

Westwood Civic Association Agenda
Steering Meeting 8/11/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 13 Board Members present, 2 excused. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

Present: Sess, Lee, Bach, Baumann, Boyd, Gweyn, Finn, Hollan, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, McNulty, Weber. Excused: Hammann, Kimmet (per President Sess)

Guest: Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development

Committee reports:

School Enhancement Committee—Hollan reports he is trying to get in touch with Westwood School regarding LSDMC

Safety Committee—Lee reports there is an upcoming Good Guy Loitering on Saturday, 8/22, at Harrison and Grasselli Avenues.

Lewis reports that National Night Out on 08/4 was a success. Thank you to all volunteers and participants.

Weber is meeting with Sgt. Sal Tufano of CPD3 on Tuesday regarding Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

Infrastructure Committee—Gweyn reports new flower pots are out. She will submit receipts for the dirt. Kuhl would like pots to be consistent in their look. Discussion.

MOTION by Kuhl **SECOND** by Lee to write letters to each business requesting the business owners take care of the pots in front of their business. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Sess reports there is a big sign on Glenmore Avenue between Hanna Avenue and Werk Road sticking out in the sidewalk, which is a safety hazard.

Yard of the Month Committee—Discussion. We would like to have the winners listed in the newsletter. Concerns regarding deadline. Finn volunteered to make sure Weber has the winners prior to the deadline of the monthly newsletter, which is first of every month.

Discussion concerning boundaries of Westwood.

Scott Ryan reports he is responsible for enforcing zoning code calls to 591-6000. He will investigate congregate housing codes. Call Scott Ryan at 615-5550 (cellular) or e-mail at scott.ryan@cincinnati-oh.gov. Mr. Ryan's cell phone number is for emergencies between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Ryan will try to attend all monthly WCA Steering Meetings held on Second Tuesday of the month.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Kuhl gave a report about Candidate's Night. She is in discussions with Mark Armstrong from Price Hill Civic Club. Possible dates are October 22nd or October 29th. The committee will have to check with Mother of Mercy High School at 3036 Werk Road in Westwood to see if their auditorium is open. She will ask about the student body participating as they did two years ago.

Weber is contacting Kroger regarding donations for WCA grill outs.

Buildings Committee—McNulty reports 2570 Harrison is in disrepair. Kimmet is working with Attorney General's Office re: Phillip Yearly's building. Discussion concerning the car lot at Harrison and Montclair regarding sales of CDs and purses.

Scott Ryan reports the State cannot prove the lot was vacant for over a year, therefore the people operating on this lot are able to use it. We must document that it has been vacant for over a year. Kuhl suggests investigating the utility bills.

Fence at 2841 Harrison. Discussion.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports the committee met on 7/28 to discuss goals. They are planning some restoration workshops with the Cincinnati Preservation Association to be held at the Westwood Library this Fall/Winter. Possible topics include repairing and improving efficiency of wood window, paint issues (including lead), and other restoration topics. After the workshops the committee will work on assembling resources for homeowners who wish to renovate their homes in historically sensitive ways. We will have print materials available at the Library and through the Westwood Historical Society and we hope to have access to these materials online through the WCA's website.

Rookwood will attend the September 15th meeting regarding Preservation. We should promote the Rookwood presentation for our membership.

Outreach Committee—McNulty has volunteered to be Chairman of this committee. We will have an e-mail meeting on Thursday.

Finance Committee—Baumann reports PrintWorks is raising prices by \$10/month. Weber reminds us to use Tax ID # when purchasing items for WCA so we are able to get the discount. Most businesses request a copy of the letter.

Business District Committee—Sess has the flags that came down in the windstorm. Needs brackets to mount them.

New Business—

Queen City Market—liquor license renewal discussion.

MOTION by Sess **SECOND** by Kuhl to UNTABLE the MOTION from July 7 to reject the offer of Queen City Market's advertising. Discussion. ORIGINAL **MOTION** was defeated.

Kate Hawkins, from Hamilton County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, has requested to speak at the West Wood Civic Association meeting about the levy that will be on Hamilton County's November 3rd ballot. We will allow her 5 minutes at the October General Membership meeting.

You52 Challenge (neighborhood video)—Sess asks for 5 volunteers to work on this.

Issues on Harrison Avenue/ Talbott/ Robert Avenues—e-mail from Al Taylor is responding to these issues.

Insurance policy for neighborhoods—we have the Art Show covered under NSP.

Art Show update from Amanda Carlisle:

Barb Cain from the Park Board confirmed the park fees would be waived for WCA.

WCA is a 501c3, but a certificate of liability is required for all events and must include general liability in the amount of \$1-million as well as a liquor liability in order to sell alcohol. The certificate of liability must also list the City of Cincinnati (and Cincinnati Parks and CRC) as "additionally insured." The cost of a one-day liquor permit is \$60 for 501c3. There will also be a need to hire one officer for the event @ \$140. John Sess will complete and sign the F-6 permit. Amanda would like to know if WCA would be interested in setting up a booth to sell non-alcoholic drinks, snacks, etc. It would be nice to have a means for Westwood Civic to generate revenue; plus, it is necessary to offer non-alcoholic drinks where alcoholic drinks are being served.

The next challenge is finding food vendors who have their mobile license or are ok with paying \$135 for a temporary license. Lewis recommends the Snow Cone vendor who was at National Night Out.

Amanda estimates artist participation fees to total \$450, so subtracting the \$140 for the officer, the alcohol permit fee of \$60 and \$200 for musicians (ideally 2 musical acts and be able to compensate them each \$100 for 2.5 hours), this leaves \$50 to work with for any insurance costs involved.

WCA could allot a certain budget for the NSP. This is covered between NSP and general funds. We need to take care of getting the liquor permit and the extra insurance. John Sess will add an alcohol rider for 10/3.

WCA is in the Harvest Home Parade on 9/10/09.

Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United, Inc. (dues for NBD project?) McConn took care of this.

Invest in Neighborhood's Candidates forum will be at 7 pm Wednesday, Sept. 30 at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. We are not participating.

Other Business:

Boyd reports early planning on the "Graveyard Ride," a bicycle tour of Westwood/Cheviot's graveyards.

McNulty reports the Talbert House is taking over a shelter in Mt. Airy. We will invite them to speak at a future meeting.

Westwood secession will be on September steering meeting agenda.

With no further business, **MOTION to Adjourn** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Gweyn at 9:10 pm.

**Next Meeting: WCA General Membership, 8/18/09 at 7pm
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