

EPX General Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2010
Neumann-Goretti High School, 1736 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia, PA
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Board Members Present:

Joseph F. Marino, Board Co-Chair
Darren Fava, Board Co-Chair
Roger Bruno, Asst. Treasurer, Board Member-at-Large
Josephine Cardillo, Recording Secretary
Scott Collings, Clean-and-Green Chair
Melody Damis, Corresponding Sec'y
Beth Dougherty, Grants & Finance Chair
Shawn Doyle, Board Member-At-Large
Alice Gonglewski, Board Member-At-Large
Edwin Landy, Public Safety/Town Watch
Maripat Pileggi, Board Member-At-Large
Martha ("Pat") Pitt, Board Member at Large
Millie Ruffino, Treasurer
Barbara Triolo, Board Member-at-Large

JFM called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

May GM Agenda Approval

J. Cardillo moved that the agenda be approved; seconded by S. Doyle; motion carried unanimously.

March GM Meeting Minutes Approval

M. Ruffino moved that March minutes be approved; seconded by P. Pitt; motion carried unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Co-Chair Report - Joseph F. Marino

In addition to routine operation functions of EPX, such as web page updates, check-signing, and regular meetings with Co-Chair, Darren Fava, JFM had the following to report:

- 1) Secured over 60 baskets for EPXtravaganza basket raffle.
- 2) Secured PPA documents and "power drop" in lot for EPXtravaganza.
- 3) Collected over \$1K in support from area politicians and banks to offset EPXtravaganza insurance.
- 4) Secured most of refreshments for 4/24/10 tree-planting event.
- 5) Staffed EPX table at Flavors of the Avenue event.
- 6) Received and distributed to board the N-G students' EPX Stories entries and initiated vote among board.
- 7) Arranged for EPXtravaganza hanging of EPXtravaganza over E. Passyunk Ave. and helped put up posters.
- 8) Met with Planning Collective re "Reclaim Concrete" Pepsi Grant/Project.
- 9) Chaired combined civics, CSPCAA, meeting on 4/22 and facilitated Newbold conflict resolution meeting.
- 10) Finalized plans for EPX summer Meet-and-Greets.

Recording Secretary - J. Cardillo (JC)

- Helped staff table at Flavors of the Avenue event.
- Performed various tasks for EPXtravaganza preparations.

Corresponding Secretary - M. Damis (MD)

Sent 16 to 18 letters of solicitation for donation to area merchants.

Treasurer's Report – M. Ruffino (MR)

Did not present detailed report, but assured us that “we’re in the black.”

Clean-and-Green (C&G) – S. Collings (SC)

- 42 new trees were planted on 4/24/10 in the area. Need to be watered regularly to establish roots.
- Plant sale by Urban Jungle will be part of EPXtravaganza.
- Next meeting: Monday, 5/17/10, to discuss Snyder Avenue Cleanup w/LoMo Civic (Sat., 5/22/10)

Grants/Finance Committee is currently without a chair, as Beth Dougherty is now acting as the interim Zoning and Planning Chair. Ideal candidate would have legal and/or finance background.

Marketing and Events/Membership – A. Gonglewski (AG) - reviewed Extravaganza Details:

- Saturday, 5/8/10, 9 to 4, 1600 block of EPA, municipal parking lot.
- Rain date is Saturday, 5/15/10.
- Attractions to include moon bounce, toddler ball crawl, face-painting.
- Solicited volunteers to add their names to signup sheets.
- Will hold raffle basket-assembling session @ EPX office on 5/6/10, 7 p.m.
- See epcrossing.org for more info.

Public Safety/Town Watch (TW)- E. Landy (ELL)

- EPX Town Watch won an appreciation award from the Philadelphia PD.
- Captain Weaver of 3rd District will be the guest speaker at next month’s general meeting.
- Met with Lieutenant Hewitt about police service areas and discussed EPX quality-of-life concerns.
- Reminder of Public Safety cleanups every Saturday; volunteers to meet @ EPX office, 9 a.m.
- Go to epcrossing.org to register nuisance crimes.

Zoning and Planning – B. Dougherty (interim chair)

- Bottle Shop, 1941 E. Passyunk Ave. - EPX has submitted provisos for liquor license transfer approval.
- Watkins Drinkery (former Bella Rosa II), 10th and Watkins - business entrepreneur Jonathan Klein has purchased building, secured liquor license transfer, and has agreed to EPX provisos.

New Member Welcome: Faith Gitlow, 1000 block of Mifflin Street

At-Large Board Member Reports - None

Old Business: EPXtravaganza

- Setup time is 8 a.m. and cleanup is 4:30 p.m.
- Next month, will have signups @ general meeting for volunteers, e.g. bake sale, kids games.
- Will have ongoing trash patrol during event.

Order of the Day No. 1: Tim Bennett of Bennett Compost

- Bennett Composting aims to provide high quality waste removal services in a way that helps preserve the Earth. Want to get started with composting? [Call or email us for a free composting consultation.](#)
- Provides removable of compostable materials to the Philadelphia area.
- Compostable material includes food scraps, but not meat or dairy. Coffee grounds are compostable.
- Services 150-160 household in the city so far.
- Picks compost material up on Thursday evenings.
- Cost is \$10 month

Order of the Day No. 2: Philly Zipcar, Jeremy Nelson, General Manager

- 15-20 cars removed from streets for every car-share in use.
- Service similar to Philly Car Share.
- 24/7 access to Zipcars parked all over the city.
- Reserve online @ Zipcar.com
- Gas, 180 miles and insurance are included in hourly and daily rates. [View driving rates.](#)
- 24 makes and models, including minis, hybrids, pickups and more.
- [Find cars near you.](#)
- Would like our support to expand reserved Zipcar parking stops on streets: 8th and Tasker, Passyunk and Morris, Snyder and Watts, 9th and Mifflin.

Order of the Day No. 3: Pepsi Refresh Project - Reclaim Concrete for Park Space

1. **Presenters:** Clint Randall and Donny Maile of Planning Collective, which is a civically minded urban planning firm engaging in projects that create more livable places. We are young planners, Philly natives and newcomers both, whose shared passion for making the city better inspired us to start our own business and do projects just like this!
2. **Proposed Project Site:** Intersection at 12th and Morris Streets and East Passyunk Avenue
3. **Goals:**
 - Add 4,000 sq. ft. of new public space to a dense urban environment.
 - Transform a chaotic 6-way intersection into a community asset.
 - Improve pedestrian safety in a revitalizing historic shopping district.
 - Encourage further economic development and activity.Create a blueprint for a citywide program based on this pilot project
4. **Go online to vote for this project at:** <http://www.refresheverything.com/reclaimconcrete>

New Business - EPX summer Meet-and-Greets, which are held at various EPA restaurants on the third Monday of the summer months, 7 to 9, in lieu of EPX general meetings.

- \$10 a person.
- 6/21/10 - Izumi
- 7/19/10 - Fond (tentatively)
- 8/16/10 - Fuel “

Adjournment: M. Pileggi moved that tonight’s meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.; seconded by B. Triolo, carried unanimously.

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