



EPHIA Newsletter

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Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 18, 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	X
Record. Secty.	Tom Croft	X	Director	Jim Turner	Exc.
Corresp. Secty.	Tom Gamel	X	Director	John Wall	X
Treasurer	John Ridder	Exc.	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 April 20, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by F. Hollister/T. Gamel.

Treasurer's Report – In John Ridder's absence, Tom Croft submitted the report as of April 20, 2009:

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,901.63
Memberships	35.00
Interest	12.06
Other Income	4.29
SUBTOTAL	\$ 17,952.98
Less Expenses	2,725.92
TOTAL	\$ 15,227.06

Membership Report – Ginger Boller reported five new members in April, all of whom were present and introduced..

Correspondence – Tom Gamel reported the following:

- Letters 4/24 to City Buildings & Inspections requesting condemnation of 1028 and 1034 Considine, and 3422 W. 8th.
- Letter 5/12 from City Planning giving notice of public hearing on zoning amendments to create public view corridor overlay districts, 4:30 on 5/26 at 805 Central Parkway
- Letters 5/12 to thank Chambers Hautman American Legion Post and Elder for participation in flagpole dedication.
- Letter 5/13 from City Transportation & Engineering stating approval of traffic calming on Woodlawn between Basset and Price.

Other Reports

- Fire Dept. – Firefighter Doug Baker of Ladder Co. 17, reviewed April emergency responses, other runs and inspections. For "Safe Summer Nights" program, which includes door to door checks for smoke detectors, no free smoke detectors are available, only batteries.
- Police Dept. – PO Jennifer Dawson, our neighborhood officer, reviewed District 3 and EPH crime stats. She noted several recent felony arrests. "Crime Prevention 101" seminar will be at 6:30 on 6/22 at Elder Schaeper Center.
- Probation – Officer John Schwind reported on the completion of a major investigation that culminated in nine arrests last week; five arrestees were on probation. Question was asked about pit bull problems at 908 Wells. PO Dawson noted that while it is illegal to own a pit bull, enforcement is very difficult because of the lack of meaningful penalties. SPCA will intervene only in the case of alleged animal abuse.
- Court Watch and Citizens on Patrol – Ken Rothman had nothing to report.

- Housing & Development – Tom Gamel reported that the committee is still awaiting information on funding for Model Group's planned redevelopment of the large building at 3414 W. 8th (8th & Elberon) as senior housing. City Lights will soon break ground for the first phase of Incline Square.
- Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte reported that he has submitted the first reimbursement voucher 2009; the City now wants cancelled checks.
- Neighborhood Business District Support Program – Tom Croft reported that our application was approved for \$7,000, which is the reduced (from \$8,000) program amount. He said we need a leader for plantings at the Warsaw & Wilder gateway bed.
- Problem Properties – Dan Boller and Dan Frondorf reported. Public nuisance hearings were held for 907 McPherson and 3414 W. 8th; EPHIA did not respond. Dan Frondorf testified for EPHIA at 4/24 public nuisance hearings for 3422 W. 8th, 1028 and 1034 Considine, 1031-33 Sturm and 837 Elberon. All were all declared public nuisances except 1034 Considine, which hearing was continued to 5/27. Tim Lovelace, owner/resident of 839 Elberon said that the City will not demolish attached 837 Elberon, which has been declared a nuisance, because of cost of restoring his property or buying him out. The City is working with the owner of 837 Elberon.

Presentations

Amy Bannister, Hamilton County Public Library – Ms. Bannister discussed library funding cuts over many years in the face of strong demand for services. State revenue declines due to the recession will create a \$10 million 2010 funding gap. A 1 mill or less levy will likely be proposed for the November ballot.

Angie Strunc, City Department of Transportation & Engineering, Kroger Area Streetscaping – Phase 1 on the south side of Warsaw is substantially done in conjunction with the new Kroger store. Phase 2 is ready to go to bid; includes new sidewalks, brick pavers, tree wells, lighting, etc. for Warsaw just past St. Lawrence Church, the intersection at the light, and a little bit of St. Lawrence. This should be done early 2010. Funds available have been reduced to \$550,000 and are very tight. Planned improvements for the south side of St. Lawrence from the pedestrian crossing to Olive, the Post Office side of Enright, and pavers at St. Lawrence point have been eliminated.

