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EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 21, 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 August 21, 2009:

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,633.98
Memberships	-
Interest	83.18
Other Income	<u>56.48</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 12,733.64
Less Expenses	<u>1,492.93</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,280.71

A quorum was established.

Minutes - Minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by D. Busch/T. Gamel.

Membership Report – Ginger Boller reported no new members for August. Michael Wigle reminded new members that their \$5 annual dues must be paid by the end of this meeting in order to vote in EPHIA's November elections.

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

- Check from the City for \$3,039.77 Neighborhood Support Program expenses
- \$47.96 and \$33.72 interest from Warsaw Federal and 5th/3rd Bank
- City Planning notice of community meeting on process for the Comprehensive Plan at Price Hill Recreation Center on 10/5, 6-8 pm
- Notice of hearing on the City's Consolidated Plan/Action Plan (CDBG funds, etc.) at City Council Chambers on 9/24 at 6 pm

Other Reports

- CNBDU Grant for Merchant Parking – Patti Hogan reported that our application was submitted in late spring. The location is the corner of Warsaw and McPherson, across from Meyer Hardware. The Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU) bus tour of proposals, which is part of the approval process, is this Saturday.
- Police Dept. – PO Jennifer Dawson of the Dist. 3 Neighborhood Unit noted burglary prevention pamphlets available in the back. She reviewed District 3 and EPH crime stats, which are available on line at www.crimereports.com, or www.cincinnati-oh.gov in CPD references. She said that there have been recent arrests for drug possession in the 1200 block of Ross.
- Fire Dept. – Lt. Harper of Ladder Company #17 reported on fire, non-fire and EMS runs, and inspections by his unit and Engine Company #17.
- Community Prosecutor – Leslie Hagan of the City Legal Department described a new program focused on building violations. Our community prosecutor is Gertrude Dixon at 352-4715 and gertrude.dixon@cincinnati-oh.gov. Survey forms and cards were made available.
- Citizens on Patrol – Ken Rothman said a new class is forming now, and there will be another 12/13-14. See him after the meeting for more info.

- Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte said that Community Development's operation of the program is running more smoothly. To have our 2010 funding available early in the year, he expects to develop a proposal for a vote in October and submission to the City in November. Steve is requesting ideas for the proposal, which will probably be a maximum of \$6,775; call 251-5449 or email klatte@peoplepc.com.
- Neighborhood Business District Support Program - Tom Croft said that our first reimbursement voucher will be submitted next week. There is less urgency in developing our 2010 proposal than for NSP since our NBD projects start later. Tom recognized the great work that Steve and Irina Klatte and Wayne and Melisa Densford have done in "adopting" the gateways at Warsaw & Wilder and Warsaw & Glenway.
- Policy & Constitution Committee – Michael Wigle said that this new committee will be chaired by John Schlagetter. It will be reviewing our governance to establish "best practices".
- Price Hill Will – Matt Strauss noted the new PHW offices at 3724 St. Lawrence by China Island. PHW has worked with the Marvin Lewis Foundation to construct a fitness course and improved community garden on Hawthorne next to the PH Rec Center. Bengals players will assist in the volunteer construction work on 10/6. He introduced Emily Horning, who will lead the Beautification Community Action Team. She said that her focus will be on the business corridor, and our ideas are welcome. In response to a question, Matt said that he will follow up on the overgrown weeds at the Eighth and Elberon property they are working to redevelop.

Old Business

Incline Square/City Lights – Tom Gamel, chair of the Housing and Development Committee, said that since the Greater Cincinnati Area Physician's lawsuit against the Health Alliance, the developer has proposed moving ahead with a modified first stage, which will start with a restaurant/beer garden and upscale housing, with the GCAP and other medical offices to come later. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) requested has been greatly reduced to \$800,000 from the amount proposed at the time the Planned Development district was approved, and will not include the increased tax base of the new Kroger store. A tax abatement of \$750,000 is also being sought. The committee has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the General Membership support it. Motion by T. Gamel/K. Rothman passed unanimously.

New Business

Day Care at 912 Enright – Mary Walker, resident and proprietor is seeking to expand from Type B provider to Type A, which would permit her to serve up to 12 children. She described her experience, qualifications and home. She is seeking EPHIA's support. D. Busch/J. Schlagetter made a motion. In discussion, it became evident that more information on zoning requirements was needed to reach a decision. T. Gamel/ P. Hogan motion to refer this to Housing & Development Committee was approved.

