

**Westwood Civic Association
Election Of Officers Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2009**

Meeting Called to Order by President McNulty at 6:30 pm. 15 Board Members present, 0 excused, 0 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Joel Kimmet.
Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Sess, Kimmet, Baumann, Hammann, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, Finn, Bach, Boyd, Lee, Weber, and Hollan.

This Meeting was called early, at 6:30 pm, for the purposes of the WCA Election of Officers for the April 2009 – April 2010 year.

Nominations for President-

1. MOTION by Lewis, SECOND by Kimmet, to nominate Brian Lee for President.
2. MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Kuhl, to nominate John Sess for President.
3. MOTION by Baumann, to nominate Jim McNulty for President, nomination was turned down by Jim McNulty. Nominations were closed.

Official vote: John Sess- 9 votes; Brian Lee- 6 votes. **John Sess was elected.**

Nominations for 1st Vice President-

1. MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Boyd, to nominate Brian Lee for Vice President.
2. MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Sess, to nominate Jim McNulty for Vice President.
3. MOTION by Lewis, to nominate Joel Kimmet for Vice President, nomination was turned down by Joel Kimmet. Nominations were closed.

Official vote: Brian Lee- 8 votes; Jim McNulty- 7 votes. **Brian Lee was elected.**

Nominations for 2nd Vice President-

1. MOTION by Boyd, SECOND by Sess, to nominate Jim McNulty for Vice President.
2. MOTION by Lewis, SECOND by McNulty, to nominate Joel Kimmet for Vice President. Nominations were closed.

Official vote: Jim McNulty- 11 votes; Joel Kimmet- 4 votes. **Jim McNulty was elected.**

Nominations for Secretary-

1. MOTION by Lee, SECOND by Baumann, to nominate Joel Kimmet for Secretary.
2. MOTION by Lewis, SECOND by Hammann, to nominate Kathy Bach for Secretary. Nominations were closed.

Official vote: Joel Kimmet- 7 votes; Kathy Bach- 8 votes. **Kathy Bach was elected.**

Nominations for Treasurer-

1. MOTION by Kimmet, SECOND by Boyd, to nominate Valerie Baumann for Treasurer

2. MOTION by Baumann, SECOND by Kuhl, to nominate Becky Weber for Treasurer.

Nominations were closed.

Official vote: Valerie Baumann- 12 votes; Becky Weber- 3 votes. **Valerie Baumann was elected.**

Nominations for Membership Secretary-

1. MOTION by Boyd, SECOND by Kuhl, to nominate Irene McNulty for Membership Secretary.

-- no other nominations were received--

President McNulty stated that since no other nominations were received, the Secretary could cast a unanimous ballot for **Irene McNulty to be elected.**

With no further business, Past-President McNulty declared the Elections portion of the Meeting Closed.

The General Membership Meeting proceeded to go forward at 7:00 pm.

**Westwood Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2009**

Meeting Called to Order by President McNulty at 7:00 pm. 15 Board Members present, 0 excused, 0 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Joel Kimmet.
Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Sess, Kimmet, Baumann, Hammann, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, Finn, Bach, Boyd, Lee, Weber, and Hollan.

Police Report:

Sgt. Hunley, from District 3, gave the Police Report which included handing out the crime stats for the month, and reported that 1 additional patrol car per shift has been added to the Dist. 3 and Westwood area to cover "hot spots". Short discussion on "hot-spots" to include Wal-Mart on Ferguson Rd., 2508 Harrison Ave., 2570 Talbott Ave., and May-Ridge Court Apartments.

Fire Report: (no report)

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Lee, to approve all previous Meeting Minutes from March, 2009. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Baumann. MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Kuhl, to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, 2009. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Public Forum:

Sharon Lewis reported that Duke Energy recently did work along Pickbury, Hanna, and Werk Roads, work that was contracted out to Miller Pipeline. The company has not started the work on restoration of the concrete sidewalks yet, despite several complaints by residents in that area. Kuhl stated that she will contact both companies, get an answer, and report back to the group.

Rick Boyd reported that the new American Flags look very good along Harrison Avenue.

The teacher from West High reported that her class has really enjoyed attending WCA meetings the past several months, they have learned a lot, and might be returning next school season.

Becky Weber reported that on 4/18/09, 5 big pots were installed at the old Beppo's lot. A clean-up crew consisting of residents & WCA board members were present and the project went well.

Jim McNulty reported that the Great American Cleanup is Sept. 12, 2009 at WTH.

Brian Lee reported that he purchased a Football and a Card to present Mr. Amos Robison, a gentleman who tackled a fleeing felon inside Hamilton County Common Pleas Court a few days ago. The story was on the news for over two days. The football and card was circulated thru the room for all Westwood residents to sign. MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Sess, to reimburse Brian Lee \$ 18.20 for the football and card purchase. Discussion. **Motion passes.**

Marlene Trapp - WTH- reported on the monthly WTH events, to include Movie Night every Friday night at 7:00 pm, which is ongoing. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with 114 kids attending the WTH event.

Mary Kuhl reported that St. Catherine's Festival is May 15, 16, 17 at Harvest Home Park. Wine donations are being accepted for the Wine Booth, please contact Mary Kuhl for information.

