

General Meeting Minutes

East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association and Town Watch

Monday, 1/7/08

St. Agnes Continuing Care Center

1900 Broad Street, Philadelphia PA

Board Members Present: Sarah Ausprich, Kim Buckwalter, Jo Cardillo, Melanie Damis, Darren Fava, Joseph F. F. Marino, Patti Pitt, Robert Reilly, Millie Ruffino, Robert Slack, D'Arcy Webb

Board Members Absent: Roger Bruno, Sean Doyle, Theresa Simmonds

Joseph F. Marino called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tonight's meeting agenda and December meeting minutes approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Joseph F. Marino

- Met with Senator Fumo re using vacant building at 1340 South 13th Street for EPX office space.
- Was only able to get 12 recycling bins for distribution; will have more at next month's general membership meeting.
- Attended Philadelphia Great Expectations Forum and Imagine Philadelphia Forum.
- Wrote formal letter to Lowe's inquiring about their Toolbox Grant Program.
- Worked on Department of Commerce Economic Development Grant application

Recording Sec'y Jo Cardillo: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Sec'y Kim Buckwalter: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Millie Ruffino:

- Bank account currently @ \$4,865.78

Clean 'n' Green Chair Sarah Ausprich:

- No cleanups scheduled for January and February.
- Next scheduled cleanup: Saturday, 3/1/08, Tasker Street.
- EPX may acquire trees to plant in March.

Marketing/Events Committee – Darren Fava

- Next meeting is Monday, 1/28/08, 7 p.m., Neumann-Goretti.
- Found potential designer of EPX mailer who is willing to work with us at little or no cost.

Public Safety – Melody Damis – We are in dire need of better Town Watch participation. Dog-walkers and bike riders are encouraged to join.

Zoning – Joseph F. Marino for Theresa Simmonds

- There was no Zoning meeting in December.
- T. Simmonds may soon need to take leave of absence; will need a Zoning co-chair.

Membership Chair Patti Pitt welcomed new members:

- James Dooley, 1300 block of McClellan Street
- Donna Gallagher, 2000 block of S. 10th Street
- Harold Palmer, 1300 block of Moore Street
- Carolyn Wyman, 1800 block of South 12th Street
- Tara Williams, 900 block of Fernon Street

Old Business:

- EPX Holiday baskets – Thanks to Millie Ruffino for coordinating this project. Three families were given EPX baskets containing toys,

household items, Please-Touch-Museum passes, ShopRite cards. EPX members donated a total of \$170 in cash, plus new items.

- Department of Commerce Economic Development Grant - EPX is seeking DCED grant for Clean-N-Green project to beautify Neumann-Goretti grounds. Cost is estimated \$20K. Project will happen in two-four phases and will require at least 20 EPX volunteers.

Order of the Day: Presentation by Lynn and Ronnie of Sun and Earth Products, which are environmentally-friendly cleaning products. Samples were distributed. These products are available @ local grocery stores.

New Business – EPX Office Space – 1940 South 13th Street

- Senator Fumo has agreed to rent this space to EPX @ \$1/month, and contract is being drawn up.
- Damaged roof and ceiling need to be repaired.
- Must get new locks.
- Potential financial assistance via Lowe's Toolbox Grant
- A member expressed concern about sinking area in parking lot.

Announcements:

- New Board Members: Roger Bruno, At-Large Member, Co-Treasurer; Kim Buckwalter, Corresponding Secretary; Melody Damis, Public Safety Chair; Patti Pitt, Membership Chair; Robert Reilly, At-Large Member in charge of Block Captains.
- We are short one board member; seeking candidate to fill Marketing/Events chair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until Monday, 2/4/08.