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**EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 15, 2010 – Draft for Approval**

Call to Order - President John Schlagetter opened the meeting at 7:38 pm at the Elberon United Methodist Church with the Pledge of Allegiance, then a moment of silence in recognition of the life of long-time member and officer Tom McGraw, followed by roll call:

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

A quorum was established.

Minutes – 1/18/10 minutes were approved on a motion by R. Pessler/R. Greenlee. 2/15 meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Communications – Melissa Wegman said the correspondence log was posted on the back wall of the meeting room. She noted that the City Bulletin is now available free at www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Treasurer's Report – John Ridder reviewed the report for the month ended 2/15/10.

Visitors – John Schlagetter announced the presence of: Pastor Samuel Clark of Regeneration Community Church Ministries, 4991 Cleves Warsaw Pike; John Cranley, City Lights, LLC; Markiea Gore, City Community Development Officer; and Angie Strunc, City Transportation & Engineering.

Membership Report – Ginger Boller was excused. Dan Boller reported 2 renewals and 1 new member for February.

Other Reports

- Fire Dept. – No report.
- Police Dept. – PO Dawson of District 3 reviewed EPH crime stats for February vs. year ago, noting significant declines in several categories. She announced the State's Volunteer Police Conference on 4/13 (see the Price Hill Will website), and the new Infant Fatality Project. Capt. Frye said that a major investigation of a gang operating in Price Hill is targeting 50 people for arrest in April. She also detailed chronic nuisance actions in District 3, which has the most in the City.
- Probation – Probation Officer Marie Mortenson said that there were four felony arrests involving drug and weapon violations, and described some current investigations.

New Business – John Schlagetter interrupted "Other Reports" to allow visitors to present on this item.
City Lights Incline Square/Incline Village – John Cranley described the recent evolution of this project, which has been affected by the freeze-up of development financing and its lead tenant GCAP's legal involvement with the Health Alliance. Current components include: 15 units condo-quality apartments, a 2,500 SF casual restaurant, and 22,000 SF medical offices. City Lights hopes to get the first two going in a few weeks, and the medical offices by the end of summer. Total investment will be \$3.2 million for the apartments and restaurant and \$3.7 million for the medical offices. They are seeking \$750,000 tax increment funding (TIF) from the City, which is low in proportion to the total project dollars. A bank loan commitment has not yet been secured. John is seeking EPHIA's formal letter of support in favor of the TIF funding. Tom Gamel said that the Housing & Development Committee and the Board have voted to recommend this support. T. Gamel/M. Wagle moved that EPHIA send a letter to the City in support of \$750,000 area-wide TIF funds to be used for \$60,000 annual debt service of sewer system infrastructure. The motion carried unanimously.

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Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address _____ Newsletter via email only _____ (Yes/ No)

Next Meeting: Monday April 19, 2010

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Other Reports (continued)

- Neighborhood Business District Streetscaping – Angie Strunc of City Transportation & Engineering reported on Phase 2 of the project. Water main work is almost done, so streetscaping will begin at McPherson and move west on Warsaw. Traffic signals at St. Lawrence will also be part of initial work. Existing granite curbs will be reset. Addressing questions on bus stops, Angie said she would facilitate a meeting of Metro and City T&E to reach a conclusion on relocating the three bus stops in the project area to mid-block in order to reduce loitering. Street repaving including the bus stop pads will be late this year, or, more likely, early next year.
- Citizens On Patrol – Ken Roth said EPH COP welcomes new members; see him or Bill Bailey. Patti Hogan reminded of the WPH COP fundraiser this Friday 3/19 at Jim 'n Jack's, \$10 donation, music at 9:00.
- Problem Properties - Dan Boller reported that 1031-1033 Sturm, 3422 W. 8th and the fire-destroyed former Eagle Savings Bank on Warsaw have been razed. Wayne Eccard, owner of 801 Elberon/3414 W. 8th is in court 3/23. Dan is preparing a statement for EPHIA asking for the maximum sentence for Eccard's disobedience of a previous court order. There was no objection. Dan will oppose the VBML fee waiver request for 3756 Warsaw next to Washland unless there is objection. He recognized Cincinnati Bell Wireless for promptly replacing the American flag on their Warsaw Avenue building.
- Neighborhood Support Program – Steve Klatte said he had submitted our final voucher for 2009 for reimbursement of nearly \$2,700. The contract needed to spend our approved 2010 budget is still tied up until City Council resolves its issues about Invest in Neighborhoods resuming NSP administration.

Old Business

Neighborhood Business District Support Program – Tom Croft said that he had submitted EPHIA's final 2009 voucher for almost \$2,400 in February. As discussed at previous meetings, Tom moved that the 2010 budget of \$2,000 include \$1,600 for Beautification, \$300 for Holiday on the Hill, and \$100 for CNBDU dues. Motion seconded by John Lauck and approved by 42 unanimous, hand-counted votes.

