

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 8/18/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. Board Members present, excused, and absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

Present: Sess, Lee, Bach, Baumann, Boyd, Gweyn, Finn, Hollan, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, McNulty, and Weber. Excused: Hammann and Kimmert .

MOTION by McConn **SECOND** by Kuhl to approve July Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

Public Forum:

A Montana resident complained about high rate of accidents on Montana and lack of police presence to prevent these accidents. Sess suggests getting permission from property owners to allow police to sit on their property to catch speeders. Kuhl suggests speaking to Capt. Gerard at Cincinnati Police District 3 (CPD3). Tomorrow Officer Richard Minella will put in a request for a "speed wagon" to target speeders.

A resident reports there have been groups of people hanging out at the Exxon station on Glenmore Avenue harassing people. Officer Minella will look into this matter and report his findings to WCA.

Rick Ketterer, WCA Liquor Czar, reports he spoke to Officer Simpson of CPD3 regarding liquor permits, and will have more information later.

Lee reports there is an upcoming Good Guy Loitering on Saturday, 8/22 from 8-11 p.m., at Harrison and Grasselli Avenues.

McNulty reports Westwood Concern's new website is overhauled and looks great. He also stated that WCA website is looking nice and thanked Lee for keeping it updated.

Committee reports:

Safety Committee—Weber reports she spoke with Officer Terry Larkin of CPD3 regarding Chronic Nuisance reports. Sergeant Sal Tufano could not attend the meeting due to a training course conflict. CPD has sent out many Chronic Nuisance Ordinance letters, but seem to lack a plan of action and follow-through.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Weber reports they are working on the flag contest and hope to have them by Spring 2010.

Weber is in discussion with Kroger regarding donations for future grill out.

Candidates Night—Kuhl reports she is working out the details for a confirmed date for the Candidates Night with Mother of Mercy High School.

Ideas for leftover newsletters—each Board member take 5 and pass out to friends or neighbors with a personal invitation to attend a meeting.

MOTION by Weber, **SECOND** by Kuhl to expand our newsletters to local businesses. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

MOTION by Weber, **SECOND** by Lee to spend up to \$110 on postcard mailing inviting previous members to rejoin WCA. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Weber requests Lee send out reminders via e-mail regarding upcoming meetings.

Kuhl reports there is a canoe trip Sunday, 8/30 at 1 p.m. at Whitewater Canoe Rental.

Finance Committee—Baumann presents the Expense report:

Revenue=\$1,115

Expenses=\$818.68

Checking=\$14,879.45

Savings=\$3,931.06

CD=\$5,000

New Business—

Public hearing at 9:00 A.M. on August 28, 2009 (blighted buildings) 2186 Harrison is on the agenda for this hearing.

Insurance rider for art show—Sess met with Nyemah Stark, Community Development Analyst with the City of Cincinnati. Ms. Stark reports we will need a \$500 insurance rider for the Art Show, scheduled for 10/3. Sess requests we investigate other insurance quotes before making a decision. Discussion. Sess will contact different insurance companies as well as Joe Henke for more information.

Sess met with Markiea Gore of the City of Cincinnati regarding NSP funds..

\$258,432.00 dedicated for demolition (WCA)

\$270,000.00 dedicated for purchase and rehab (WESTCURC)

\$70,000.00 dedicated to down payment assistance (WESTCURC)

No NSP funds have been spent thus far.

Ms. Gore is also preparing a letter to WCA outlining this information. She will attend the WCA Steering Meeting in September to answer questions.

Congregate housing—Gweyn reports she attended a meeting regarding congregare housing. Zoning codes would not apply to congregare housing. Tim Burke applied for zoning approval for a proposed "wet house" or "transitional housing" on Odeon Street. Discussion.

MOTION by Gweyn, **SECOND** by McConn to write a letter to Cincinnati City Council in support of deleting section 1401-01-c16 pertaining to the zoning change of congregare housing.

Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Police & fire reports

Fire report—Firefighter from Engine 35 reports there have been 2,400 runs so far this year. October is Fire Prevention Month. Firefighters will be out the next two weeks in support of the "Fill the Boot" campaign which supports Muscular Dystrophy.

Police report—Officer Minella from District 3, CPD3 reports on crime statistics for District 3. He will request a "speed wagon" for Montana Avenue.

Kuhl requests the detailed spreadsheet of crime statistics again. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Gweyn to write a letter to Chief Streicher requesting detailed crime statistics in spreadsheet formats. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Other Business:

Update on fence at 2841 Harrison. Discussion.

Sess is meeting with a representative of the casino effort on Friday, 8/21 at 10 am at Panera Bread - Glenway Crossing at 5555 Glenway Avenue. All are welcome to attend.

Christopher Rose from Rookwood Pottery will attend the WCA General Membership Meeting on September 15th, which will be in the Westwood Town Hall's auditorium.

Valerie Daley, Department of City Planning and Buildings, City of Cincinnati—The City of Cincinnati is in the process of developing a new Comprehensive Plan, titled "Plan Cincinnati." Presentation. Invitation to upcoming meetings:

- Corryville Recreation Center—9/30, 6-8 p.m.
- Price Hill Recreation Center—10/5, 6-8 p.m.
- College Hill Recreation Center—10/15, 6-8 p.m.
- Madisonville Recreation Center—10/22, 6-8 p.m.

Questions and discussion. Ms. Daley requests participation in the Comprehensive Plan.

Harvest Home Parade—Sess reports he will be out of town for the Harvest Home Parade on 9/10/09. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please e-mail info@westwoodcivic.org. More details will follow and be available at www.westwoodcivic.org.

MOTION by McNulty, **SECOND** by Kuhl to make a budget for Promotions and Membership Committee to spend up to \$25 for supplies for the Harvest Home Parade. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

CPA for 501-(c) (4).—Baumann received a phone call from a CPA regarding our WCA status as a 501-(c) (4).

McNulty requests information regarding land-banking for organizations such as 501-(c) (4).

State Representative Denise Driehaus reports on legislation which would make the sentences for assaults on Citizens on Patrol stricter. Ms. Driehaus reports she is trying to address some of the problems with current local liquor permits and how the hearings are presently being held. She is requesting of her colleagues to simplify the number of steps taken to object local liquor licenses at the local level such as City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County). Additionally at the local level, this should be the final step and the State should not be able to override this decision. Questions and discussion.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Boyd by 8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting
9/8/09 at 7pm
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