

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 285**

**Nicki Dwyer**

**WHEREAS**, the Polk Award is presented to the individual resident that has consistently provided value added contributions to the enhancement of the Central West End community; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim and Nicki moved to an apartment at 4618 McPherson after they were married in 1967. That's when the CWE was known as the "wild west" and it certainly lived up to its reputation; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicki's community involvement began in those early years when she discovered that the Parks Department was offering to plant sidewalk trees for \$10 each. She collected enough money for 7 trees from the neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim and Nicki renovated a house on Lenox Place where they raised three children. When their youngest was four she sold advertising for a wonderful group of women who started the West End Word. That morphed into writing a column about neighborhood shops and restaurants, and later a cooking column; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past eight years Nicki has been managing the Pierce Arrow Building on Washington as well as a couple of small buildings at the corner of Euclid and Washington. She also volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels for Trinity Church once a week; and

**WHEREAS**, when Nicki moved to Maryland Plaza she realized that many of her neighbors were new to the CWE and she became the "go to" person for questions about where to find activities, community involvement projects, contacts, etc. So Nicki decided to turn her wealth of Central West End information into a blog. That was two years and 500 plus posts ago. Her hard work, passion, and dedication to the neighborhood can be referenced at her web-site <http://nickidwyer.typepad.com/>; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicki is truly one of the icons that have contributed immensely to the growth and development of the CWE neighborhood.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Nicki Dwyer on receiving the Central West End Association Polk Award and thank her for her many contributions to the City of Saint Louis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of January, 2012 by:

**Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward**

Adopted this the 6th day of January, 2012 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen