



EPHIA Newsletter

EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting – June 15, 2009, Draft for Approval

Call to Order - President Michael Wigle opened the meeting at 7:35 pm at the Elberon United Methodist Church with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call:

President	Michael Wigle	X	Director	John Lauck	X
Vice President	Patti Hogan	X	Director	John Schlagetter	Exc.
Record. Secty.	Tom Croft	X	Director	Jim Turner	X
Corresp. Secty.	Tom Gamel	Exc.	Director	John Wall	X
Treasurer	John Ridder	X	Trustee	Ted Bird, Jr.	X
Mbrshp. Offcr.	Ginger Boller	X	Trustee	Ken Rothman	X
Director	Frank Hollister	X	Trustee	Blanche Underwood	X
Director	Steve Klatte	X			

A quorum was established.

Minutes - Minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by D. Busch/M. Prescott.

Treasurer's Report – John Ridder submitted the report as of May 15, 2009:

Beginning Balance	\$ 15,227.06
Memberships	20.00
Interest	17.12
Other Income	100.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 15,426.18
Less Expenses	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,326.18

Membership Report – Ginger Boller reported three new members and two renewals for May.

Correspondence – Tom Gamel was excused, so no report was provided.

Other Reports

- Fire Dept. – Patti Hogan reported on EMS, fire, and non-fire runs of engine and ladder companies #17. Lt. Herth said "Safe Summer Nights" program, which included door to door checks for smoke detectors, and, in the past, free smoke detectors, has been suspended due to lack of funds. New funding is being sought.
- Police Dept. – PO Rick Smith of the Dist. 3 Neighborhood Unit reviewed District 3 and EPH crime stats. These are available on line at www.cincinnati-oh.gov in CPD references. He noted that theft from autos remains a major issue. Situation involving the Griffiths at 908 Wells has been referred to the Vice unit. See flyers for 6/22 "Crime Prevention 101" seminar.
- Citizens on Patrol – Ken Rothman noted the 6/16 celebration of the 10th anniversary of COP, which EPHIA has supported since inception.
- Problem Properties – Dan Boller reported that demo permit has been issued for 1009 Underwood. 619 Hawthorne has been sold despite public nuisance status. 1036 Purcell public nuisance hearing was 6/12; we submitted a letter supporting nuisance declaration. Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for non-permitted use by Complete Auto Care and All American Towing at 505 Elberon has not been set. Agreement language has not been corrected. The matter should be rescheduled soon. Santa Maria is working on the tall weeds and litter problem at the vacant lot at 30 Price. 1131 Grand and 962 Wells have public nuisance hearings 6/26. Anyone familiar is welcome to send a letter; otherwise, the committee will research and make a recommendation at the hearing. Finally, Dan asked patience regarding tree debris at 733 Grand; this came from 731 grand, and he will call the City to see what can be done. In response to a question, Dan will check into abandoned mattresses in the area of Queens Tower.
- Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte said that Community Development appears overwhelmed by administration of NSP and NBD programs. Reimbursement takes 8 weeks.
- Neighborhood Business District Support Program - Tom Croft said that Warsaw planters are 2/3 planted, led by Mary

Croft. Wayne and Melisa Densford are taking care of the gateway at Glenway & Warsaw. We still need a leader for Warsaw & Wilder gateway.

Old Business

Merit Grant – Our application for a \$2,000 grant was not approved. There were \$38,000 of applications and only \$13,000 available, which made the process very competitive.

Queensgate Barge Terminal - Tom Croft said that Queensgate Terminals is now negotiating with the City Law Department. Whatever proposal comes out will require approval by the Planning Commission, and then to City Council. A 2/3 vote of Council is needed to reverse the Planning Commission. City Council will soon be in summer recess, though there is a chance this could come up at the one mid-summer meeting. We need to keep sending letters and emails to Council members and other officials, making calls, etc. See the flyers in the back. Go to the website at www.westsidesummit.com for much more info and an easy way to express your views.

Kroger Streetscaping - Mary Croft said that additional funds from Ohio Department of Transportation will provide additional improvements in the St. Lawrence vicinity. New lighting there will need approval of the owner of the large building at the corner of Warsaw & Enright.

New Business

McPherson & West 8th - Rita Knox said that this intersection needs to be “brightened” for pedestrian safety, e.g., new safety striping and lighting. Interested members will send a letter to the City and follow up.

Habitat for Humanity at 2848 Claypole - Dan congratulated the Housing & Development Committee for opposing the Habitat for Humanity house at 2848 Claypole last year after much careful study. The project moved forward anyway, but now the house appears unoccupied and weeds are three feet high. CCU sponsored this house, and Michael Wigle will ask them about keeping the grass mowed.

EPHIA Elections Nominating Committee - Michael Wigle said that officers and one trustee are up for election in November. As President, he has selected Bob Pessler, Ken Rothman and Jim Turner to serve on the Nominating Committee. Four volunteers are needed to complete the committee. Jean Hollister, Kathy Reznik, John Lauck and Carolyn Lacey stepped forward.

EPHIA Newsletter - Please tell Ginger Boller if email is OK instead of USPS. We are spending unnecessarily for postage.

