



EAST PASSYUNK CROSSING

CIVIC ASSOCIATION & TOWN WATCH

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2013

EPX Center 1729 S. 11th St, Philadelphia, PA

Board Members Present:

Joseph F. Marino, Board Co-Chair
Darren Fava, Board Co-Chair
Chris Cozine, Recording Secretary
Erik Berger, At-Large Board Member
Millie Ruffino, At-Large Board Member
David Goldfarb, Zoning Chair
Matt Simone, Beautification/Environment Chair
Shawn Doyle, At-Large Board Member
Anna Reed, Outreach & Events Chair
Lindy Backues, Public Safety Chair
Beth Dougherty, Grants/Finance Chair
Melody Damis, At-Large Board Member
Roger Bruno, Treasurer
Lee Tharps, Corresponding Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Linda Harris, At-Large Board Member

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Marino, 7:04 p.m.

May 2013 GM Agenda Approval

Mr. Marino asked for a motion to approve the May 2013 General Meeting Agenda. Motion approved by; Jane Brechia; Seconded by Marie Brechia; motion carried unanimously.

April 2013 GM Meeting Minutes Approval

Mr. Marino asked for a motion to approve the April 2013 General Meeting Minutes. Motion approved by Roger Bruno; Seconded by Melody Damis; 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, Mr. Marino reported on the following topics:

- Meeting with Senator Farnese on April 24th re: DCED reporting and SEPTA Art Installation and additional funding needs.
- Attended EPX spring clean-up on April 13th and secured Cantina for luncheon afterwards.
- Attended meeting to work on renewing EPX PA State non-profit tax exemption application.
- Chaired meeting of CSPCAA where civic leaders agreed to close the gap for "no civic zone" if needed!
- Meetings with several EPX committee chairs to produce 2013-2014 PAF grant application.
- Started "Baskets and Bowling event" collection and visits to every eatery vendor at Flavors of the Avenue April 27th to thank them for their participation and inform them of my donation needs! Secured some beer donations for the event!
- Meetings with N/G re: grounds for EPX Beautification project and also attended their Taste of South Philly fundraiser May 6th.
- Multiple emails and phone calls with Councilman Squilla regarding PAF funds and establishment of Registered Community Organizations and/or expansion of civics to non-civic zone.
- Approached Rita's Water Ice on Passayunk to scheduled "Spirit Nite" fundraiser.
- Outreach to and meetings with United Communities staff regarding non-civic zone issues.
- Greater Philadelphia Tourism & Marketing Corp. created bags for EPX.

Co-Chair Report - Darren Fava

In addition to routine operation functions of EPX, Mr. Fava reported on the following:

- SEPTA Mural Arts Project
 - Mr. Fava met with Jane Goldman on 5/6 about insurance as well an additional mural.
- Worked with East Passayunk Business improvement district on pedestrian signage
- Exploring landscaping plans on Passayunk
 - Spaces located at Passayunk & Broad, Passayunk & Mifflin, Passayunk & Moore
 - The goal is to create more public space
- Asked members to fill out Passayunk avenue business survey

Recording Secretary - Chris Cozine

- Drafted letter for DCED Extension
- Announced new members

Corresponding Secretary – Lee Tharps

- Prepared Agenda
- Prepared Board member packets.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Bruno

In addition to routine operation functions of EPX Treasurer, Mr. Bruno reported on the following: Mr. Bruno reported the EPX bank account balances as of 05/06/2013.

- **BALANCES:**
 - **GRANT:** \$11,527.05
 - **OPERATING:** \$3874.68

Committee Reports

Beautification Committee – Matt Simone

Mr. Simone reported on the following:

- Mr. Simone gave a presentation about the Community Garden.
- Good turnouts at the Clean up & Tree Planting events.
 - 9th street was cleaned up as part of the South Philly Cleanup
 - 50 trees were planted during the Tree Planting
- Tools were donated to a volunteer cleanup at the Mifflin triangle
- Recycling Bins are available for EPX members.
- Next meeting is Tuesday May 14th

Education Committee - Beth Dougherty

Ms. Dougherty reported on the following:

- Ms. Dougherty assisted with the application for EPX's PAF grant.
- Assisted MR. Simone with the Garden agreement
- Assisted Mr. Marino with the EPX Boundaries discussion
- EPX received a plaque from the Southwark School for its service
- Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Downey are candidates for Southwark School's Hiring Committee
 - They would be involved in selecting a new principal
- The committee has met regularly with a group of latino mothers about school issues.
- The committee is constructing a School Advisory Committee for Southwark School.
- The committee will be buying supplies with the money from donations.

Public Safety & Town Watch – Lindy Backues

- Announced Philadelphia Town Watch Kickoff Rally in August
- Mr. Backues read recent crime reports
 - A/C thefts are on the rise.
 - Mail slot burglaries have been more frequent in our area.
- The South Bureau DA has requested community presence at an upcoming sentencing

- May 13th at the criminal justice center, 9am
- The committee is going to re-evaluate their meeting schedule.
- The committee has posted their new protocols, and is looking for Community Representatives

Outreach & Events – Anna Reed

- The committee would like to continue decorating the EPX Meeting spaces.
- Announced next committee meeting May 14th.
- Announced Rita's EPX Spirit Night Thursday May 8th 6-9.
- The next EPX Game Night is Wednesday May 15th.
- The Bowling night is June 14th, advance tickets are available.

Zoning and Planning – Dave Goldfarb

Mr. Goldfarb reported on the following:

- Regular letters to ZBA and council for past meetings; regular posting of flyers; regular meeting.
- Next meeting May 22nd
 - 1146 McKean
 - 1909 S. 7th
 - 904 Emily
- Announced a special zoning meeting Thursday, May 8th at Methodist Hospital re: Library

At-Large Board Member Reports

Mr. Berger reported a new EPX website is being developed.

Old Business

The following items were discussed:

- **Bowling and Baskets**
 - Ms. Reed discussed the event in her report.

Order of the Day: Community Garden Presentation by EPX Beautification Committee

- Mr. Simone gave a brief presentation about the EPX Community Garden.
- Maps of the garden design were distributed.
- A portion of the layout will be reserved for NG students.
- 32-38 plots will be available.
- Part of the garden will be used to grow vegetables to donate back to the community.
- Other logistical details of the garden, i.e. fencing and watering were discussed.
- Applications were available for the garden at the meeting.
- The timeline for implementation will allow gardening this summer as well as year-round.

New Business:

- Bowling Event
 - Friday June 14th 7pm, at St. Monica's Bowling Alley
- Spirit Night at Rita's Water Ice on E. Passayunk Ave;
 - May 9th, 6 – 9 pm

Announcements:

- New members were announced
- JFM asked members to take the business survey
- JFM announced the Relay for Life
- DF announced Love your park week

Adjournment:

8:03 pm by Mr. Marino. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Berger.