Announcements

- Price Hill Will – Emily Horning said that Neighborhood Stabilization Program Phase 1 funds of over \$450,000 for rehabs and demolitions would be spent by the end of March. Price Hill Showcase of Homes will be 4/11, 11:00-3:00. The Beautification CAT is acquiring an industrial-grade "Billy Goat" litter vac, and is organizing regular routes and schedules for sidewalk cleanup.
- Great American Cleanup – Patti Hogan said this East and West Price Hill and Price Hill Will activity will be Saturday 4/24, 9:00-1:00. Headquarters will be Elberon United Methodist Church.
- Mt. Echo Park – Jim Turner said that Greenup Day may be 5/1 so as not to conflict with Great American Cleanup. Everyone's Backyard Picnic at Mt. Echo will be 6/10, 6:00-8:30.
- Wilson Commons Park – Mary Croft said the popular "Eggstravaganza" would be held 3/27, 1:00 -3:00. This event is for kids 3-10 years old. See flyer on the sign-in table for registration and other details. Wilson Commons Everyone's Backyard Picnic will be in June, date to be announced.
- Cincinnati Parks Board Entertainment Grant – Ray Busche has applied for this grant, which he is planning to use for an East Price Hill event at Mt. Echo Park that will showcase jazz music. He is also looking into using the Schmicklapp Grant program, and using the Parks grant as matching funds for an application to the Ohio Arts Council. Vendor agreements to further expand this event may be possible.
- Elberon/Mt. Hope Gateway Project – Mary Croft noted the sidewalk removal underway and other work to come. The sign/monument should be installed in July.
- Community Priority Requests - John Schlagetter said that the Board is considering submitting the same three projects as in previous years, and some possible additions.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn by J. Ridder/M. Wigle was approved at about 9:10 pm.

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

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



EPHIA Committees:	Chairperson:	Contact Info:
NSP:	Steve Klatte	
NBD:	Tom Croft	(513) 242-2882
Parade:	Guy Vollrath	(513) 244-2149
Problem Properties:	Dan Boller	(513) 471-4123
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Other EPHIA news...

Problem Properties Report submitted by Dan Boller, Problem Properties Chair

- 1031 -1033 Sturm, 3422 West 8th St. along with the former Eagle Savings Building have been razed.
- Wayne Eccard of City Structures, the owner of 801 Elberon/ 3414 West 8th St. is back in court on Tuesday 23 Mar 10 at 1:30pm. I will make every effort I can to attend this hearing but I am scheduled for work that day. I am working on a prepared statement from the EPHIA problem property committee for the court to ask for a maximum sentence plus some for the owner's direct disobedience of a previous court order unless otherwise instructed by this membership.
- I am waiting for a date for a VBML fee waiver for the property located at 3756 Warsaw. I intend to either send a letter of objection and/ or speak against such a waiver as a member of the EPHIA problem property Committee for this case unless otherwise instructed by this membership.



On July 26-30th, the Price Hill Will Arts C.A.T. will be holding their 4th annual week-long youth photography program for grades 6th-8th. During this summer's program, the youth will spend time learning about the history and architecture of our community and will be given the chance to capture these images

through the lens of a camera. The youth will then receive a lesson on how to enhance their images through the use of graphic design software at Elder High School's tech-reach lab. At the completion of the week's program, the group will have created artwork that will be featured on storefront banners, calendars, and more! This has been an extremely successful program of the Arts C.A.T. and we invite your junior high student to get involved. The program is completely free! If interested, please contact Kara Ray at Price Hill Will for an application. Applications will be released at the end of April and the 20 slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Call 251-3800 ext. 101 or E-mail Kara: kara@pricehillwill.org



APRIL 24, 2010

EPHIA will again be participating in the **2010 Great American Cleanup**. The event will take place on **Saturday April 24th** 9am-1pm. We will again be using Elberon United Methodist Church as our staging area and for the after cleanup picnic.

Mark you calendar now for this event.

Keep America Beautiful's **Great American Cleanup (GAC)**, the nation's largest community improvement program, takes place annually from March 1 through May 31, involving an estimated 2.8 million volunteers and attendees. The hardworking volunteers donated more than 8 million hours in 2009 to clean, beautify and improve more than 17,000 communities during more than 30,000 events in all 50 states and beyond. Activities included beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

Because of the hard work by EPHIA volunteers at last year's cleanup, EPHIA was honored with a 1st place award by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Last year was the second year the association has been honored with a 1st place award..

Lets do it a third time. We need your help!

LET'S MAKE PRICE HILL SPARKLE!



The Covedale Center for the Performing Arts Saturday Morning Children's Series
"Jungle Book, The Story of Mowgli's Fire"
 Presented by: The Frisch Marionettes
 Adapted from Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*

Saturday, May 15, 2010 @ 11:00 am
 Tickets are: \$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children.
 Tickets are now on sale.



Sunset Players Present: **Pvt. Wars** By: James McClure *All shows 8 pm.*
 April 30, May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 2010

TICKETS: \$9 General Admission; \$8 Students, Seniors & Groups;
For orders: 513-588-4988 **Visit: <http://www.sunsetplayers.org/>** for show details

Visit the calendar at www.ephia.org for new on additional neighborhood events.