Announcements

- Felix Bere of the City's Planning Dept. discussed initial work on the new Comprehensive Plan. Neighborhood meetings to gather ideas will be held, including one 10/5 at PH Rec Center 6-8 pm. He distributed information and forms to indicate areas of interest.
- Vicki Schumaker of Cincinnati Parks was assigned to the West side this year. She described work at Mt. Echo, including renewal of plantings along the wall by Elberon, and the hiking trails in Wilson Commons.
- Patti Hogan announced that "Make a Difference Day" will be 10/24 from 10 am to 1 pm. More details will be forthcoming. She asked for a show of hands by those willing to volunteer.
- MRDD – Representatives of the Hamilton County Board of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities discussed the work of their agency and the levy on the November ballot.

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

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

Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan

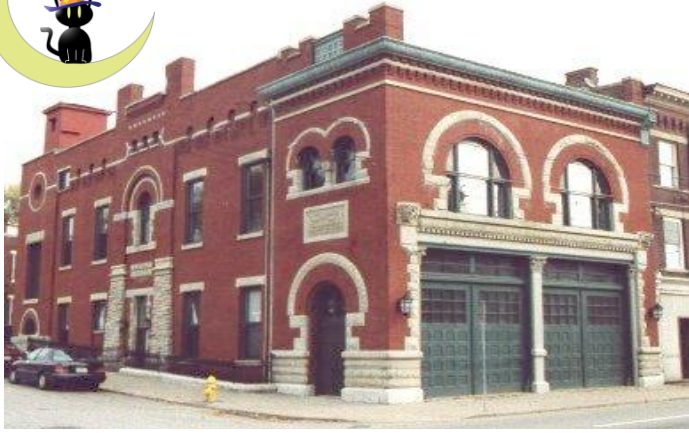
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a broad overview of the physical development of the particular geographic area being studied, in this case, City of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A comprehensive plan, first, reviews the past development patterns of an area which have led directly to present conditions. Secondly, the plan provides a long range, futuristic view (usually ten to twenty-five years) of how the study area should develop or redevelop.

A Comprehensive Plan is best described as a guide to the City's future. The Comprehensive Plan will inform current and future decision makers where we are now, where we want to go, how we intend to get there, and who will help us along the way.

Visit (<http://www.plancincinnati.org/>) to find more information. A public input area is provided. Let your voice be heard!



Election News...



The next general membership meeting is **October 19, 2009 7:30pm** at Elberon United Methodist Church located at 704 Elberon Avenue. 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 above date. Expect a phone call in the coming week regarding the election. Please consider running for one of 6 officer positions.

Coming Events...

- **October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2009 8pm** *Sunset Players present Barefoot in the Park by Neil Simon.* A new lawyer and his bride move into a high-rent apartment—accessible only via a wheezing six-story climb, bare of furniture, with a leaking skylight and no room for a double bed! Tickets: \$9 General Admission; \$8 Students, Seniors and Groups. All shows 8pm
- **Wednesday October 14, 2009 7pm at Elder's Schaeper Center** City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections will be on hand to explain Building and Inspection's responsibilities and how the complaint process works. Come meet your City's building inspector. Food will be provided
- **Saturday October 24, 2009 9am – 1pm Make a Difference Day** Litter Cleanup throughout Price Hill
Location: Old Skyline Chili lot: 3828 Glenway Ave.
- **Wednesday October 28, 2009 7:00pm in Elder's cafeteria** The second annual celebration of Price Hill pot luck dinner in Elder's cafeteria at 7pm, Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Hamburgers with all the fixings along and drinks will be provided. This is an opportunity to share the many assets making Price Hill a great neighborhood. Come share a meal with your neighbors, meet new people, share stories and events. Door prizes will be awarded.
- **Thursday November 26, 2009 19th annual Thanksgiving Day Parade** Parade begins at 10am from Western Hills High School on Ferguson Rd.

EPHIA Committees:	Chairperson:	Contact Info:
Beautification:	position open	
Business District:	position open	
Citizens on Patrol:	Ken Rothman	(513) 471-1912
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NBD:	Tom Croft	(513) 242-2882
Parade:	Guy Vollrath	(513) 244-2149
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At EPHIA's October 19 2009 meeting, the general membership will be asked to consider and vote on the 2010 Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) budget proposal as follows:

Beautification/Improvements	\$ 3,000
Membership/Communications	\$ 700
Thanksgiving Day Parade	\$ 1,250
Mt. Echo Concerts	\$ 550
Newsletter	\$ 775
Insurance	\$ 500

Our community now has a beautiful fitness course for residents to enjoy and a community garden with brand new beds for planting vegetables and flowers. This was through the hard work of Price Hill Will working with the Marvin Lewis Foundation. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

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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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