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



EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 18, 2010 – Draft for Approval

Call to Order - President John Schlagetter opened the meeting at 7:36 pm at the Elberon United Methodist Church with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call:

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

A quorum was established.

Minutes – October and December 2009 minutes were approved on a motion by F. Hollister/D. Busch.

Communications – Melissa Wegman said Dan Boller received a letter from the City declaring 431 Considine not a nuisance following its property hearing. Also, the US Census Bureau Cincinnati Office sent a flyer to notify the community of a large number of temporary positions available in near future; contact (866) 861-2010.

Treasurer's Report – John Ridder reviewed the report for the month ended 12/21/09.

Audit Report – Ken Rothman, Chair of the Audit Committee reported that the committee had completed its audit and found EPHIA's financial information for the year ended 11/16/09 in good order. He commended John Ridder's work as Treasurer.

Membership Report – Ginger Boller reported 6 renewals and 1 new member for December.

Board of Directors Position – John Schlagetter said that the Board had elected Bob Greenlee to take the vacant director position created by John's election as president.

Other Reports

- Fire Dept. – No report.
- Police Dept. – PO Dawson of District 3 reviewed EPH crime stats for December vs. year ago. She detailed arrests at a residence on Rutledge involving drug trafficking and possession. Responding to a question, Capt. Frye described a new technique recently used on Grand that uses several police cars with sirens and other noise in response to a crime to flush the perpetrators and cause them to go to ground.
- Probation – Probation Officer John Schwind of the Price Hill Street Unit said that winter visits to probationers focus on observing contents of the house; in cold weather, they tend to keep "stuff" close to home.
- Citizens on Patrol, Court Watch and EPHIA Housing & Development Committee – No reports.
- Problem Properties – Dan Boller's detailed report will be posted at www.ephia.org. He said that the nuisance hearing for 3537 Glenway (at McPherson) would be at City Building & Inspections, 3300 Central Parkway on 1/29, 9:00 am.
- Neighborhood Business District Support Program – Tom Croft said that funding for this program has been reduced from \$7,000 to \$2,000, which requires major downsizing from a suggested budget discussed at last month's meeting. Tom is considering a budget for approval next month that will include \$1,600 for Beautification, \$300 for Holiday on the Hill, and \$100 CNBDU dues. Contact him with other ideas at W: 556-4028, H: 244-2882, or croftplace@cinci.rr.com.

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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 _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

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

Next Meeting: Monday February 15, 2010

(Minutes (continued from page 1))

Guest Speakers

Denise Driehaus, State Representative for the 31st District reviewed the difficult State budget situation; upcoming ballot for Third Frontier program funding; legislation to provide for stiffer penalties for assaulting a Citizen on Patrol; progress of HB 3, Foreclosure Prevention and hearings on related legislation by the State Senate; HB 313, Land Banking Board, which would promote the assembly and development of blighted properties; and ongoing conversations to promote create a Cincinnati public port facility for rail-to-barge at a location other than by Lower Price Hill. Denise has “office hours” 1/30 and 2/6, 9:00-10:30 am at the Front Porch on Glenway, and 2/18,7:00-8:30 pm at Dunham. Contact her at (614) 466-5786, or district31@ohr.state.oh.us.

P.G. Sittenfeld provided an update on planning for the rebuilding of the Quebec Heights School for CPS. Construction will start in 2011 and take two years. He described the objective of “a school as a community learning center”, and community engagements to develop this concept. Next meeting is 1/21 at Pleasant Ridge Montessori, followed by a 2/4 meeting at a time/place to be announced. Membership discussed with him aspects such as the need for CPS continued engagement, long-term maintenance, and integration of after school activities. Call P.G. at 365-2404, and go to www.cps-k12.org/community/CLC/CLC.htm.

Old Business

Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte said that the City had reduced funding to \$5,000 from \$7,000, so he has prepared a new budget to replace the one approved in October.

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| Beautification/Improvements | \$2,000 |
| Membership/Communications | 250 |
| Thanksgiving Parade | 1,250 |
| Newsletter | 600 |
| Insurance | 600 |
| City Mandatory Insurance | 300 |

Motion by S. Klatte/F. Hollister to amend the budget unanimously carried with 31 ayes, hand counted.

Elberon/Mt. Hope Gateway Project – Mary Croft reviewed projections of the design options presented by an architect and a graphic designer from the City’s Architecture & Urban Design group at the last meeting. Option 2a is preferred by Mary, City staff working on the project, and a landscape architect who is consulting for us. M. Croft/K. Rothman moved that a letter stating EPHIA’s approval of Design Option 2a be sent to the City, which carried with 29 ayes and 2 nays.

