

## **East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association – General Membership Meeting**

Monday, October 6, 2014, 7:00pm

Ss. Neumann-Goretti Cafeteria

- Call to Order – Darren Fava at 7:05pm
- Approval of Agenda Motion: Jane Breccia, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joseph F. Marino
- Approval of September 2014 GM Minutes Motion: Joseph F. Marino, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roger Bruno
  
- Officer Reports:
  - o Co-Chair - Joseph
    - 1) Set dedication date, and other details with Senator Farnese and Councilman Squilla etc, and arranged for post-dedication reception with PARC for the EPX, SEPTA, and Mural Arts "Mifflin Substation Art Installation!"
  
    - 2) Extensive phone calls, emails, texts and visits to Ss. Neumann-Goretti new president Bruce Robinson, brief encounter with Bishop Fitzgerald, himself, and email to Archdiocesan School CFO Dave Magee regarding EPX Community Garden.
  
    - 3) Attended ground breaking for the neighborhood CHOP project, the NEW Community Health and Literacy Center at Broad and Morris on 9/18 at 2pm.
  
    - 4) Lunch meeting with Councilman Squilla regarding Tolentine Community Center, Ss. Neumann-Goretti parking issues, former BOK school etc.
  
    - 5) Emails and interviews regarding the purchase of the former BOK school site.
  
    - 6) Represented EPX at the Philadelphia Next Great City meeting on 9/18 at 11 am. in the PHS offices. Spoke to PHS about overgrown trees at Ss. Neumann-Goretti..
  
    - 7) Supervised completion and arranged re-dedication/blessing of BVM statue on Ss. Neumann-Goretti property, set text for plaque as a tribute to Sr. Paula IHM who routinely attended EPX functions before her passing last September 2013.
  
    - 8) Brokered EPX staffing and selling refreshments at Ss. Neumann-Goretti November 1st Doo Wop concert. Efforts on EPX Community Partners award 2014.
  
    - 9) Helping to staff EPX table at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Italian Festival on Sunday October 5th.
  
    - 10) Efforts to secure annual advertising page in Cavalieri Memorial concert booklet.
  
    - 11) Discussions regarding protocols for EPX Nominations and ELections Committee.
  
    - 12) Two of my five nominees to the South Philly Review for their annual "Difference Makers" award were winners!
  
    - 13) Attended Southwark schoolyard visioning workshop on Monday 9/22.
  
  - o Addition: Met new program director at Tolentine Community Center
  
  - o Co-Chair- Darren
    - o Septa art installation – negotiating with SEPTA and Mural Arts on final phases of project
    - o Volunteered at St. Nick’s Festival at EPX table
    - o Working on EPX Signage project
    - o Attended Southwark taskforce meeting

- Secretary – Ruth
  - Minutes from September GM and Board; created annual board packet
  - Drafted press release for Septa Art Installation
  - Emailed all new members from September meeting
  - Updated EPX member database
  - Worked extensively with Beth Dougherty on nomination and elections process
  - Sent emails to all members eligible to nominate and vote in November/December
  - Working out scheduling issues with Neumann Goretti
  
- Treasurer – Roger
  - See attached report
  
- Committee Reports:
  - Outreach/Membership – Lindy
    - Committee started in earnest in the past months and has 3 new members
    - Drafted protocols and standards for outreach committee. Developed mission statement plus position descriptions for Chair plus 3 positions (communications, programming, community liaison).
    - Meeting at 7:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.
    - Outreach@epcrossing.org
  - Beautification – Matt – not present
    - Chelsea reported for Matt
    - Tree planting on 11/15; deadline for next spring tree planting is 10/26 (apps are on our website)
    - Tree tenders classes – PHS – 3 part series – contact Matt @ [matthew@epcrossing.org](mailto:matthew@epcrossing.org)
    - 10/18 @ 9am neighborhood clean up – meet at Neumann Goretti –starting at 7<sup>th</sup> and Tasker and run down 7<sup>th</sup> street
    - 10/18 hazardous waste drop off at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Passyunk.
    - Joe will work with Councilman to set a date to have a pick-up here.
  - Education – Beth
    - 1<sup>st</sup> task force meeting – 40 people (parents, students, community orgs) attended
      - first drafts of designs will be available in November
    - Teacher appreciation breakfast on 11/4 (in-service day)
    - SRC cancelled the teacher contract today
    - Paper drive coming up – social media blitz with drop off at local restaurant or bar
    - Reorganization of the library. School district is working out issues with the online system. We may need to do a fundraiser to cover licensing fee to use the library software.
      - Will be looking for volunteers to staff library
    - Next meeting focus: marketing and PR for education committee and how does the committee market Southwark to potential families and parents in the neighborhood.
    - Looking for new members for committee
    - If anyone wants a tour of the school, let Beth know
    - Will be working with St. Anthony of Padua to do a fundraiser for sports teams
  - Fundraising and Events – April
    - St. Nick’s festival, thanks to volunteers
    - Breakfast with the Civic at Fountain Porter 10/19 11am-1pm– drink specials, breakfast sandwiches
    - One-time volunteer opportunities are available, contact April
    - Holiday tour of lights on 12/14

