

## **DRAFT** General Meeting Minutes

East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association and Town Watch

Monday, 4/7/08

St. Agnes Continuing Care Center

1900 Broad Street, Philadelphia PA

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**Present:** Sarah Ausprich, Kim Buckwalter, Jo Cardillo, Melody Damis, Sean Doyle, Darren Fava, Joseph F. Marino, Martha Pitt, Millie Ruffino

**Absent:** Roger Bruno, Robert Reilly, Theresa Simmonds, Robert Slack

Joseph Marino called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Meeting agenda approval: moved and seconded by N. DiFlorio, J. Harriff

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Co-Chair Joseph F. Marino**

1. Met with Senator Fumo's realtor regarding office space. Various site visits to office space and discussions with sub-contractors.
2. Attended EPA BID Economic Development meeting 3/20.
3. Pursued Wachovia Bank grant.
4. Meetings w/Neumann-Goretti Principal and Maintenance re: EPXtravaganza!!!
5. Wachovia Park meetings w/ BID Executive Director.
6. Secured through Citizens Alliance extra-large recycling cans for N-G High
7. Chaka Fattah information report
8. Meeting w/ Sue Patron (Past-President Passyunk Square) re: Septa trackless trolleys.
9. CSPCAA Senator Fumo presentation press and attended presentation.
10. CSPCAA South Broad St meeting 3/19.
11. Facilitated removal of abandoned car at 1904 S. Jessup St.

## **Co-Chair Darren Fava**

- See Marketing/Events Committee report.
- Is working on signage/awning for EPX office.
- Thanks to EPX member Tara Williams for office furniture.
- Advised that trees are available via Fairmount Park.

**Recording Secretary Jo Cardillo**: Nothing beyond normal duties.

**Corresponding Secretary Kim Buckwalter**: Nothing beyond normal duties.

## **Treasurer Millie Ruffino**:

- Worked on ACT's Fund.
- March balance: \$5,100 (Including PAF Fund, Beneficial donation)

**Membership Chair Patti Pitt** welcomed new members:

- Marie Breccia - 1900 block of Sartain
- Christopher Johnson – 800 block of South 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Vincent Petrie – 1300 block of Castle

## **Clean and Green Chair Sarah Ausprich**

- 80 EPX participants in Philly Spring Cleaning event along Broad Street
- Next EPX cleanup: 5/3/08, 10 a.m., South 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Next committee meeting: 4/21/08, 6:30 p.m., Free Library

## **Marketing/Events Committee – Darren Fava**

- EPXtravaganza Reminder: Sat., 5/10/08, 10 to 3, N-G Parking Lot. Flea market table cost is \$10; application will be online soon. Goretta may sell pretzels and water ice. Vikings will also sell food. Fire Dept. will not do pancake breakfast.
- Newsletter: Will be sent out two weeks before EPXtravaganza. Thanks to Kathy Migliarese for help

## **Public Safety – Melody Damis**

Night out on Passyunk Avenue: Wednesday, 4/23/08. Cantina will provide snacks. Goal is to discourage area teen loiterers

## **Zoning – Margaret Kalalian**

- 2022 South Juniper - Owner wishes to have legal zoning for duplex and has agreed to improve property appearance. Letter was sent to Zoning Board indicating EPX approval.
- 1846 South 12<sup>th</sup> St., Keys Pizza – Neighbors in favor of property owner’s desire to make second floor into an apartment provided Dumpster is enclosed, power-washing continued

## **Old Business:**

- EPX Tax-exempt status – State still in process of reviewing application.
- DCED Grant status: Received letter on 3/15/08 advising we’re to get 20K; may take up to 18 weeks to receive.
- Office Space: Plumbing, electrical, wet/dry vac. work done; need to repair step, check heater. Hoping for early-June open house date. Will require additional funding to spruce up space.

## **PRESENTATION:** Newmann-Goretti Principal Patti Sticco:

- Welcomed EPX use of N-G premises for meetings, events.
- N-G enrollment @1,000 kids. Diverse student body
- Website up and running
- Thanked EPX for recycling cans and upcoming landscaping work.
- Wants to be kept informed of EPX cleanups, as students require community service opportunities.
- 5/5/08 “Taste of South Philly” event, Cruise Terminal, \$40/ticket

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Candidates Night – 4/9/09, N-G, 7 p.m. Expecting John Dougherty, Ann Dicker, Larry Farnese and Christian DiCicco and Bill Keller
- Zoning Board of Adjustments/Water Dept. Presentation on 4/24/08 @ N-G.
- Reminder that committee participation by more EPX members is crucial, as the committees are the EPX backbone.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, 5/5/08.

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