

EPHIA Newsletter

EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 19, 2009, Draft for Approval

Call to Order - President Michael Wigle opened the meeting at 7:33 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	X
Corresp. Secty.	Tom Gamel	X	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			

Treasurer's Report

John Ridder submitted the report as of September 21, 2009:

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,280.71
Memberships	15.00
Interest	156.05
Other Income	<u>3,039.77</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 14,491.53
Less Expenses	<u>2,848.46</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,643.07

A quorum was established.

Membership Report – Ginger Boller reported two new members and seven renewals for September. Michael Wigle reminded new members that their \$5 annual dues must be paid by the end of this evenings meeting in order to vote in EPHIA's November elections.

Correspondence - Tom Gamel reviewed the most significant items on the correspondence log, including:

- City Community Development letter on results of public hearing on demolition of 1219 Purcell.
- Notice from City Planning about 11/4 Zoning Hearing for addition of a dwelling unit to a nonconforming 10-unit building in RMX district at 1026 Rapid Ave.
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful "Just Deserts" award ceremony at 6:00 pm 11/12. RSVP by 11/2.
- Notice postmarked 10/15 from Clerk of City Council of 11/9 public hearing by Economic Development Committee on zoning code text changes.

Other Reports

- Fire Dept. – Lt. Herth of Ladder Company #17 reported on fire, non-fire and EMS runs, and inspections by his unit and Engine Company #17.
- Police Dept. – PO Jennifer Dawson of the Dist. 3 Neighborhood Unit said no crime stats available due to a system glitch. Curfew sweeps and auto thefts have been focus, "lock it or lose it". Capt. Frye emphasized the need to "harden targets", and discussed special paint to discourage copper thefts. She said she would look into false alarm fees charged to Elberon UMC.
- Citizens on Patrol – Ken Rothman asked anyone interested to see him after the meeting.
- Price Hill Will Safety CAT – Tom Croft noted the award received by EPHIA at the Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) Awards Banquet on 10/17 for its participation in PHW Safety CAT projects including safety walks, block clubs, street parties, "good guy loitering", and adopt-a-class. Patti Hogan's leadership as chair of the Safety CAT, and total involvement in all of these activities has been the key to this success.
- Problem Properties – Dan Boller reported that demolition permits have been issued for 1009 Underwood, 934 Grand and 619 Hawthorne. 1036 Purcell has been declared a public nuisance. 951 Woodlawn's public nuisance hearing is scheduled for 10/30; anyone familiar may send a letter, or Dan will research. VBML fee waiver hearing for 801 Considine will be 11/4, which he would oppose on principle. Dan thanked H.A. Musser of Santa Maria and Bill Burwinkel for vacant lot vegetation and litter cleanups in the 3000 block of Price.

- Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte said EPHIA has just received over \$3,000 reimbursement for NSP spending. His budget proposal for 2010 is:

Beautification/Improvements	\$3,000
Membership/Communications	700
Thanksgiving Day Parade	1,250
Mt. Echo Concerts	550
Newsletter	750
Insurance	<u>500</u>
	\$6,750

Steve moved for approval and Tom Gamel seconded. The proposal was opened for discussion. Voting open to all EPH residents was announced; results were 48 yeas, unanimous.

- Neighborhood Business District Support Program – Tom Croft said remaining watering budget would be applied to bulb plantings and other gateway planting improvements.
- Nominating Committee – Michael Wigle reported nominations as follow:

President	John Schlagetter
Vice President	Tom Gamel and Don Busche
Recording Secretary	Tom Croft
Corresponding Secretary	Melissa Wegman
Treasurer	John Ridder
Membership Officer	Ginger Boller

Michael asked for nominations from the floor for each position; none were made. He said elections would be at the next meeting 11/16, polls open 6:30-8:00 pm. Board will meet at 6:00.

Old Business

Queensgate Barge Terminal – Tom Croft said the proposed settlement reported in the 10/15 Enquirer appears to be positive based on conversations with Roxanne Qualls and Greg Harris. The terminal location would be upriver, toward center City, on the Cincinnati Bulk Terminals site along Mehring Way between the Southern Bridge and Duke Power. There are some details not yet clear that could affect the outcome, but those in the community who have been closest to the issue are all enthusiastic. Additional information should come out in the next week or two.

Incline Square – Don Busch asked about the development’s prospects considering legal difficulties some City Lights principals are having with a Kentucky project. Tom Gamel said he will be meeting with them soon. Tom Croft said there is no apparent financial relationship between the two projects.

New Business

Davenport & Zech Improvement – George Meinhardt described the petition to the City by 23 owners on Davenport, which asks City assumption of responsibility for the portion of Davenport not currently City-maintained and Zech. Estimated \$48,000 improvement cost would be paid over 10 years by assessment of the petitioners. They are seeking the support of EPHIA. Bebe Wilker made the motion, which was seconded. In discussion, Mt. Hope residents whose properties abut the streets raised concerns about permanent easements for their garages, parking pads and retaining walls. Ken Rothman moved to table the matter until better assurances, which was seconded. Motion failed with 10 yeas, 23 nays and one abstain. Bebe Wilker made the following motion seconded by Bob Pessler: East Price Hill Improvement Association supports the recommendation of Cincinnati City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. to approve the Special Assessment of Zech Place and Davenport Avenue as requested by 23 of the residents of Davenport Avenue who will pay for the assessment, and a letter be sent to Mr. Dohoney by October 23, 2009 stating such support contingent upon easements being made permanent. After discussion, Frank Hollister called the question, which was seconded by Bob Pessler, which carried by voice vote. The motion then carried on a voice vote.