- Anna and Tim going to social meeting training
- Doo Wop on 11/1 at Neumann Goretti; looking for people to bake and sell baked goods at event as EPX fundraiser
- Public Safety/Information - VACANT
- Zoning/Planning – Dave
  - 700 Moore St – approved
  - Next meeting 10/22 7pm
  - Worked with beer distributor to resolve a few compliance issues.
    - Q: Can the beer distributor be that close to the school – Yes
    - Q: What is happening at 12<sup>th</sup> & McKean? Looking for a tenant
    - Q: What is happening with the hole in the ground at 12<sup>th</sup> and Morris?  
Looking for a restaurant partner
  - Upcoming -700 Moore, 1900 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- At-Large Reports: Shawn, Erik, Anna, Lee, Laura, (Tim not present)
  - Lee working on bookkeeping protocols
  - Anna helped at Tolentine Festival; great to have the face in the hole photo booth
- Old Business:
  - SEPTA Art Installation
    - Production difficulties will delay the unveiling that was scheduled for this Thursday. Working through issues with SEPTA.
    - Had to uninvite Senator and Councilman.
    - New date to be announced soon.
  - Cavaliere Memorial Concert – 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – Sunday afternoon concert on 10/19
- Order of the Day:
  - Nicole Ozdemir, City Planner, Philadelphia City Planning Commission re: Upcoming South District Plan
    - City wide plan completed a few years ago.
    - Last comprehensive plan 1960
    - Now working on district plans (18 districts)
    - Up next is South Philadelphia
      - Washington to Packer; river to river
      - Kicked off this month
    - Land view survey finished
    - Facilities survey has been completed (park, playground, public facility)
    - Steering committee will start in mid-November
    - Planning process is 10 months
    - Complete plan in June
    - Public meetings will be on Broad Street
    - Purpose is to identify areas needing improvements: transportation, streets, street sweeping, safety, zoning recommendations to fix disparities in zoning, parking, bike lanes
    - Erik will put a link on the website

- New Business:
  - o Nominations and Elections – introduction of Maripat Pileggi who will Chair nominations and elections this year.
  - o Bok School update – Joe, Darren, and Dave heard plan in top secret conversation. The developer, Scout, LLC, who won is the only one who met with EPX. They are looking forward to having public involvement. We are excited about the plans. Dave: tentatively - activate first floor with commercial use, collaborative working space, quasi industrial, co-op space for offices, restaurant work in existing restaurant space. They are talking about on-site parking. We are hoping to bring them in for an informational meeting (11/17 possibly). Live/work space.
    - Q: Residential? Yes. 335,000 square feet (will probably be done in phases).
    - Q: Will the Scout group get involved with doing the playground at Southwark (like what happened at Jackson)? We have to be careful about getting involved in that – so that there doesn't appear to be a quid pro quo.
  
- Announcements: Councilman Ed Nielson will attend next months meeting
  
- Adjournment: 8:07pm

**Announcements**

- **Committee Meetings**
  - Fundraising/Events Meeting – Thurs., October 9th – 7:30pm (EPX Office – NG-217)
  - Education Meeting – Wed., October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm (EPX Office – NG-217)
  - Zoning/Planning – Wed., October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm. (N-G Library / Media Room)
  - Beautification Meeting – Wed., October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm (EPX Office – NG 217)

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