

**WCA General Meeting  
August 17, 2010  
7:00 P.M.  
Westwood Town Hall**

Attendance

*Present:* Baumann, Gweyn, Kuhl, Lee, Lewis, McConn, McNulty, Neeld, Sess, Weber

*Excused:* Kimmet

*Unexcused:* Bach, Boyd, Henke, Hollan

Steve Black

Mr. Black is a candidate for Domestic Relations Court Judge. He is an east-side native, lawyer and is on a county-wide campaign. He is a former Indian Hill City Council member and former Mayor of Indian Hill. Kuhl asked if he was related to Helen Black of the Greenacres Foundation. He responded that he is the son of Helen Black. Several asked if he might be of assistance with the Gamble House issue. He will speak to his mother about the issue.

Cincinnati Fire Department

Firefighter Holdren reported on activity at Engine Company 35. He discussed the possibility of a new firehouse on Harrison Ave and noted that he would rather stay at the current location. There were 550 hydrant maintenances since the last report in July. There were 350 building inspections since the last report in July. Free smoke detectors are given away at all times at the fire house. There were 336 runs in July – 300 medical, 24 non-fire, 15 fire. There have been 213 runs in August so far.

Cincinnati Police Department

Capt Neville, Lt Bauer, and Officers Minella and Thompson were in attendance. Officer Minella provide crime statistics and burglary prevention tip handouts. He reported on the arrest of a purse snatching suspect who was armed. The items were recovered. Weber asked about the wall between Walmart and Four Towers. Sharon Lewis asked about deploying non-uniform officers. Sess asked if Officer Minella would report back about the Walmart wall and what could be done. Lieutenant Debbie Bauer discussed the Community Improvement Program where the CPD wants to provide more focus and be more pro-active. She noted that they are always, however, governed by the radio. She discussed a survey for the officers and a survey for the residents – regarding crime and the quality of life. Capt Neville mentioned that his officers are receptive to the plan and that they need to balance calls for service with interaction in the community. Staffing is published on the WCA website. He noted that the survey will yield top priority concerns to be used for deploying resources. Capt Neville discussed the “second piece of the puzzle” – the Repeat Offender Program. They will identify top repeat offenders and visit them and offer them resources. Kuhl asked how to get a probation officer assigned to our neighborhood. Lt. Bauer will provide a name

and number. Weber suggested that the Repeat Offender Program is redundant to CIRV. Sess asked about having a police sub-station in Westwood. Capt Neville thinks it would help. Officer Minella reported that there were already three: Aspen Village, in front of Target, and on Ferncrest Ct. Officer Thompson reported that beat officers are taking a personal interest in the program. The Glenmore Business District is his project along with Beppos and Stathem Apts. Officer Thompson noted that loitering is down at Domino's and UDF. A UDF representative is looking into having the pay phone removed. Officer Thompson mentioned the drup paraphernalia at the Glenmore discount store and suggested that we write a letter stating that this doesn't meet community standards. Regarding the card table vendor at the all-in-one store (old Beppos), Officer Thompson noted that the operator was from the Ivory Coast and had an ID from Alaska. He was operating out of a van and was selling CDs and pornography. His van was towed and his inventory was destroyed. There was an incident on Fischer Place near Harrison Ave in front of a daycare facility. A fight turned into a shooting. The may bring undercover drug units. At Parkcrest Ln. and Schwartze Ave. the dumpsters were set on fire. There is graffiti that looks "gangish". McNulty mentioned the "Good Neighbor List" (i.e. don't sell the items on this list) that we could submit to business owners. There is a high turnover of ownership. Lewis asked about the home invasion at 3100 Boudinot Ave. to which Officer Thomspson was unable to comment. Gweyn mentioned the "list of rules" at the Cruise Thru.

#### UDF

Mike Mitchell and Tammy ? from UDF attended. Mr. Mitchell stated that they will start documenting trespassers and pursue charges. Sess asked about an incident that involved Janet Sess and gambling in the parking lot which got little response from UDF employees.

#### Art Show

The Art Show is Sept 18. There will be 50 artists in attendance. Henke Winery is providing a Wine Tasting.

A member commented on removal of the problem dumpster at the rehab on Hanna Ave.

