

East Price Hill Improvement Association
ARCO - 3301 Price Avenue
September 19, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
<https://www.ephia.org/>

MINUTES

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present

President – Sheila Rosenthal
Corresponding Secretary – Greg Shaw
Recording Secretary - Jamie Rouff
Membership Officer – Nikki Franz
Director - Chandran Achutan
Director - Amber Kassem
Director - Newman Lain
Trustee – Eric Buhner
Trustee - Tom Gamble

Excused

Corresponding Secretary - Greg Shaw
Treasurer – John Ridder

Absent

Director - Adrian Kaiser

Vacancies

Vice President
Director
Director
Trustee

1. **June 20, 2022 Minutes: Motion:** Jamie Rouff **Second:** Newman Lain **Result:** Carries
2. **First Time Attendees:** 5
3. **Communications Report: #Total:** 7 **#In:** 7 **#Out:** 0
4. **Treasurer's Report: \$38,435.06**
5. **Membership Report:**
New members: 24
Renewals: 4 pending
6. **Quality of Life, Safety & Government Reports:**
 - a. **Police** - Capt. Johnson, Sergeant Hicks

- i. Question from attendees requesting an update regarding the accident with a four year old struck on Warsaw Ave. Shooting at Woodlawn and Warsaw.
- ii. Statistics: Between May 1st and July 9th 2022: 46% decrease in Spotspotter activity. 41% YTD decrease in violent crime, 75% closure rate in homicide shootings. Crime statistics are on the city's website
- iii. District 3 Police respond to 14 neighborhoods. Most recent recruit class had low numbers and the City of Cincinnati Police Department (across all districts) is down by 120 police officers.
- iii. Targets police enforcement beginning in the fall. Three locations throughout District 3 make up 30% of all crime within Price Hill, 3400 Block of Warsaw Avenue in East Price Hill is one of the three targeted locations.

b. Probation

- i. Four substations for probation throughout the City of Cincinnati including one located in Price Hill.
- ii. Two were arrested last week for selling drugs. One arrested for brandishing a firearm - handgun in truck with rounds at Rosemont and Marathon on Warsaw Ave. No bond.
- iii. Fentanyl and Heroin are the primary drugs that are being sold and distributed at this time.

c. Safety CAT - Patti Hogan

- i. Safety Walk - 09/28 @ 6:30 p.m. meet at the parking lot of Family Dollar.
- ii. Trunk or Treat - October 30 @1:30 p.m. Trunkers set up, 2-4 p.m. Trick or Treat at Kroger on Warsaw
- iii. Next Safety CAT Meeting is Monday, October 3rd @7 p.m. @ District Three.
- iii. Next Skyline fundraiser is 10/20/22 from 4-9 p.m. @ Price Hill Skyline.

7. Old Business and Projects

a. Events Committee - Newman Lain

- i. Summer Events Report - Mary Croft
- ii. Dance on Haunted Hill, October 22nd @ 7:30 p.m. @ARCO **Tickets Available @ EPHIA.ORG**
- iii. Jingle and Mingle, December 11th @ 3 p.m. @ ARCO

b. NSP 2022 - Sheila Rosenthal

- i. Spending has been completed for 2022 and submitted.

c. QOL Committee - Amber Kassem

- i. First dumpster event is scheduled and a location is picked out.
- ii. 311 Reinstall
- iii. Sgt. Hick provided an update regarding the increase in thefts of Kia and Hyundai, up 25% due to "Kia Boy's" Tiktok.
- iiii. Bulk buying of homes bill.

d. Community Budget Requests (CBR's) - Jamie Rouff

- i. The 2024-2025 votes were cast for the three CBR's (Mt. Echo, Dempsey Park, Behavioral Support Counselor) Results were:

First: Jamie Rouff Second: Amber Kassem Motion: Passes

e. Nominations Committee - Tom Gamel

- i. All members are encouraged to reach out if interested in running for a position.

f. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety 2024 - Sheila Rosenthal

- i. DOTE will be applying for additional funding to address pedestrian safety.

8. New Business

- a. **Surveys - EPHIA and PHW/Santa Maria**
 - i. Place Matters 2022 - Requesting input from the community to identify needs.
- b. **NSP 2023**
 - i. 2023 Neighborhood Support Program funds should be about the same as 2022.
- c. **Newsletter**
 - i. Anyone who is interested in helping with the newsletter should email newsletter@ephia.org.
- d. **Holiday on the Hill - Molly Thoms**
 - i. Yard decorating contest for Christmas, looking for sponsors to participate, if interested and would like to learn more, please contact growmolly@gmail.com.
- e. **Recognition** - President recognized the current board members.
- f. **Other:** Sing-a-long for 65 and up, persons with disabilities can participate.

9. Community Service Reports

- a. **Price Hill Library - Sondra Presley**
 - i. Parklet in front of the library should be completed by Spring of next year.
 - ii. Information on events - Lecture Series with Walter Issacson at Aronoff Center, COVID-19 testing 10-6 Monday-Wednesday, 09/27 Poems of Displacement, Preschool story time, Tuesday office hours for employment skills (mock interviews, resume assistance).
- b. **Price Hill Will - Rachel Hastings/Samantha Conover**
 - i. The 3100 Warsaw Ave. development is going well. My Cincinnati Firehouse will be completed by next week.
 - ii. ARCO Music Series.
- c. **Santa Maria - HA Musser - No report given.**
- d. **Mount Echo Advisory Council - Eric Buhner - No report given.**
- e. **Olden View & Wilson Commons - Mary Croft**
 - i. Updates on events held during 2022.
- f. **Other:**

10. Announcements

- a. The next General Membership meeting will be October 17 @ 6 p.m. @ARCO - 3301 Price Ave.

11. Adjournment: Motion: Chandra Achutan Second: Newman Lain