Old Business

Merit Grant – Steve Klatte said that our application for a \$2,000 grant was submitted.

New Business

"No Parking" at 508 Grand – Dan Boller/John Wall moved that EPHIA send a letter in support of the Grand Avenue Block Club in their efforts to secure replacement of a "No Parking" sign at the sidewalk steps located at 508 Grand. After discussion of the history of replacement and removals of "No Parking" signs there, street geometry and a recent accident, motion was approved with all ayes except one nay and two abstentions.

Announcements

- Louise Anderson reported that Elberon UMC has been broken into six times in the past six weeks. Everything from musical instruments to food has been stolen. Please be on watch and provide any information that may help stop this.
- Patti Hogan said there will be a special Safety Walk at 6:30 on 5/21 around Holy Family, which area has had recent gun violence and other problems. Good Guy Loitering will meet on 5/22 at 7:30 at St. Lawrence Church.
- Matt Strauss of Price Hill Will said the Fifth Annual PH Home & Garden Fair will be on 5/30 at PH Rec Center, 10:00-1:00. The Art CAT has scheduled "Concerts on the Lawn" at Seton this summer, and Safety CAT is hosting street parties. The Price Hill Pacer 5K is on 6/6. See Price Hill Will schedule of events for more details.
- Mary Croft, Cincinnati Parks Advisory Committee representative for Wilson Commons Park, said 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 side dish to share if you wish.
- Patti Hogan thanked all who participated in the Great American Cleanup is on April 25. The event was a great success, with 290 volunteers from Prospect House, Holy Family and EPHIA.
- Ray Busche said a Neighborhood Watch has formed for Hawthorne between Philips and Bassett.

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

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

Thought for the month...

Laughter is the best exercise, the cheapest medicine, the cheapest vacation, the cheapest tonic, it stirs the blood, exercises the chest, stimulates the nerves, chases fear, prevents ulcers, cures the blues, relaxes strangers, wins friends and gives all a cleansing rehabilitation.

Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live. Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life "The person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed blessed." - Bennett Alfred Cerf

"Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects." - Arnold H. Glasgow

"An optimist laughs to forget, a pessimist forgets to laugh." "Beware of those who laugh at nothing or everything." - Arnold H Glasgow

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. *e. e. cummings*

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

Let the natural majesty of your park provide the backdrop for an evening of classic theatre! Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and National City present the second annual Shakespeare in the Park summer tour. Each performance will transform your local park into an imaginative wonderland that captivates and delights audiences of all ages with the beautiful language of Shakespeare. So, pack a picnic and bring your appetite for great professional theatre as CSC comes to a park in your neighborhood!



Everybody's Backyard Picnics

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Balloon Artist, Face Painter, Magician, Police K-9, Nature Education Activities, Free Hot Dogs while they last and Live Entertainment

Rapid Run Park: June 18th

Wilson Commons: June 25th

Nature Next Door @ Dempsey Park

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

9:30am - 2:30pm June 16 -- "Cincinnati the Beautiful" ... How can you keep it clean?

9:30am - 2:30pm June 23 -- "Water Wonderful" ... Learn cool stuff and get wet too!

9:30am - 2:30pm June 30 -- "Incredible Insects" ... Wow! The largest animal group in the world.

McPherson Street Party

Saturday, June 27, 2009 10:30AM to 3:00PM

Presented by: Price Hill Will Safety Community Action Team, the East Price Hill Business Association, Mercy Hospital Western Hills, Vineyard Westside, Bloc Ministries, and Lord's Gym

McPherson Avenue and Van Vey will be closed off for a variety of family-friendly activities including:

A cookout, diabetes and nutrition screenings, a free garage sale, a classic car cruise in, pump off -weight lifting competition, games and much more

The purpose of the event is to promote a sense of community, make our neighborhood safe, welcoming and pedestrian friendly, and highlight businesses proudly serving Price Hill.

EPHIA's Annual Summer Picnic

More details available at the June meeting and July's newsletter. Please stay tuned.

Next EPHIA General membership meeting: 7:30pm June 15th at Elberon Methodist Church

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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.

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