EPHIA November Election – Motion by S. Klatte/J. Schlagetter that Ginger Boller destroy ballots carried.

Announcements

- Warsaw Avenue water main work begins next week. Angie Strunk of City Transportation & Engineering will update us on streetscaping projects next month.
- Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence is sponsoring a Resource Fair and 4-on-4 Basketball Tournament at PH Rec Center 2/6, 11:00-3:00. John Schlagetter and other community reps met with CIRV last week and will be reviewing their progress.
- The Annual Neighborhood Summit is 2/26 & 27, with focus on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Hillside Steps inventory has been completed by the City. 14 steps in EPH are open. See John Schlagetter for details.
- Price Hill Will has sold two more homes. Ken Smith said the one on Hawthorne went for \$140,000, their highest price to date. PHW will be offering tax prep again this year. See their newsletter for other announcements. Patti Hogan expressed our appreciation for their printing EPHIA’s color newsletter. Tom Croft earlier noted PHW’s Warsaw/Glenway gateway project.
- Wilson Commons Park – Mary Croft said that Parks Department community programs were sustained in the City budget.
- The Great American Cleanup is in April. Patti Hogan said that EPHIA will be going for its third 1st place award for this activity. Marianna Rothman and Jerry DeLape will be co-chairs.
- Pastor Dwight Driskill of God’s Church of Miracles, 3770 St.Lawrence noted the story in the Enquirer last week about the need for money and volunteers to help restore and preserve their church building. Substantial assistance has come forth. He expressed his appreciation to EPHIA because the article resulted from his discussion of the situation at our meeting last month.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn by K. Rothman/J. Ridder was approved at about 9:15 pm.

| EPHIA Committees: | Chairperson: | Contact Info: |
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| 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 |



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| 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 |

Other EPHIA news...



The Cincinnati Police Department utilizes the **CitizenObserver.Com** program to keep residents aware of ongoing and unsolved criminal events in individual neighborhoods throughout the City of Cincinnati.

Residents can sign-up for these alerts by following these simple steps:

1. Log on to www.CitizenObserver.Com
 - a. Click on **SIGN UP FOR ALERTS**
 - b. Enter all your basic contact information.
2. Check the **RECEIVE ALERTS** box for **EMAIL**
3. If you want alerts sent as a text message to your cell phone, check **SMS**
4. Click **NEXT** and select the Law Enforcement Agency you want to **receive alerts from:**
 - a. Select **CINCINNATI POLICE**
 - b. Select the District in which you reside
5. Click on the **NEXT** page and select your neighborhood for Neighborhood Watch Alerts – Do not sign up as a Block Watch Captain, only a member.

Email alerts will come to your email account within minutes of their being sent by Police Department Investigators.



An important announcement, and opportunity, about the 2010 Census:

Don’t miss this opportunity!

There will be a large number of positions available with the Census Bureau in the near future.

Everyone who works for the U.S. Census Bureau must take a 30 minute test. The testing process takes approximately 1hr-30mins. Please bring 2 forms of identification to the testing session. One should be a picture ID and the other a social security card or birth certificate. This will begin the hiring process by entering the individual into the pool of eligible applicants. When the authorization is given to hire individuals the system selects the applicant by test score and the need for workers in individual Cincinnati neighborhoods. We will hire individuals to work in their neighborhoods. There is a practice test available online and we strongly suggest everyone take the time to review the test. The test is available through google.com - 2010 census practice test. A practice test can also be picked up at the local census office at 801 Linn St. 4th Floor, Cincinnati, 45202.

The office hours are:

8:00 am – 8:00 pm, Mon –Thurs

8:00am – 5:00 pm, Friday

Call to schedule a test: 1.866.861.2010

Anyone interested in working for the census should be tested as soon as possible in the event that the testing is halted due to an overwhelming response.



CrimeReports.com Working with nearly 700 agencies across North America, CrimeReports is the largest online resource for accurate, up-to-date crime information. The CrimeReports network offers a family of affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share current neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free at www.CrimeReports.com, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their neighborhood and community. Join today... It’s free!



Sunset Players: Present: *I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change* Book and Lyrics by Joe DiPietro; Music by Jimmy Roberts
Runs: February 19, 20, 26, 27, March 5, 6, 2010 All shows 8 pm.

Off-Broadway’s longest-running, smash hit musical comedy celebrates the triumphs and trials of the modern-day mating game. From dating and waiting to bridesmaids and babies, this love-happy musical revue cleverly covers everything you’ve secretly thought about romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws but were afraid to admit. Make a date to fall in love, laugh until it hurts, and pay tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, and to those who have dared to ask, “Say, what are you doing Saturday night?”