#### Gertrude Dixon

Ms. Dixon left forms for reporting blight. Lee commented that the form is available on the website as well.

#### Liz Kissel

Liz reported that the next meeting of the Westwood Historical Society in Sept 8 at 7:00 at the Presbyterian Church.

### McConn

Sr. Ann Rene handed out pre-stamped postcards addressed to Madcap's Board President urging the acquisition of the Bell Building and requested that we mail the as soon as possible.

### Sess

John mentioned that CPD Chief Streicher is retiring and that he sent email to potential replacement candidates.

### Marlene Trapp

Marlene mentioned that City cuts have affected the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and was not sure what will become of the programs at Westwood Town Hall.

### New Police Chief Meeting

It is being held Sept 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Greater Cincinnati Water Works on Spring Grove Ave.

### Lewis

Trent reported on the logistical issues at National Night Out – lack of shade, garbage, lack of air conditioning. He would like to create a plan for District 3 to alternate locations for NNO between Elder and Westwood Town Hall.

MOTION by Lewis for WCA to support the development of a plan for alternating NNO location

SECOND by McNulty

DISCUSSION – Kuhl suggested that we have a stand-alone NNO every year.

Sess mentioned that the District 3 resource committee sponsors a single event each year.

PASSED unanimously

Trent again presented his idea for logo-painted picnic tables for Westwood Town Hall grounds.

### McNulty

Jim reported that there is over \$500K of TIF money. Jim and Joel met with Markeia Gore. They want to tear down buildings on Bracken Woods Ln. and Shaffer Ave. Three buildings have already been torn down. They are stepping up blight enforcement. Jim reported on Sarvis Ct./2111 Harrison Ave. An inspector walk through stated that 2111 Harrison Ave. was in compliance. Joel visited the building, took pictures and documented the issues. Many new violations have since been added by the inspector. There is a building foreclosure hearing in November. That area is disputed territory – between South Fairmount and Westwood. The Westwood Strategic Plan states that we want to tear down these properties.

### Weber

Becky reminded that the General Membership picnic is Sept 21. Kroger is supplying the fried chicken and the pop.  
MOTION by Weber to fund up to \$50 for Neighborhood In Neighborhood event on Broadwell Ave  
SECOND by McConn  
DISCUSSION - Lewis asked how many more are we doing this year. Lee responded three more.  
PASSED unanimously

#### Kuhl

Mary reminded that Meet the Candidates is Thu, October 7 at Westwood Town Hall in the big room. Mary also reminded that the Northside Home Tour is Sun, October 3 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$18.

A suggestion by a member that kids could paint the picnic tables at the Art Show.

#### Lee

Brian reminded that a Good Guy Loitering event was being held at Hanna and Glenmore from 8:00 to 10:30 after the Hotdogs for Hanna event.  
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#### Baumann

Valerie noted that she spent \$12.57 for the Art Show flyers.  
MOTION by Sess to reimburse Valerie \$12.57 for the Art Show flyer expense  
SECOND by McNulty  
DISCUSSION – Lewis noted that we may be able to fund with NSP funds.  
PASSED unanimously

#### Neeld

Mitch recalled the Soapbox Derby check presentation event that he attended in Madisonville. The mayor was twenty minutes late. There was no media. There were no checks.

#### Sess

John mentioned that the Art Show yard signs are available. There is a NSP meeting on Aug 26 at 6:00. Lewis, Kimmert and Sess will attend. Mike Allen is representing Downtown Properties in their suit against the City regarding the chronic nuisance ordinance. We have spent \$4M of the taxpayer's money funding CIRV and can't get information from it. Mike Allen would like to help us.

#### Irene McNulty

Irene noted that Cincinnati Public Schools needs to start mowing the grass at the Westwood School.

MOTION by Neeld to reimburse Donnie White entry fees for his Soapbox Derby cars in the Madisonville derby this weekend

SECOND by Kuhl

DISCUSSION – The reimbursement was requested to Mitch by Donnie White. Mitch told Donnie he would bring it up at the next meeting. His entry fee for the Cincinnati Soapbox Derby and our car was funded by WCA due only to potential prize monies of Mayor's Cup. We are stewards of WCA money.

FAILED unanimously

MOTION by Kuhl to adjourn

SECOND by Lewis

DISCUSSION none

PASSED unanimously