

Westwood Civic Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2021

Present: Abe Brandyberry, Wendy Clark, Katie Frazier, Lindsey Huhn, Nick Jackson, Alexa Justice, John Kerr, Scott LeCates, Anne Murphy, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Jon Thompson

Absent: Thomas Sauter, April Stephens

1. Recording Consent

Comment about meeting structure

Nick Jackson: The WCA board will implement a timed schedule to manage the flow of the meeting and to stay on track with the agenda.

2. Roll Call -

3. Approve or Amend Agenda -

Alexa motions to approve changes to agenda Alexa; seconded by Nick.  
Revised agenda approved.

4. Approval of June general meeting minutes

John Kerr motions to approve; Wendy seconded. June meeting minutes approved.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Welcome Newly Appointed Board Member—Lindsay Huhn has been appointed by Tom Sauter, WCA president, to fill the vacant position left by Andrea Boetcher who stepped down from the WCA board last month.

7. Police – Officer Minella introduced Sgt. Hicks and Capt. David Johnson (the new captain of District 3); They report a 23% reduction in overall crime (an increase in violent crime, reduction in property crimes). Shot Spotter is monitoring shots fired in Westwood. Still asking residents to call and report hearing shots fired to help pinpoint where shootings are occurring.

Oct 5-National Night Out will be at Westwood Town Hall. 5-8 pm. CPD is looking for involvement from community groups.

Capt. Johnson introduced himself as new captain for D3 and discussed his concerns and priorities which include traffic enforcement and reducing reckless drivers. There will be additional budget allocated to traffic enforcement in the current budget year.

8. Fire – no representatives in attendance

9. CRC-CRC at Westwood Town Hall has new program offerings for fall. Jincey and members of CPD are hosting Cincinnati youth on another River Trek adventure.

10. Treasurer's Report –Alexa Justice

**WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
JULY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
<b>June 14, 2021 Checking Balance</b>			<b>\$13,701.10</b>
Gardens	\$1,884.80	\$348.55	
Campaign Monitor		\$67.40	
Memberships	\$20.00		
Ad Revenue	\$300.10		
Miscellaneous		\$137.25	
<b>7/19/21 Checking Balance</b>			<b>\$15,352.80</b>
Community Gardens Balance			\$2,894.65
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
Committed / Unspent NSP Funds			\$7,987.00
<b>SAVINGS</b>			
7/19/2021 Balance			\$33,882.75
Interest			\$0.27
<b>6/15/2021 Balance</b>			<b>\$33,883.02</b>

a. Tom Sauter Reimbursement Request, Tommy Sauter is requesting WCA resimbursement for a portable tent he purchased for WCA to use as events. Total cost was \$173.43.

Katie motions that the Board reimburse Tom Sauter for the cost of the tent;  
Motion seconded by Nick. Motion passes.

Alexa also requests that the WCA board approves using WCA funds to purchase a folding table for WCA to use at community events. Nick motions to approve purchase of a plastic folding table; seconded by Katie. Motion passes.

b. Communication Tools Proposal –Nick Jackson

WCA does not have its own equipment for meetings and events. Nick proposes that WCA purchase some equipment rather than rely on board members own equipment, such as laptop microphone and camera which would cost about \$1100. This equipment would help WCA maintain communication and ensure capability for streaming meetings and creating documents and maintaining records and website.

Alexa-questions if there is a plan for storage and maintenance of items.

Nick-equipment would be for WCA use only and would remain with designated Communications chair since WCA does not have a designated storage space.

Katie-asks if NSP funds could be used to cover some of the expense. Alexa states there are some NSP funds this year that could be allocated to cover some of this expense.

Some amount of NSP funds could be reallocated or remain to put toward this expense.

Scott motions to allocate \$1100 for equipment; Seconded by John Kerr

Motion approved.

10. Communications Update – Nick Jackson

WCA first facebook steam had 550+ views from June meeting that was broadcast. Nick suggests WCA start a You Tube account to livestream meetings on You Tube for broader accessibility (no Facebook account needed to access).

E-mail domain. The person who held the credentials for current e-mail domain left the board in 2016. Nick suggests starting fresh with new domain in Google Workspace to host our own e-mail that would be easier to transfer from incoming and outgoing board members. Board can communicate more easily among board and committees without using personal accounts/email. This would allow each member to have WCA specific email address. Cost would be \$5-10/month per e-mail account.

WCA Communications committee will continue exploring other options for a centralized accounts and more efficient web/email.

11. PIBZ (Properties Infrastructure and Beautification and Zoning) – John Kerr

Committee has grown and gained interest. It currently has 7 members. Committee is working on updating a blighted properties list to communicate to the city;

Infrastructure-following city plans and talks for traffic calming and improvements in Westwood

Beautification-Yard of the Month is ongoing; send in nominations to Terry Bailey.

