

Westwood Civic Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2021

Present: Abe Brandyberry, Wendy Clark, Katie Frazier, Nick Jackson, Alexa Justice, John Kerr, Scott LeCates, Anne Murphy, Thomas Sauter, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, April Stephens, Karen Strasser,  
Absent: Andrea Boettcher, Stephen Schramm, Jon Thompson

1. Recording Consent
2. Roll call
3. Additions and Approval of Agenda-

Alexa motions to approve. Seconded by John Kerr. Motion passes

4. Approval of Minutes-Approval of general meeting minutes from April;  
Motion to approve by Alexa; seconded by Abe. Motion passes.
5. Treasurer's Report-Alexa Justice

Alexa Justice presented the WCA finances and account balances as of 5/18/21. NSP Funds for this year have not yet been posted to the WCA account.

6. Police Report-Sgt. Hicks

Downward trend in theft from autos in Westwood even though that trend has not declined in other parts of the city. Police encourage everyone to continue to report if they hear shots fired to help them locate crimes and crime scenes when Shot Spotter is triggered.

Capt. Dave Johnson is new D3 Captain, replacing Captain Broxterman.

7. Fire Report-no representatives in attendance
8. Neighbor of the Month: Christina Yearout was selected as Neighbor of the Month for April. The Outreach Committee has outlined a proposed nomination and selection process for Neighbor of the Month. Outreach Committee will compile, review, and select recipients each month. Nominees can be submitted via the WCA website e-mail, or Facebook

page. The selected nominees for May are Kevin DiNarda and Barrett Evans.

9. NSP Funds: Steve Beckman. City approved our NSP contract. The funds have not been posted to WCA account yet, but WCA will receive just under \$8,000 for the purposes outlined in our proposal. The funds were approved later than normal by the city, but must still be spent by September.

10. City Council Candidate Jackie Frondorf

Westwood resident Jackie Frondorf introduced herself and her platform as a city council candidate.

11. DORA Update-Larry Eiser: DORA proposal for Westwood has been submitted and being reviewed by the city. Larry Eiser is proposing the establishment of a committee to manage DORA in Westwood to provide structure for oversight and implementation of the DORA (e.g. vendor management, upkeep and maintenance of DORA area and boundaries, ensuring compliance, etc.). He proposes this committee should be housed under the WCA. He provided the WCA board with a proposal conceptualizing how this committee might be structured and function.

John Kerr motioned to commit WCA to forming a governing DORA committee if DORA is approved by the city; Seconded by Shawntee. Motion passes.

12. WSB Golf Outing: Larry Eiser informs us the West Side Brewing will be hosting a casual golf tournament July 31 at Fernbank Golf Course. They are in need of volunteers to help staff the event. Community groups that staff booths can retain profits from sales at the event to support their organization.
13. Discussion of city council proposals that council will be voting on 5/19, including motions from City of Cincinnati council members that would provide relief funds to community councils.

Tom Sauter motions that WCA Board contacts City Council to express support for the allocation of \$10,000 per community council from federal relief funds provided to the city; seconded by Nick. Motion passes

14. Plasma Center at Harrison and McHenry Aves. Abe Brandyberry informs us that a plasma center is being constructed in the former Sav-a-Lot location on Harrison Avenue. Many in the neighborhood had discussions with local leaders and the developer to plead for a grocery to address food scarcity in the area. Many are opposed to having a Plasma Center in this location.

Tom Sauter motions that the WCA board take the position of opposition to the plasma business at the former Sav-a-Lot site at 4449 Harrison Ave.; Abe seconded. Motion passes.

A follow-up meeting will be organized to discuss how to express our opposition and concerns with the developer

15. Wayne Brinkman-Westwood Student of the Year Awards were presented to students by Karen Strasser. The names of the recipients will be announced at the June meeting.
16. Gift from Otis Flinchpaugh estate: WCA received a gift from the trust of Otis Flinchpaugh, lifelong Westwood resident who passed away this past year. We received a preliminary distribution of nearly \$25,000. WCA will discuss how to use these funds and how to memorialize Otis Flinchpaugh at a later date.
17. Town Hall and surrounding parking-There is a lot of parking congestion at Town Hall and blocked driveways on residential streets as people converge on the area for multiple uses (playground, CRC services, dog park, restaurants. People are blocking the driveway at CRC. This is creating problems for residents on Junietta and other surrounding side streets. John Kerr and some concerned residents will work together to

communicate with stakeholders and the city to identify problems and next steps.

18. WCA Resuming in-person meetings. Meetings will resume in-person for June general meeting at Town Hall. The meetings will also still be broadcast over Zoom for virtual participation.
19. Traffic concerns-Ty Gray. Alexa Justice drafted a letter for DOT to support pedestrian safety and prioritize safer pedestrian crossings on Montana and Harrison Avenues.
20. WCA Committee Updates-WCA Committees need to provide regular updates to Tom Sauter
21. Other business-Marie Jones has receipts to submit for reimbursement for adopt-a-pot flower pots that needed to be replaced.
22. Tom Sauter motions to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Alexa.  
Meeting adjourned.