

Westwood Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021

Present: Abe Brandyberry, Katie Frazier, Lindsay Huhn, Nick Jackson, John Kerr, Scott LeCates, Anne Murphy, Thomas Sauter, Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, April Stephens, Karen Strasser, Jon Thompson

Absent: Wendy Clark, Alexa Justice

Recording Consent

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda-
 - a. Additions to 'other business': CRC and Community Gardens
 - b. Nick introduces a motion to approve agenda with additions; motion seconded by Tom Sauter. Motion approved.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July Steering Meeting minutes; July revised general meeting minutes; August meeting minutes were distributed to Board members for review prior to the meeting.
 - b. Tom Sauter introduces a motion to approve the July Steering Meeting minutes, July revised general meeting minutes, and August meeting minutes. Motion seconded by John Kerr. Motion approved.
5. Brandon Craig-Cincinnati City School Board candidate—not present
6. Police Report-Sgt. Hicks
 - a. Neighborhood crime report handouts are available; recent increase in thefts from auto and auto thefts.
 - b. Shot Spotter-there has been an increase in corresponding calls when Shot Spotter detects shots fired in Westwood which is very helpful for police in narrowing in the precise location.

- c. National Night Out event will be held 10/5/21 5-8 pm at Westwood Town Hall, hosted by CDP District 3. FC Cincinnati will be in attendance. Food, drink, activities and Drug Enforcement K-9 will be there along with other CPD resources.
- 7. Fire Report-no representatives present
- 8. Boudinot Ave. speed issues – Greg Kissel
 - a. Greg Kissel reports that Boudinot has increasing traffic concerns due to addition of new metro route 37 that mainly transports students with stops along Boudinot Ave. Would like WCA Board to contact Metro and city to make them aware of this situation so they can investigate and
 - b. Tom introduces a motion that Katie F. and John Kerr draft a letter to the city and to Metro to bring concerns to their attention and request action to mitigate the hazard to pedestrians and drivers at the Boudinot & Montana intersection. Motion seconded by Nick. Motion passes.
- 9. NSP Deadline/Treasurers Report – Tom Sauter & WCA Board
 - a. All receipts for NSP expenses must be submitted to the treasurer by end of this week for reimbursement. There is approximately ~\$7,989 remaining, unspent NSP funds. Unspent funds after the deadline must be returned to the city.
 - b. Larry Eiser previously requested of the WCA if some of the NSP funds could be reallocated to purchase sidewalk tattoos to designate proposed DORA area in Westwood Town Hall. Tom Sauter proposed reallocating beautification funds for sidewalk tattoos.
 - c. Tom introduces a motion that the WCA Board reallocate NSP funds in the amount of \$683 towards the purchase of sidewalk tattoos and window stickers for pending DORA. Motion seconded by Shawntee.

- d. Tom submits amended motion that the WCA Board reallocate NSP funds up to \$700 towards the purchase of sidewalk tattoos and window stickers for pending DORA. Amended motion Seconded by Nick. Motion passes
- e. PIBZ Committee is proposing a neighborhood litter pickup in conjunction with Cincinnati Beautiful on 10/23 in 3 Westwood locations TBD. He requests that up to \$700 from beautification funds be reallocated to purchase clean-up supplies (e.g. litter grabbers, safety vests, etc) that would remain property of WCA for future uses. Will make a separate request for budget allocation from WCA general fund for refreshments for volunteers.
- f. John introduces a motion that the WCA Board allocate NSP funds, up to \$700, to purchase hard, reusable materials for the litter clean up. Motion seconded by Tom Sauter.
- g. Ellen McGrath-Cincinnati Beautiful has some supplies and refreshments that they will also contribute to event; WCA purchase will ensure enough supplies for approximately 30 events. Hoping to have fall and spring clean-up events
- h. Motion passes
- i. Cincinnati Beautiful has an online sign up for volunteers who would like to participate in these or other clean up events around the city. Other community groups are welcome to participate.
- j. John Kerr introduces a motion that the board provide up to \$200 from the WCA general fund for volunteer refreshments/supplies for the clean-up event (expenses that are ineligible to be purchased by NSP funds). Seconded by Tom. Motion passes.
- k. Treasurers Report-Sept report sent to board by Alexa

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

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
August 11, 2021 Checking Balance			\$14,889.22
Gardens		\$69.83	
Neighborhood Enhancement		\$203.38	
Flags	\$140.00		
Miscellaneous		\$173.43	
9/16/21 Checking Balance			\$14,582.58
Uncommitted Funds			\$3,550.22
Community Gardens Balance			\$2,540.02
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
Committed / Unspent NSP Funds			\$7,987.00
SAVINGS			
8/11/2021 Balance			\$58,633.52
Interest			
9/16/2021 Balance			\$58,633.52

- Tom introduces a motion to submit the September Treasurer's report; seconded by Nick. Motion passes.
10. Membership and Outreach – Katie Frazier
 - a. Neighbor of the Month for September: Terry Bailey
 11. Fundraising – Katie Frazier
 - a. Westwood Halloween event, a fundraising event co-hosted by WCA and Westwood Works will be held on 10/23 at Westwood Town Hall from 2-6 pm. Estimated gross income from event is \$12,000. Net profits will be shared with Westwood Works. Income is expected from pumpkin sales, alcohol sales, and possibly smores kits, parade entry fee, etc. Anticipated budget was submitted to WCA Board
 - b. Katie introduces a motion to request that the WCA Board to approve of \$2825 in event expenses to be split with Works. WCA will pay for their share; seconded by Stephen Schramm;
 - c. Amended motion-Tom Sauter introduces an amended motion to request that the WCA Board approve funding for a fundraiser put on by the fundraising committee in conjunction with Westwood Works,

