

## MINUTES OF WESTLAKE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of: February 27, 2006

Attendance: Present: Garn Anderson, Judy Friedman, Jayne Hoon, Troy Miller, Lee Field-Starks, Jean Seasholtz, Kathleen Stock, Christie Wiedt, Eddie Williams, Dr. Costanza, Renee Wargo, Tom Mays

Excused Absences: Sherman Bishop, John Doucette, Carrie Tate, Linda Wade, Dan Walsh

Other Absences: Andy Call, Marcia Columbro, Kevin Kanareff

1. **Call to order:** 7:40 PM in the Dover Room, BOE Building
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved: Christie Wiedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garn Anderson
3. **Minutes of January meeting:** Approved: Garn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christie Wiedt
4. **Board of Education:** No report
5. **Superintendent's Report:** Levy campaign is very active. 2 meetings are planned for the public, 3 mailings, car signs (referred to as Clings), yard signs, 9+9 Campaign: contacts with favorable voters and reminder calls just prior to election
6. **Project reports:**
  - a. **Performing Arts Center**

Continuing with SWOT analysis. Plan to meet again in 2 weeks  
Met with facilities manager  
Met with Jud Spitzer and others who could give helpful advice  
Drama club and teachers involved with the arts to provide feedback.
  - b. **High School Perceptions**

Met with principal Scheckelhoff, 2 assistant principals, Kathy McGinty, and Scott Forecamp  
Tried to look at the appearance aspect of perceptions of the high school: maintenance issues, particularly rest rooms  
Improvements to maintenance and to physical plant may not be feasible at this time of tight budgets  
Principals feel that the smoking problem has improved but smoking in the building is still a problem. One aspect is uncooperative parents of some smokers  
Also, smoking is not the only problem to be considered
  - c. **Partnership with the Business Community**

Businesses have been found that are willing to take student interns  
Need to get more detail on how internships are presently handled and supervised  
Need for a central person or dept. to have responsibility for all such Programs  
Will continue looking for organizations that will mentor students or provide internships

Intend to continue collecting information on what is presently done  
Will meet in mid-March prior to next CAC meeting

**d. Community Cost of a Failed Levy**

They presented their preliminary report. They intend to present final report next month as they are still gathering data on the financial implications of a failed levy such as effect on housing prices  
Committee has made an extensive study beyond type done previously to attempt to relate financial issues such as effect on the community in terms of home values, future of the graduates, and ability to attract new residents and businesses

They have interviewed educational and other sources

They have identified several similar districts in Ohio and have focused their analysis on these

One additional difficulty facing districts today is the cost of unfunded or underfunded mandates. They specifically address the cost of “No Child Left Behind”.

Their analysis of Westlake’s expenditures and revenues indicate an efficient management structure

7. **Unfinished Business:** None
8. **New Business:** None. Reminder to bring calendars to March meeting as April meeting may need to be rescheduled from April 17th
9. **Adjournment:** 9:20 PM by Vice Chair: Lee Field-Starks. Next meeting date: March 20, 2006