

Westwood Civic Association January Steering Meeting
Tuesday January 12th, 2021 – 7 p.m.

Attendance: Abe Brandyberry, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Steven Schramm, Sara Overstake, Scott LeCates, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman, Alexa Justice, John Kerr, April Stephens, Emily Miller Reynolds

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. NSP – Steve – Steve followed suggestions to combine items into fewer categories. Scott and Alexa sent an email today regarding funds for teacher appreciation and support. No cash awards, including gift cards, are allowed. Steve shared his screen showing the breakdown of the NSP budget. We could put more funding in school support (\$1500) for other types of teacher appreciation. We should consider using money to host an event fundraiser. We can spend funding on food only if it is for resale, up to \$1500. Westwood Uniting amount can come down to \$100. We can share this at the meeting next week for any questions or changes. We will need a roll call of the people attending the meeting.
5. Nominating Committees – Larry – Nominating candidates will need to be announced at the board meeting next week. Steve, April, and Larry are on one committee, and Abe, Alexa, and Emily are on the other committee. One person will need to report out the nominees at the meeting. John Kerr is one incumbent. There may be as many as 11 candidates running. Steven Schramm is the election supervisor. He is looking at online election platforms. The election happens in March.
6. DORA – Larry – Larry is exploring this. It is concerning open containers in a controlled way outside restaurants. The city loosened the rules with COVID around allowing this, but that will most likely expire. DORA will allow this ongoing. Cheviot just did this. Regulation in a city currently allows for one if you have less than 35,000 residents, and two for up to 50,000, and 4 over that. Larry is planning to talk to people from the neighborhoods outside the city that have adopted DORA. The neighborhood can decide on hours, days, rules, area. Businesses can opt in or out. There are specific DORA cups to use. So far, Westwood businesses like this opportunity. Larry is asking for each organization to let Larry know if they're okay with further study. Question about parameters on DORA. Extra trash cans are provided, as well as signage, first 500 cups, bench, and awnings. The first step is asking the city to study this, but we should show interest first. Question about impact on events. The event coordinator would still need to get a permit for selling alcohol, but it is still allowable. **Sara motioned to explore the DORA opportunity for Westwood, John seconded. Motion passes.**
7. Board Retreat – Alexa – With the new board, it would be good to have a retreat with some discussion for the year. April may be a good time to have this gathering.

There will be no business conducted, but orienting to the board, understanding what has been done in the past. There is a document with all board members and their terms. We can continue updating this.

8. Priorities for the coming year – Board – discussion to happen with the new board. Switch to a 501c3. Overhaul of the website. Fundraiser planning.

9. Other business?

-CUP received a donation from Woods Hardware of hand sanitizer and masks. There are still some left for nonprofits and small businesses in the community.

-Jubilee Market is at the Port Authority.

-Update on donation from Otis Flinchpaugh – Steve reported that we may be getting close to \$50,000.