- of \$2825 to be split with Works. WCA will pay for their share either from NSP funds (as eligible) or from general fund; seconded by Nick Jackson. Motion passes.
- d. Tom Sauter will explore if any planned expenses may be covered by unexpended NSP funds; if not funds will come from general fund
 - e. Neighborhood Activation Fund grant application sponsored by Invest in Neighborhoods-Katie plans to apply for this grant on behalf of WCA
12. PIBZ Committee – John Kerr
- a. PIBZ Committee wants to bring attention to a blighted commercial business: the Kroger on Ferguson Ave.; A draft letter to Kroger manager has been prepared and distributed to the WCA Board. John K. asks that letter is approved to be sent on behalf of WCA Board offering to assist in property clean-up in the Ferguson Kroger parking lot as part of clean-up event on 10/23. John Thompson will work with PIBZ Committee to identify the proper contacts and channel for approaching Kroger with their concerns and requests.
 - b. John Kerr introduces a motion that PIBZ committee will draft letters to blighted and problematic properties/businesses of concern and share with WCA Board for review and approval of letters at WCA general meetings; Seconded by Shawntee.
 - c. Karen Strasser requests that these letters are in the spirit of community and partnership to offer help and seek understanding of the issues.
 - d. Motion passes
13. Proposed Board Resolutions – Scott LeCates
- a. Scott LeCates and John Kerr drafted two resolutions related to traffic safety in Westwood that were discussed at prior meetings in relation to a request from Devou Good Foundation as a

condition of grant funding. The full text of the resolutions are attached to these minutes.

- i. Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Vision Zero and The honoring of Gabriella Rodriguez. Tom introduces a motion to move to submit the resolution as drafted; Abe seconds. Motion passes. WCA formally adopts this resolution as their position
- ii. Resolution Supporting the Review of Cincinnati Police Department's Pursuit Policy as it Relates to Westwood; Tom Sauter introduces a motion to submit this resolution; seconded by Shawntee. Motion passes.
- iii. Tom Sauter will sign the resolutions; which will be sent to CPD (resolution re: pursuits), and to the Mayor and City Council, and the family of Gabriella Rodriguez(resolution re: Vision Zero and honoring Gabriella Rodriguez.

14. Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence (WUTSTV) – Shawntee Stallworth

- a. Have drafted a 'Calls for Service' flyer to be distributed in print and on social media. CPD emphasizes that calls for service are very helpful to them and encourage residents to call the police non-emergency number 765-1212 regarding any suspicious activities.
- b. WUTSTV will participate in National Night Out with D3 at Town Hall on 10/5 from 5-8. WCA will host the booth and share information.
- c. McHenry & Harrison Shell Station has become problematic with litter and loitering issues. They plan to communicate with Shell owner regarding the concerns and invite him to attend a WUSTV meetig or a WCA meeting; Will work with PIBZ to draft a letter to the owner and share with WCA Board at October general meeting next month.

- d. Next WUTSTV meeting will be Tuesday 9/28 @ Cincinnati Urban Promise on Harrison Ave. 7 pm.

15. Governance Updates-

- a. Peaslee Center Training on Equitable Development – Scott LeCates attended training and proposes that the WCA board to review and endorse the process for assessing equitable development projects and community resources. Detailed discussion tabled until next WCA Steering meeting after Board is able to review the documents and evaluation process presented.

16. Junietta Ave. parking issues update – John Kerr

- i. Larry Eiser and John Kerr met with Melissa McVeigh with the city's Department of Transportation to discuss needs and ideas for mitigating parking concerns due to Nation restaurant traffic. One suggestion is to close Junietta at Epworth Ave. Another consideration is to make Epworth Ave one-way (heading south) to reduce traffic flow and add parking spaces along Epworth Ave. City is willing to consider options and conduct an official study pending an official letter of request from WCA Board. Issue will be discussed further among board at next Steering meeting

17. Other Business

- a. Greater Cincinnati Water Works has a program to help residents with past due bills by enrolling them in a payment program to avoid shut off.
- b. Westwood Community Health Fair 4-6 pm @ Westwood United Methodist Church parking lot Monday 10/18; will partner with the 513 vaccination bus, Cincinnati library, and other community services.
- c. Westwood Community Garden (WCG) will be hosting pot luck at garden on 10/23 in the evening; Peg Rhein the WCG Coordinator

is retiring from this role. WCG is looking for a new coordinator.
Contact WCG if interestd

- d. CRC-Jincey Yemaya CRC will be participating in Halloween events and National Night at Westwood Town Hall. The Rec Center will be open again on Saturdays starting in October. See Fall programming schedule for details.
 - e. Joseph H. (resident) statement of support for KA Heard for City Council. (WCA does not endorse any political candidates).
 - f. Gabriella Rodriguez' mother-thanks WCA for the Resolution; her family has been pushing for city and metro to enact safety measures
18. Tom introduces a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Nick.
Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Resolutions Supporting the honoring of Gabriella Rodriquez, the implementation of Vision Zero, and the establishment of No Chase Zones in Cincinnati