12. Westwood Civic Second Saturday F2 Liquor Permit Sponsorship

Westwood Works is requesting that WCA applies for an F2 Liquor License for the next second Saturday event in August to expand alcohol vendor options at the event. Westwood Works will pay for the cost of the licenses and WCA will be covered under Westwood Works insurance.

Katie motions that WCA apply for an F2 liquor license; Seconded by Lindsay  
Motion approved.

13. Liquor License Applications

WCA received notice of two liquor license applications in Westwood:

a.2435 Harrison Ave. Adamoday Permit # 0048175

This is the Family Dollar store at the Harrison Ave. shopping center.  
WCA has previously sent a letter of opposition; no further action taction.

b. 5130 Glencrossing Way G.B. License LLC Permit #30612130035

Police objected to both licenses and request an additional letter from WCA board supporting the objection.

Police objected to Glencrossing property because it is under construction and could not be inspected. It is planned to be an alcohol delivery service (Go Pub).

14. Outreach Committee-Katie Frazier. Working on updating WCA website and looking for additional volunteers who can support that effort.

July Neighbors of the Month -Sharon and Dave Hopkins from Craig Ave.

15. KA Heard for City Council– presentation as a city council candidate

WCA does not endorse candidates.

16. Elizabeth Tye for Judge– presentation as a candidate for Hamilton Co. judge

17. LaKeisha Cook for City Council- presentation as a city council candidate

18. National Night Out – Anne Murphy:

Sgt. Hicks from CPD District 3 is looking forward to partnering with Westwood in planning a National Night Out event for October 5, 2021 at the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Ave. The event will run for 5pm -8pm with set up at starting as early as 3pm. This event will showcase the Westwood community.

WCA will begin discussion with D3 police to plan for the event and how we can participate. The event is held for the D3 district and 14 neighborhoods within the district.

20. Gardens Project-Joel Kimmet-not present. Issue tabled

21. Traffic Safety –, Emily Reynolds and Greg Hand

A group of residents, including Bob Willis and others have been investigating traffic concerns and potential remedies with analyses and pursuing grant funds to implement safety measures. Would like to see more traffic calming as was done on Harrison in front of WW business district, to be implemented all the way from Kling to Boudinot. Estimated cost is \$600,000. Westwood resident Bob Willis and others have been in discussion with Devou Good foundation, they agreed to commit \$200,000 to the project plus additional funds for immediate temporary traffic calming measures and repairs.

Devou asks for the following in return and request WCA to support these three things

- Work with city to memorialize Gabriella Rodriguez, to name a stretch of Harrison after her.
- Coordinate with all Westwood Organizations to declare support for city's Vision Zero program
- Open conversations with police to make Westwood historic district a 'no chase' zone

The remainder of costs would come from state funds, TIFF funds, and other grant funds

Stephen Schramm-motions that WCA supports this initiative and the requests by the Devou Foundation; seconded by Shawntee.

Amended motion--Scott suggests that motion includes writing a resolution of support in support of the 3 asks of the Devou Foundation.

Stephen motions to amend the motion to support the traffic calmin initiatives and the write a resolution of support for the 3 requests of the Devou Foundation (1) Work with city to memorialize Gabriella Rodriguez, to name a stretch of Harrison after her; 2)Coordinate with all Westwood Organizations to declare support for city's Vision Zero program, and 3) Open conversations with police to make Westwood historic district a 'no chase' zone); Shawntee seconds. Motion approved.

Scott will draft a resolution letter for board to review at a future meeting.

22. Update on Harrison Intersection -- Alexa Justice

Harrison & Bracken Woods is on city's long term priority list but has moved it up in priority. Following on WCA letter expressing residents' concern for dangerous intersection, DOTE Will conduct a study of the intersection this summer to explore needs and options for improvement.

23. Harvest Home Fair Booth Invitation

Booth fee for the September Harvest Home Fair is \$300. WCA is opting not to participate given the cost. WCA has had a booth at each Westwood Second Saturday event at Town Hall grounds this summer as outreach.

24. Nominations Open for Neighborhood Summit Awards – Alexa

Deadline to apply is August 3.

25. City of Cincinnati Neighborhood Activation Fund Announcement -- Alexa

Deadline to apply is Dec 31-community councils and non-profits can apply for up to \$10,000 to support community projects and events to restore community fabric.

Announcement will be sent to WCA board for consideration and future discussion

26. NSP Funds—Alexa

The deadline to expend NSP funds is now September instead of August.

27. Other Business-

- Cincinnati Urban Promise is hosting an open house to tour preschool and kids' bike giveaway on 7/22.
- East Westwood Community Council is hosting a community Stop the Violence Event on July 31 at 3358 McHenry, from 3-7 pm. East Westwood will have a representative at each Westwood Civic association council meeting to build a stronger relationship between the two community councils.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Nick); seconded by Wendy.

Meeting adjourned.

