

General Meeting Minutes

East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association and Town Watch

Monday, 6/2/08

St. Agnes Continuing Care Center

1900 Broad Street, Philadelphia PA

Board Members Present: Sarah Ausprich, Roger Bruno ,Kim Buckwalter, Melody Damis, Shawn Doyle, Darren Fava, Margaret Kalalian, Joseph F. Marino, Pat Pitt, Bob Reilly, Mille Ruffino

Board Members Absent: Jo Cardillo, Melody Damis, Rob Slack, Theresa Simmonds,

Joseph F. Marino called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tonight's meeting agenda was approved (Nettie DiFloria, Alice Gonglewski) and April 2008 meeting minutes approved (Charlie Gilbert and Megan Walters) with revisions stated by Joseph F Marino: food provided for the Town Watch night out was from Roselena's not the Cantina

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Darren Fava

Will talk about the EPXtravaganza latter. Other projects will be talked about throughout tonight's meeting.

Joseph F. Marino

In addition to the routine operating functions of EPX, such as web page updates, check signing and regular meetings w/ co-chair etc., Joseph had the following to report:

Co-Chair and Governance Functions

- 1) Extensive work regarding new EPX Office Space. (See Old Business)
- 2) Secured St. Edmond's Bank grant and presentation
- 3) EPXtravaganza! Over 35 baskets for raffle.
- 4) EPA Gateway meeting scheduled for 6/3 w/ BID Board & city agents.
- 5) Secured first Summer members "Meet and Greet" for June.
- 6) Met with PA Board members re: BID Executive Director.
- 7) Tolentine Community Center re: board position.
- 8) Secured Roselena's re: refreshments for Town Watch Night Out 5/12
- 9) Met with perspective EPX Board Member At-Large candidates.
- 10) Assisted treasurer in renewing EPX event's insurance for 08-09.

Recording Sec'y Jo Cardillo: absent

Corresponding Sec'y Kim Buckwalter: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Millie Ruffino:

- Beginning of the month (May) balance was \$2012.19 and end of month balance was \$4849.78. The proceeds from the EPXtravaganza totaled \$846.96 and donations totaled \$3720.00.

Clean 'n' Green Chair Sarah Ausprich:

- Someone for Sarah (not yet in attendance): The next clean-up is McKean Street this Saturday, June 7th at 10 AM – will start at Broad and McKean and head east to 8th Street.

Public Safety/Town Watch, Chair Melody Damis – absent

Marketing/Events Committee – Darren Fava

- This committee chair position is still vacant.
- More to be discussed later in the meeting.

Membership Chair Pat Pitt

- There are three new members at the meeting. Their names and street address were announced.

Announcement – Joseph F. Marino

- Margaret Kalalian has been appointed as a member of the Board

Planning & Zoning – Margaret Kalalian

- Theresa Simmonds has resigned from the Board. Margaret has been appointed chair of the committee
- Property on 20XX of 10th Street cancelled their schedule appearance at the last Planning and Zoning meeting
- Scheduled to speak at the next meeting is Johnny Chang who is planning to build new town homes at 12th and Emily
- 1606 S. 12th Street - looks like there is construction, but no permits. Asked L & I to look into it and now they have a permit
- 1728 S. 11th – construction here also without permits; will ask L & I to look into
- The South Broad Street Neighborhood Association takes the lead of properties on Broad Street. They held a meeting a couple of weeks ago for the garage at the Broad, Passyunk, McKean intersection. It is going to become a Pretzel Factory - food establishment.
- Starting in the Fall this committee meeting will meet at 7 PM instead of 6:30 PM

Order of the Day: Presentation by Sue Patrone, President of Columbus Park

- A lot of renovation has been done to the park. They have formalized an advisory council this past March and have worked with the Department of Recreation.
- The building took 7 years to complete; the dog run has been redone
- The building is a great community space - would be a great place for a fundraiser. Going to start programming so anyone how wants to teach a creative class or know someone who does should contact Sue.
- Joseph F. Marino asked how EPX could help Columbus Park and asked Sue to let him know if they need a donation for something
- Upcoming Events: June 12th: Chosen by the Water Dept. & Dept. of Recreation as a test site for absorbing storm water run-off – press event; June 14th : An event to promote the humane treatment of animals

Sarah Ausprich:

- Need help with watering the EPX planters at Broad, Passyunk, McKean intersection – anyone interested should see Sarah
- 30 trees have been planted for residence this Spring. We are working on getting more trees this Fall and next Spring to those who still want them.

Old Business:

- PA State Tax Exemption: has been approved, now EPX is fully incorporated
- DCED Grant Application: paperwork came through, have to sign contract, think that the check will be in the mail soon

- EPX Office Space: update given, coming along – hope to have opening ready for second anniversary in September
- EPX-travaganza: Overall a success; earned almost \$850
- Summer Meet & Greets: kick-off is June 17th at Le Virtu at 7 PM \$10

New Business – Big Bang Film Festival - Margaret Kalalian and Daren Fava

- Instead of the book swap this year, we are going to work with the Big Bang Film Festival to organize EPX Stories – a competition for independent film makers to makers who will be telling stories about East Passyunk Crossing; emphasize positive aspects of the community; there will be prizes and several will be screened
- The kick off will be mid October, the films due at the beginning on November, and the showings in mid-November
- There will be an educational component that will include workshops for children and for seniors

Announcements:

- Community Service Awards – will put off until the next general membership meeting in September

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until Monday, 9/8/08.