

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

Monday, November 3, 2014, 7:00pm

Ss. Neumann-Goretti Cafeteria

- Call to Order: Joseph F. Marino @ 7:07 pm
- Approval of Agenda:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Marsha Shiflet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jane Breccia
- Approval of September 2014 GM Minutes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Roger Bruno
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Darren Fava
- Officer Reports:
  - Co-Chair – Joseph F. Marino
    - 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!"
    - 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.
    - Attended ground breaking for the neighborhood CHOP project, the NEW Community Health and Literacy Center at Broad and Morris on 9/18 at 2pm.
    - Lunch meeting with Councilman Squilla regarding Tolentine Community Center, Ss. Neumann-Goretti parking issues, former BOK school etc.
    - Emails and interviews regarding the purchase of the former BOK school site.
    - 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.
    - 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.
    - Brokered EPX staffing and selling refreshments at Ss. Neumann-Goretti November 1st Doo Wop concert. Efforts on EPX Community Partners award 2014.
    - Helping to staff EPX table at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Italian Festival on Sunday October 5th.
    - Efforts to secure annual advertising page in Cavalieri Memorial concert booklet.

- Discussions regarding protocols for EPX Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Two of my five nominees to the South Philly Review for their annual "Difference Makers" award were winners!
- Attended Southwark schoolyard visioning workshop on Monday 9/22.
- Co-Chair- Darren Fava
  - Attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine Italian Festival EPX table
  - Attended meeting re: new lighting for Passyunk Avenue
- Secretary – Ruth Robbins
  - Absent
- Treasurer – Roger Bruno
  - October report (attached)
- Committee Reports:
  - Outreach/Membership – Lindy Backues
    - Talking to LaSalle Nonprofit program re: continuation of workshop with the Board
    - Committee met to discuss outreach plans to link with lesser represented groups in the neighborhood - discussed possibly doing a culinary event
  - Beautification – Matt Simone
    - Garden - had a planting day last week to plant bulbs
    - Still accepting applications for the garden for next year
    - Fall Tree Planting is November 15th at 9:30am
    - Held first cleanup in the new boundaries which targeted 7th Street - some residents from that area came out to help
    - Philly Leaf pickup - there will be no more curbside pickup. Residents will have to go to local pickup location (there are 22 in the city) on specific pickup dates - details on website
  - Education – Beth Dougherty
    - Spent time this month working on SEPTA issue as attorney for EPX
    - Worked with Maripat and Ruth on Board elections process
    - Held a successful Teacher Appreciation breakfast this morning at Southwark - donated bagels, raffled off gift certificates
    - In the process of talking about marketing plan for the committee to get more participation
  - Fundraising and Events – April Herring
    - Absent - report given by Anna Reed
    - Doo-wop show was this past Saturday - EPX members donated baked goods to sell - we made \$110 profit
    - Thank you's to those who baked and worked the event
    - EPX-mas Tour of Lights will be December 14th at 6pm - Joe will be offering a one-time special tour of East Passyunk Christmas of the past through the neighborhood for an additional \$10 per person (while supplies last)
    - New fundraiser idea for the Spring - online silent auction -will raffle off high end items and experiences. Forms handed out for people to submit prize ideas.

- Public Safety/Information – Tim Moyer
    - Tim is chair until the end of the year
    - Recent crime
      - Break-ins and car thefts - most around Mifflin between 10th and 11th
      - Robberies - 1900 and 2000 blocks of Broad Street
      - 1800 block of Passyunk - armed robbery on October 10th
  - Zoning/Planning – Dave Goldfarb
    - October meeting only had one property, 700 Moore St, a variance for a sit down restaurant with take-out, which was voted in favor of
    - November meeting will be 11/19 at 6:30pm. Following the meeting will be a special informational session about Bok School, at 7:30pm.
- At-Large Reports: Shawn, Erik, Anna, Lee, Laura - none
  - Old Business:
    - SEPTA Art Installation Update
      - Waiting for agreement to be signed by our and SEPTA's attorneys
      - SEPTA is replacing the broken and damaged windows
    - Cavaliere Memorial Concert
      - Sold 12 tickets, made \$48
    - BOK School Meeting
      - Informational meeting was held to discuss the upcoming informational meeting for the neighborhood residents
      - Meeting will be at 7:30pm on November 19th at Southwark
  - Presentation of the Day
    - Councilman Ed Neilson, Philadelphia City Council Member, At-Large
      - Democrat, bipartisan
      - Discussed budget cuts for Education in Philadelphia County
      - Got a Bill passed for a pilot for a reading program for Dyslexic children
      - Discussed importance of voting tomorrow
  - Order of the Day: Nominations and Elections
    - Election will be held at the December meeting, if needed
  - New Business:
    - Charitable Giving
      - Donations for Thanksgiving dinners - can donate at a meeting or online via Paypal

- In December, donations for gift cards for families in need
  - EPA BID Italian Immigration Exhibit
    - Special project - need photos (black and white) of people who opened a business in the neighborhood in the past 50 years
- Adjournment 8:18pm