

EPX General Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2012
Neumann-Goretti High School, 1736 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia, PA
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Board Members Present:

Darren Fava, Board Co-Chair
Joseph F. Marino, Board Co-Chair
Lindy Backues, Zoning Chair
Erik Berger, At-Large Board Member
Josephine Cardillo, Recording Secretary
Beth Dougherty, Grants/Finance Chair
Shawn Doyle, At-Large Board Member
David Goldfarb, Zoning
Maripat Pileggi, At-Large Board Member
Martha ("Pat") Pitt, At-Large Board Member
Millie Ruffino, Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

Roger Bruno, Zoning Chair, Asst. Treasurer
Scott Collings, Beautification/Environment
Melody Damis, Corresponding Secretary
Rose Malinowski Weingartner, At-Large

Meeting Called to Order By: Joseph F. Marino, 7:08 p.m.

March '12 GM Agenda Approval

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

January '12 GM Meeting Minutes Approval

E. Berger moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by S. Doyle; 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) Resolved EPX office space usage issue between Girl Scouts of America and Fancy Brigades Association with help of N-G.
- 2) Attended Fels Center closing and related senior citizen issues meeting with Councilman Squilla at Tolentine Community Center.
- 3) Attended South Philadelphia branch's Friends of the Free Library meeting on 2/21/12.
- 4) Extensive Zoning/Planning discussions with EPX Committee and Councilman Squilla's office re tattoo parlor and Vikings Hall.
- 5) Extensive e-mail communications with new president of Tolentine Community Center Anna Matei. Received, finally after six years, an original copy of their bylaws.
- 6) Meetings/e-mails with Grants/Finance re multiple grant and funding issues re Executive Director position, etc.
- 7) Coordinated and assisted with donations of conference table and chairs, et cetera, from PARC office to EPX office on 2/2/12.
- 8) Chaired emergency Events Committee meeting to discern spring fundraising priorities.
- 9) Interviewed one new prospective EPX board member and one new prospective Events Committee member.
- 10) Participated in an invitation-only White House Community Partnership Summit @ U of P's Annenberg Theater

Complex all day Friday, 3/2/12.

Co-Chair Report - Darren Fava In addition to routine operation functions of EPX, such as web page updates, check-signing, and regular meetings with Co-Chair Joseph F. Marino: Accepted for the Board of PARC (write out) will report back after 3/19/12 meeting, first full board meeting.

Recording Secretary - J. Cardillo In addition to routine taking of meeting minutes:

- Attended special M&E meeting on fundraising ideas.
- Helped move furniture from PARC to EPX office.
- Attended Tolentine Community Center (TCC) re Fels Community Center activities being moved to TCC.
- Helped transfer coats to St. Vincent DePaul Society

Corresponding Secretary - Melody Damis -

Absent. Did prepare and duplicate and drop off agenda. Working on thank-you note to PARC for furniture and appliances.

Treasurer's Report – Millie Ruffino

Same as JC above (except moving)

General Account – \$803.45

Grants Account – DCED, PARC, PAF, interest: \$16,095.98. Monies are earmarked for different EPX projects.

Beautification/Environment – Scott Collings

Absent. Will report next month on tree planting and Mayor's spring cleanup. Next meeting is Monday, 3/19/12, here

Marketing and Events/Membership – Pat Pitt

- 4/23/12 – Spirit Night @ Rita's Water Ice, 6 to 9, EPA and Reed. EPX to receive a portion of proceeds, from 10 to 20 percent depending on _____
- 6/1/12 – Bowling Fundraiser @ St. Monica's. More details to follow. Small high-end baskets will be raffled off. This replaces EPXtravaganza.

Grants/Finance Committee - Beth Dougherty

Absent. Finalized PARC Grant Report; sent to SC to forward.

(See written report.)

Public Safety/Town Watch/Sanitation – Lindy Backues

- Met Off. Gary Harkins after last month's meeting, who will be our liaison with the Philadelphia P.D.
- EPX falls within 3rd District, PSA 3. Lt. John Hewitt is over PSA 3.
- To learn more, go to phillypolice.com/districts/3rd or e-mail police.co.03@phila.gov
- Trying to track down Community Crime Bulletin to share at future EPX general meetings.
- Crimereports.com another website to learn about local crime.

Zoning and Planning – Dave Goldfarb

- Helped move furniture
- Three properties: tattoo parlor (w/provisos); 1801 EPA above S; 1915 S. 12th legalizing of duplex since 1950s w/out opposition.
- Next meeting is 3/21/12

- 1209 Mifflin – boxing gym on 2nd floor of Eddie's Auto Garage.
- 1653 EPA next to Cantina; need outdoor permit.
- 1815 S. 11th Vikings first floor as catering hall, 2nd floor as social hall.
- 1537 S. 11th Street – proposed restaurant and bar across from fountain. Informational only.
- 1101 Snyder Avenue, Bubble Tea House is open but in litigation; some nearby neighbors opposing it.
- Rehab issue (see Philly speaks). Nothing can be done via City of Philadelphia.

At-Large Board Member Reports – None.

Old Business – **Greater Philadelphia Cares Winter Coat Drive**

We collected about 250 clean, some new, some gently used coats to St. Vincent DePaul for above drive.

Order of the Day: American Cancer Society Relay for LIFE!

Presentation by Marjorie Madresh, Event Manager. See handouts. 2nd year. @ FDR Park. Majority of what's raised here goes back to our region. AstraZenica hope lodge on Fox Chase's site is Ronald McDonald's house for adults. 9,268 guest nights in 2011 saving over \$1.4 million. Provided over 8500 city residents services. E.g. free wigs, patient rides to treatment appointments. 9,000 rides to 575 patients. Have provided over \$20 million in cancer research funding.

5/12/12 10 to 10. You form teams and walk for entire twelve hours. To raise awareness of the organization. Great family activity. Across from Swedish Museum in FDR Park. Last year 140 cancer survivors came and participated.

southphillyrelay.org for more information. Can participate as survivor, can donate via website. Sell luminaria lighting bags in memory or in honor of someone. Need volunteers and committee members.

New Business:

1. White House Community Partnership Summit attended by Joseph F. Marino. (See attachment.) one idea for fundraising: open up a penny account. One source raised over \$100,000 in seven years.
2. Committee Growth – In December, most or present board members to step down. Need more at-large members get involved in various committees.
3. Fels Community Center Merge With Tolentine Community Center (TCC) – Steiffel Center closed last year, merged with Fels, displacing seniors. Building sold to Performing Arts Charter School. New president, Anna Matei. We're hoping w/help of councilman and other civics we can endorse seniors going there. Another meeting to be held at beginning of May.

Announcements:

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Adjournment: Marsha moved that tonight's meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.; seconded by Dave Goldfarb; motion carried unanimously.

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