Neighborhood Boundaries:

McNulty reported that the city has notified WCA that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss formalizing our neighborhood boundaries. Sess and Kimmet are also interested in attending, and assisting with formalizing this important topic. More on this later, as scheduling is completed.

Introduction of Guests:

Mr. Kevin Berry from Councilman Berding's office was introduced and welcomed.

Citizen's On Patrol Report:

McNulty reported that our WCA COP Team recently assisted in apprehending a subject who was putting graffiti throughout the neighborhood, this past weekend. The suspect was seen at 1:00 am by our COP Team, and reported. The police came immediately and caught the suspect.

A report was made that our WCA COP Team needs voice-recorders to make their jobs easier.

There are currently 40 active members of the COP Team, who act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police as they patrol. The voice-recorders are \$75.00 each, and the COP Team would like to start with 4 of them at this time, and acquire more later in the year.

MOTION by Kimmet, SECOND by Weber, for WCA to spend up to \$300.00 to purchase 4 voice-recorders for our COP Team. Short Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Urban Farming Initiative:

Mr. Dan Oerther, Professor at UC, reported that in 2006, city council created the Urban Farming Initiative. He reported that he and his students have selected a site at 2291 Westwood Northern Blvd, a 1 1/4 acre site, which has been approved by the city, to create an urban farm. The UC students will be gathering on the site starting in May to create the urban garden. All residents in the area are encouraged to stop by, look at the site, and volunteers are needed.

Glen Crossing Bus Hub Proposal:

Nancy Core from Metro gave a report on the new Bus Hub proposal. Metro wants to come back to WCA for a meeting and further discuss the proposed Bus Hub at Glen Crossing. McNulty stated that the Park Crest layover is currently a problem. Metro wants to keep the Route 33 on Park Crest, while all the other routes will be changed to the Glen Crossing proposed Hub. Discussion by several members that the current roadway is not wide enough, and concerns exist about trash, loitering, crime potential, lighting and too many busses crowding the Glen Crossing area were all discussed at length. It seems that Metro has no other sites as an alternative.

MOTION by Lee, SECOND by Lewis, to support the METRO plans to add a new Bus Hub at Glenway Crossing. Discussion. **VOTE: 3- in favor, 11- opposed, 1 abstaining. Motion Fails.** Jim McNulty will write a letter to Metro and the City, to voice our opposition to this proposal.

Good-Guy Loitering Event:

Brian Lee reported that the next Good-Guy Loitering Event is planned for this Saturday, 4/25/09, from 8pm-11pm at the Quick Mart across from St. Catherine's Church. All welcome to attend!

Dist. 3 Resource Report:

Trent Lewis reported that at the Dist. 3 Resource meeting, 470 sexual offenders are reported to be living in Dist. 3. This is a staggering report, and is not acceptable.

McNulty reported that the Dist. 3 Resource Committee needs to start tracking and enforcing the City's Chronic Nuisance Violations and reports on a regular basis.

Report on New Committees for WCA:

Becky Weber has created a list of the new proposed WCA Committees. Short Discussion on the Committees and what each would be doing. Brian Lee suggested that WCA seek a professional person(s) who would be non-voting member(s), to sit on each committee for their knowledge and experience. Final decisions on Committees will be made at the May Steering Meeting.

Federal NSP Report:

McNulty reported that we have major problems with the Federal NSP Proposal as reported to WCA by the City. Originally, WCA and WestCURC joined forces, and submitted a joint Westwood Proposal for the Federal NSP which was to include \$599,000 in rehab; and \$800,000 for demolition for properties targeted in Westwood. Now, the proposal has been changed by the City to: \$345,000 in rehab, and \$184,000 for demolition, and \$70,000 for other projects within the plan. WCA is not pleased with the way the amounts have been "flipped". Recently, a letter was sent to Mr. Herman Bowling from WCA stating that we were not happy with the new proposed amounts. A reply from Herman Bowling stated that no community has been awarded Federal NSP money yet, and that the amounts were reduced to all communities, from what was listed in the original proposals. Much Discussion on the matter.

MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Kimmet, to go along with the WCA/ WestCURC plan for the Federal NSP, as revised by the City. Discussion. **Motion passes.**

Invest-In-Neighborhoods Merit Grant:

McNulty reported that \$2,000.00 is available this year in the 2009 IIN Merit Grant Application. A Discussion was made as to what areas or projects needed help for immediate Neighborhood Improvement. Our two new projects for 2009 include the Westwood Community Gardens, and the "Westwood" Banner-Flags Fund-raising Project. Kimmet made the suggestion to apply for \$1000.00 for each new project. MOTION by Kuhl, SECOND by Gweyn, to apply for the IIN Merit Grant, for \$1000.00 for each of the two new projects. Discussion. **Motion Passes.(15/0/0)**

Mt. Clair Ave. Flower Pot Project:

MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Kuhl, to spend up to \$125.00 to replace the Mt. Clair Ave. flower pot. Short Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Discussion on Business District Grants: will be continued to the May Steering Meeting.

With no further Business to report, Meeting was Ajourned by President McNulty at 9:00 pm.