send info to Larry Eiser. Regarding Walgreens, Shawntee tried to reach out to Trader Joe's but has not heard back.
6. Fire Report – No rep
7. NSP Update – Steve – Thomas looked into a storage unit and is still exploring this. There is still funding to spend for Backpack drive, Youth Council, and WUTSTV. Money must be spent by October 31. Shawntee will get the printing ordered before that day. Neighborhood enhancement money still needs to be spent. We still have \$1700 to spend. Larry will check on the amounts that he sent to Karen to spend. The storage locker may not be permitted if paying in advance. We cannot prepay for anything. Suggestion to supply the schools with PPE supplies, masks, etc. **Sara motioned to move the remainder of funds unspent (about \$1700) in Neighborhood Enhancement and Westwood Works Movie Drive to backpack drive for the purchase of PPE, sanitation supplies for schools. Alexa seconded.** Thomas will order this in the next few days. Motion passes.
8. Public Safety – Shawntee – Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. They are doing a flyer campaign to get more people involved. We could get info in Westwoods about this. Question about plan from police on election day at polling places. Thomas will ask Officer Minella and Sgt. Hicks about this.
9. Crosswalks – Larry Eiser – Bob Willis and Larry are meeting Friday about ongoing project for traffic calming along Harrison Ave. The community needs to meet with DOTE about pedestrian safety as a common voice to ensure there is not conflicting information. Larry came up with two categories – one for just the painted stripes and one for a higher level of crosswalk with a sign. Harrison/Montclair crosswalk is happening as part of the current traffic calming project. Proposal includes Boudinot at Lischer, Harrison/Bracken Woods,

Urwiler/Harrison, Epworth/Junietta (Nation Kitchen and Bar). Bigger projects included are Harrison at Hansford, Montana/Mustang, Harrison/Talbot, Westwood Northern Boulevard/McFarlan Woods/Dog Park. Question about raised crosswalks. Comment about wanting police presence for traffic issues. This could be added to the agenda for October 27. Comment about traffic calming potentially causing more people to drive on side streets like Fischer.

10. School enhancements – Scott LeCates – He attends the Gamble Elementary meeting, and the principal said the teachers are feeling demoralized. He asked if there are people who would like to plan to do something special for the schools. Alexa would like to join, Larry volunteered as well. Alexa will ask her husband as well.

11. Ivory House Update – Bus stop was moved in response to request.

12. Other Business

- a. Marie Jones – Northwest corner of Gaines triangle, the water is washing away the dirt and it appears there is not good drainage to prevent this. Larry will give her Larry Parker's info to report this.
- b. Is there a Welcome Wagon organization or welcome bag initiative? There is not a formal effort in WCA currently.
- c. Lights working at Gaines triangle? Public Works is expecting Parks to take care of them. They will work through it together.
- d. Larry mentioned a reminder that next month's meeting there will be a vote on by-law change. There will be in-person voting at the park and online voting. This will be in Westwords.

13. Steve motioned to adjourn, Stephen seconded. Meeting adjourned.