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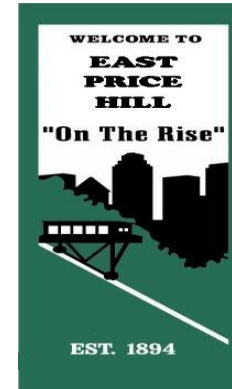
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# EPHIA Newsletter

EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
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## EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Minutes of Regular Meeting December 21, 2009, Draft for Approval

**Call to Order** - President John Schlagetter opened the meeting at 7:35 pm at the Elberon United Methodist Church with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call:

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

### Treasurer's Report

John Ridder reviewed the reports for the month and the past year as of November 16, 2009.

**Minutes** – There were no minutes to approve due to EPHIA elections held November 21, 2009.

**Membership Report** – Ginger Boller reported 36 renewals for November.

**Correspondence** - Melissa Wegman said she will post the correspondence log at General Membership meetings. The log will also be posted on EPHIA's website. She will only comment on items on which EPHIA took action or are actionable. In the past month, EPHIA was notified that 1701 Purcell was declared not a nuisance at a City hearing on 11/20/09.

### 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 Smith of District 3 reviewed EPH crime stats for November vs. year ago.
- Law Dept. Neighborhood Prosecution Program – Gertrude Dixon is the District 3 prosecutor for this program, which is intended to deal with blight issues. She provided contact info, gertrude.dixon@cincinnati-oh.org and 352-4715, and report forms.
- Probation – Officer John Schwind of the Price Hill street unit discussed two active situations.
- Citizens on Patrol – Ken Rothman was not present.
- Court Watch – Patti Hogan had nothing to report.
- EPHIA Housing & Development Committee – Tom Gamel had nothing to report.
- Problem Properties – Dan Boller reported that 1009 Underwood, 934 Grand, 3021 Glenway, 619 Hawthorne and 1028 Considine have been razed, demolition permits have been issued for 1031-1033 Sturm, and 3422 W. 8<sup>th</sup> is being bid. On 11/20, 1017 Purcell was declared not a nuisance, 916 Grand was removed from the agenda, and the outcome of 3608 LaSalle is unknown. 431 Considine nuisance hearing was 11/18, but it appears that it will not be declared because it is being rehabed with three other properties of the owner. Dan is working with owner-occupants adjacent to 619 Hawthorne and 1315 Purcell to have these properties transferred to them. Because of owner-occupant intentions, he did not oppose a 1-year VBML waiver for 801 Considine, and does not intend to oppose 805 Purcell. An arrest warrant has been issued for nonappearance of the owner of 1036 Purcell. Price Hill Will is looking at alternatives to Model Group for redevelopment of W. 8<sup>th</sup> & Elberon.
- Neighborhood Support Program - Steve Klatte reported that the 2010 budget approved by EPHIA in October has been submitted, but nothing will happen until the current City budget is resolved. NSP will probably not get funding at 2009 level.
- Neighborhood Business District Support Program – Referring to a summary from the December newsletter, Tom Croft reviewed the 2009 program and project requirements. He asked for input on what we should submit for 2010, including specific info required in the application. He would like to have a budget approved by EPHIA in February 2010.

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**Next Meeting: Monday January 18, 2010**

(Minutes (continued from page 1))

City budget issues make the amount of funding available uncertain.

- Price Hill Thanksgiving Parade – Ted Bird reported on the success of the 20<sup>th</sup> parade.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business**

**Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Awards** – Patti Hogan and Dan Boller moved that the Great American Cleanup and Gateway Project awards of \$500 and \$250 received in November from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful be used for neighborhood cleanup project materials, with any balance applied to maintenance of the Warsaw/Glenway and Warsaw/Wilder gateways. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Elberon/Mt. Hope Gateway Project** – Diego Jordan and Joell Angel-Chumbley of City Architecture & Urban Design reviewed the design goals and elements for the gateway sign, including the historic incline railway, topography, brick and painted clapboard houses, and Incline District and East Price Hill identities. Three designs were presented for the sign, which will be a vertical, photo-embedded aluminum sculpture. With its polymer finish, the sign should be virtually maintenance-free. \$12,000 is budgeted for it, which should not be affected by current City budget situation. This is a very important part of the Elberon/Mt. Hope gateway project, which Mary Croft has been leading for the neighborhood. She described substantial landscaping and plumbing for a water source already funded and accomplished, and integration of the sign with remaining landscaping to be done through a \$10,000 Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Grant received earlier this year. There was considerable discussion of various aspects of the project, including 4-6 weeks fabrication time for the sign. John Schlagetter suggested that we should work to reach a decision on a design at EPHIA's 1/18/10 meeting, allowing installation as early as March.

**City Budget** – John Schlagetter and Tom Croft spoke at the 12/15 hearing, emphasizing the importance of continuing the NSP and NBD programs.

**Warsaw Avenue Rehabilitation** – John has received a report on this project, which includes new water mains and bus stop pads. Patti Hogan asked that EPHIA request that bus stops be moved to mid-block and that their number be reduced to cut down on loitering.

**EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants** – Applications are due 1/8/10. Melissa Wegman will work on this with John Schlagetter.

**EPHIA Communications** – See the December newsletter for info on our EPHIA blog and Twitter account.

**Appreciation Letter for City Employees** – Dan Boller and John Schlagetter moved that a letter be sent to the City Administration expressing EPHIA's appreciation for the work of Lou Sands (Parks), Joe Flading and Robert Herling (Transportation & Engineering), Tracy Grome (Health), and Ed Cunningham, Sean Minhan and Al Taylor (Building & Inspections), which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Schmidlapp Grant** – Patti Hogan will prepare the application for John Schlagetter to submit. This will be important if our NSP and NBD funding is cut.

**Announcements**

- State Representative Denise Driehaus will attend EPHIA's 1/18/10 meeting to discuss HB 3 foreclosure prevention and HB 313 land banking legislation.
- See [www.ephia.org](http://www.ephia.org) for more events, including CPS meetings on the new Quebec Heights School.
- Mark Armstrong, President of Price Hill Civic Club, gave a brief update on their activities.
- Kara Ray of Price Hill Will reviewed the success of this year's Holiday on the Hill, including a record 21 window paintings and number of business sponsors. She reminded of the 1/9/10 International Potluck at the BLOC Coffee Shop.
- Pastor Dwight Driskill of God's Church of Miracles, 3770 St. Lawrence (at Rapid Run) described the need for money and volunteers to help restore and preserve their beautiful church building, which is a historic Jewish school. A roof installed a few years ago was faulty, resulting in extensive water damage. They need a new roof, ceiling, carpet and doors. The church currently holds services in another part of the city, but remains committed to Price Hill. He asked for advice on any organization or foundation that can provide assistance. Call him at 258-1172 or 921-4401.

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn by D. Busch/F. Hollister was approved at 9:05 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



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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
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**Other EPHIA news...**



EPHIA now has a blog: <http://ephia.blogspot.com> this can be used as a more "real-time" way to communicate with our residents, members and the Greater Cincinnati community. It can be used to let the neighborhood know about:

Notices of public hearings; Membership & Committee meeting announcements; Safety/Litter CAT, Beauty CAT, Good Guys Loitering and Citizens on Patrol activities; Neighborhood Events including links to event pages; KUDOS and awards. Eventually we plan to incorporate the blog into the website



EPHIA is on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/EastPriceHill>

**Coming events:** please visit the EPHIA website [www.ephia.org](http://www.ephia.org) for a list of coming events.

**State Representative Denise Driehaus** will be attending the January 18, 2010 general membership meeting to discuss HB 3 (Foreclosure Prevention) and HB 313 (Land Banking). Please mark your calendars.

For more information on HB 3: [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128\\_HB\\_3\\_PH\\_Y.pdf](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128_HB_3_PH_Y.pdf)

For more information on HB 313: [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128\\_HB\\_313\\_I\\_Y.pdf](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128_HB_313_I_Y.pdf)

**Water Main Replacement on Warsaw from McPherson to Glenway:** The water main replacement on Warsaw Ave from McPherson to Glenway is in the East Price Hill Streetscape – Phase II contract.

Transportation and Engineering staff are planning on a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Trend Construction, in January. We do not have their construction schedule yet but we anticipate they will begin construction in January and their contract time to complete the water main work is 120 days, ending sometime in early May, 2010.

**Street Rehabilitation Program for East Price Hill: 2009 (Streets completed)**

- 8<sup>th</sup> St from Grand Av to Elberon Av
- Cityscape West Dr from Grand Av to Murdock Av
- Dorothy Ln from South Terminus to Atson Ln
- Hawthorne Av from Bassett Rd to Phillips Av
- Mt Hope Av from River Rd to Galvin Av
- St Lawrence Av from Warsaw Av to Beech Av
- Wells St from Sedler St to Glenway Av

- Brevier Av from Considine Av to Elberon Av
- Considine Av from Glenway Av to Lehman Rd
- Grand Av from Glenway Av to Lehman Av
- Mansion Av from South Terminus to Glenway Av
- Purcell Av from Glenway Av to North Term

**Planned Work**

**2010:**

Warsaw Avenue from McPherson to Glenway is included in our 2010 Street Rehabilitation Program. Work is expected to begin in June or July after the water main and streetscape are complete. Concrete bus pads will be part of the pavement rehabilitation at bus stops where warranted.

**2011:**

All streets in East Price Hill will be evaluated in 2011 for possible inclusion in the 2012 Street Rehabilitation Program. We are currently working with Duke Energy to coordinate schedules.

**New Quebec Heights Elementary School:** P. G. Sittenfeld will be on hand to discuss the rebuilding of Quebec Heights.

**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?"



**Covedale Center for the Performing Art:** Presents: *Tuesdays With Morrie* By: Mitch Albom

The Show: TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mitch is reunited with Morrie, and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life. A touching, life-affirming, deeply emotional drama with a generous dose of humor.

Tickets: \$21.00 for Adults, \$19.00 for Seniors and Students. Tickets may be purchased online at:

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