Announcements

- **EPHIA annual picnic is at Mt. Echo on July 20 at 6:30; food and fun. Board meets at 6:00.**
- Diana Vakharia, Price Hill Will reported on activities including the next “Concert on the Lawn” on 7/9 at St. William’s, featuring Magnolia Mountain. EPH Business Association meets 7/24 at Fast Eddie’s. See PHW schedule of events for more details.
- Jim Turner announced “Shakespeare in the Park” at Mt. Echo on 8/5, and “Movie Nite” 8/14.
- Mary Croft reminded that the first “Backyard Picnic” at Wilson Commons will be at 6:00 on 6/25. Grills, hot dogs and music will be provided. Bring a chair and a side dish to share if you wish.
- Mary Croft said that 125 volunteers from Lifespring Church did a huge amount of work this past weekend, clearing underbrush in Wilson Commons Park, cleaning up the Warsaw exit ramp onto Elberon, mulching on Warsaw, and painting the Urban Appalachian Council building. Mary/Ken Rothman moved that a letter expressing our thanks be sent, which was approved.
- Brad Beckett said Give Back Cincinnati painted 43 houses in Price Hill this past weekend. Brad/Don Busch moved that a letter of thanks be sent, which was approved.
- Patti Hogan announced the McPherson Street Party on Saturday 6/27, 10:30-3:00 at Van Vey, including a cookout, diabetes screening, garage sale, classic car cruise and more. See flyer.
- Mary Croft urged members to attend the City Planning Commission meeting Friday 7/10. The Scenic View Corridor Ordinance will be on the agenda. This ordinance will help protect the public view from Mt.Echo and River Road. We need to let our officials know that we care.
- Pickett Slater-Herring of the Community Building Institute asked that EPHIA members and others complete a survey by the Strive Community Forum on Education. Input from the survey will assist them in achieving their mission of education of children from birth to career.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn by Ken Rothman/Blanche Underwood was approved at 8:45 pm.

Minutes - Minutes of this meeting submitted by Tom Croft, Secretary.

News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 6, 2009

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Elberon Avenue Rockfall Protection Project

As part of the City of Cincinnati's ongoing efforts to invest in the neighborhood of Price Hill, crews from the Schumacher Dugan Construction Company will begin July 6 on construction of a rockfall protection wall on Elberon Avenue at the bend between Mt. Hope Avenue and Purcell Avenue. The company is scheduled to finish the project by October 10, 2009. The project will include the construction of a free-standing precast modular wall on the north side of the street and resurfacing of the asphalt pavement in front of the new wall.

The contractor will maintain traffic on Elberon Avenue, but will restrict westbound (uphill traffic) to one lane between Mt. Hope Avenue and Purcell Avenue for the duration of the project. Motorists are urged to use caution when travelling through the construction area.

Visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote, for information about the Department of Transportation and Engineering.

EPHIA election of Officers:

The Annual Meeting for election of Officers shall be held in November. A plurality vote of all votes cast shall be necessary for election to each office. Installation of the newly elected officers, Directors, and Trustees shall take place on election night immediately after the announcement of the official results of the election.

The Term Of Office for all officers and directors shall be 2 years. To provide for continuity in the organization, the terms of officers, directors, and trustees shall be staggered so that all Officers are elected in odd numbered years, all Directors in even numbered years and Trustees as their terms expire.

The term of office of the three Trustees shall be five years.

Voting eligibility:

- New residential members become voting members at the second and all subsequent meetings they attend during the term of their membership.
- No member shall be eligible to vote at the annual November election who has not been a member of the association on or before the date of the September regular membership meeting.

Cincinnati Police Department announces second Citizens on Patrol Unit

Effective June 23, 2009 the Cincinnati Police Department announced a second Citizens on Patrol unit to patrol West Price Hill. Anyone interested in joining can contact Patti Hogan via phone at 513-251-8538, email at pm_hogan@fuse.net or visit the city's website for an application at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/pages/-9496/

Coming Events Mark you calendars

Shakespeare in the Park

Provided by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

Romeo & Juliet

Mt. Echo Park (Pavilion), Wednesday, August 5th, 2009

Performance begins at 7:00 pm



Nature Next Door @ Dempsey Park

Free Summer fun, games stories, crafts, and nature talks right here in East Price Hill

9:30am - 2:30pm July 21 -- "Slippery and Scaly" ... Check out local reptiles and amphibians

9:30am - 2:30pm July 28 -- "Animal Adventures" ... Test your knowlege of animals and their habits

9:30am - 2:30pm August 4 -- "Habitat is Where it's At..." Every critter has special adaptations to live.

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County – Price Hill Branch

2pm July 22 -- Worm knowledge... Discover the world of worms. Ages 5 - 12

2pm August 5 – vWii for Tweens Ages 8 - 12

EPHIA's Annual Summer Picnic

EPHIA annual picnic is at **Mt. Echo** on **July 20** at **6:30**; food and fun

Thanks to Heather Wigle for her planning efforts

You can also visit www.ephia.org for news and a calendar of coming events



Annual EPHIA picnic: 6:30pm July 20th Mt Echo Park Free to members \$5 non-members

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We encourage you to join the East Price Hill Improvement Association for \$5.00 per year. By applying, you agree to abide by the EPHIA constitution in all actions relating to membership. You also certify that you are eighteen years of age or older. Please complete the form and mail it (or bring it to a meeting) along with your dues to EPHIA, PO Box 5420, Cincinnati, OH 45205.

I Want to Join EPHIA

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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