Announcements

- Price Hill Will – Ken Smith noted progress in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program property acquisitions, and Make a Difference Day Saturday 10/24, 9:00-1:00, starting at the old Skyline lot on Glenway. PHW newsletters with more details were available on the sign-in table.
- 2nd Annual Celebration of Price Hill Dinner – Patti Hogan said that this potluck community dinner will be held on Wednesday 10/28 at 7:00 in the Elder HS cafeteria. This event celebrates the many good things happening in Price Hill. Bring a side dish.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn by F. Hollister/R. Pessler was approved at 9:15 pm.

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

Election News...

Elections will be held **November 16, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:30pm** at Elberon United Methodist Church located at 704 Elberon Avenue. Food will be provided. Please remember 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 September 2009 meeting. Please consider running for one of 6 officer positions.



2009 Make a Difference Day Results

48 volunteers weeded and cleaned Price Hill streets

The numbers:

- 71 Bags of litter
- 13 Mattresses
- 11 Couches
- 2 Tables
- 2 Cabinets
- 3 Tires



2009 Election Ballot

President

- John Schlagetter

Vice President

- Tom Gamel
 Don Busche

Recording Secretary

- Tom Croft

Corresponding Secretary

- Melissa Wegman

Treasurer

- John Ridder

Membership Officer

- Ginger Boller



EPHIA Committees:	Chairperson:	Contact Info:	
Beautification:	position open		
Business District:	position open		
Citizens on Patrol:	Ken Rothman	(513) 471-1912	
Housing & Development:	Tom Gamel	(513) 921-5961	
Membership:	Ginger Boller		
Newsletter:	Patti Hogan	(513) 251-8538	
NSP:	Steve Klatte		
NBD:	Tom Croft	(513) 242-2882	
Parade:	Guy Vollrath	(513) 244-2149	
Problem Properties:	Dan Boller	(513) 471-4123	
EPHIA Policy & Bylaws	John Schlagetter	jschlagetter@yahoo.com	
Web Site:	John Lauck	513-252-2480	

About the candidates...

• **Don Busch** I have lived in East Price Hill for 8 years, am semi-retired, belong to Holy Family Church, and was the President of District Three Police Policy & Procedure Committee for 5 years until I resigned this last September 09 due to my work schedule. I now work on Wednesday evenings and that is when the meetings are. Since I could not attend I figured it best to step down and let someone else have the reins. I can still be an active member and assist with the different happenings. As for my EPHIA experience, my Wife and I joined about a year & a half ago, and have only missed 1 meeting as we were on Vacation. I do not work on Mondays, so, I can & do come to the EPHIA meetings. If elected to the office of Vice-President I will work diligently to serve all the members to the best of my abilities.

• **Tom Croft** Member of EPHIA since 1989, appointed Recording Secretary in 2009.

Project Manager for EPHIA's Neighborhood Business District Support Program for the past four years.

Price Hill Will Safety Community Action Team "good guy loiterer" and "safety walker".

Co-Chair of River West Working Group. River West supports neighborhoods in promoting development along the Ohio River for an attractive place to live and work; Leading community engagement with the City's Department of Transportation on design elements of the Waldvogel Viaduct reconstruction coming in 2010, one of our primary gateways; Working for creation of green space at the former Hilltop site on River Road near State Avenue, now owned by the City

Member of Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Frequent testimony on behalf of the community before City Council, the Hearing Examiner, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

• **Tom Gamel** I am running for Vice President of EPHIA. I would like to have you vote of Support on November 16th. I have been Corresponding Secretary for EPHIA for the past four years. I am chairperson of the Housing and Development Committee and a member of the EPHIA Problem Property Committee. I feel my knowledge, skills, abilities and experiences makes me a good choice to fill the position of Vice President of EPHIA. People who know me know that will be able to help the President provide direction for our community council. I personally feel that EPHIA represents our total community and we should take steps to improve our community through a well thought out planned approach. I feel it is very important that the community be kept informed. In the last four years EPHIA has taken steps to ensure that direction. I will try to maintain that same direction if elected.

I have been a lifetime resident of Price Hill. My wife, Mary, and I have lived in our current house for 32 years. I retired from the City of Cincinnati. While working for the City I have held positions of City Planner, Human Resources Director and Procurement Manager for the City's Fleet Services.

I was a member of the City's first community planning team back in the early 70's. I am the Past Grand Knight of Mother Seton's Council of the Knights of Columbus. I served on the board of Santa Maria and the Central Community Health Board. I am an active member of Holy Family Church currently a member of Parish Council and have been past president of many of the church's organizations through the years. I am currently the president of Cincinnati Municipal Employees Retirement Association (CMERA) representing and speaking on behalf of over 6,000 city retirees and their beneficiaries.

• **Ginger Boller** Served as membership officer for the past two years.

• **John Ridder CPA** EPHIA Treasurer for past 4 years. An accountant by profession, my wife Jodi and I were both born and raised in Price Hill and currently live on Grand Ave.

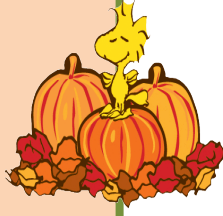
• **John Schlagetter** I've lived in East Price Hill for over seven years, and love telling people I live in a City neighborhood five minutes from downtown, where we occasionally see deer in the yard and know our neighbors by name. I believe in being the kind of neighbor I like to have, and look forward to serving East Price Hill as a President

• **Melissa Wegman** Previously served in the capacity of Vice President.

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Ted Bird, Jr. (2010)
Blanche Underwood (2012)

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