

East Passyunk Crossing Civic Association – General Membership Meeting

Monday, December 1, 2014, 7:00pm

Ss. Neumann-Goretti Cafeteria

- Call to Order – Darren Fava (Joe Marino presided over the meeting): 7:07
- Approval of Agenda - Motion: Roger Bruno, 2nd: Jane Breccia
- Approval of November 2014 GM Minutes – Motion: Rose DiLiberto; 2nd: Dave Goldfarb

- Officer Reports:
 - Co-Chair - Joseph -
 - Routine operating functions of EPX, such as web page updates, check signing & meetings w/ my co-chair etc
 - 1) Made personal phone calls to both Larry Farnese and Mark Squilla which have assisted the SEPTA attorneys, Mural Arts attorneys and EPX quickly coming to definitive resolution regarding the "Mifflin Substation Art Installation!"
 - 2) Reached out to a private contracting firm to secure donation of time and labor to repair the EPX Community Garden fence for EPX Beautification committee.
 - 3) Attended South Philly Review "Difference Makers" Award dinner 11/4.
 - 4) Secured photographs of East Passyunk Avenue gone by for EPA BID exhibit at Filitalia Internationale.
 - 5) Attended and co-moderated special meeting with former BOK school site owner and EPX community after Zoning committee meeting 11/19.
 - 6) Represented EPX at the Philadelphia Next Great City meeting on 11/21 at 11 am. in the PHS offices. 7) Attended Southwark Elementary school playground OLIN architect plan "reveal" 11/17 with EPX Education committee.
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 - 8) Helped pack and distribute 100 turkey dinner at PAC/United Healthcare event on Monday 11/24 from 1-4p.m. with EPX Outreach committee.
 - 9) Saw to the distribution of 11 Thanksgiving day dinners to EPX neighbors through the office of Councilman at Large Neilson and the IBEW 98 at no cost to EPX. This freed up money donated for charitable giving funds to our December Holiday giving coffers.
 - 10) Secured a free small bag of Kettle Corn to take away for first 100 attendees of the EPX--Mass Tour of Lights attendee for the Events Committee.
 - 11) Provided bio and photo to EPX Elections Committee as requested.
 - 12) Reviewed new EPX Financial Committee protocols and provided feedback before their submission to the board as a whole.
 - Co-Chair- Darren – echoed Joe’s report
 - Secretary – Ruth – worked with Maripat on the voting records for tonight; helped with tree planting; attended Bok presentation
 - Treasurer – Roger – see report

- Committee Reports:
 - Beautification – Matt
 - Waiting for fence to be put back up in the garden
 - Tree tenders event had a great turnout – 20 people, 9 trees planted
 - Tree tenders classes are on January 24, January 31 – see Matt for details
 - Seeking nominations for co-chair positions (tree tending, garden, environment/trash)

- Plastic bag / clean water campaign asking for our support, EPX endorsed them, they will be pushing a bill to limit plastic bags
 - Meeting for December may be cancelled
 - Education – Beth
 - Reviewed finance protocols, and plastic bag legislation
 - 2nd task force meeting for Southwark school yard project: draft plans (front, side, and rear); good comments and ideas were exchanged; plans will be adapted; once approved, they will go on the website; this is a \$900,000 project that will require a significant grant. Looking to Water Department
 - Southwark open house – 1st time for this event. It highlighted Spanish/English immersion program. 30 attendees. Planned another one because of great attendance
 - Southwark Library project – good news – contacted company that manages online digital library catalog (Southwark has not paid license fee, but info has not been lost)
 - Committee focus is on increasing mission, brand, logo, website; see facebook page for more info
 - Southwark has a blog - if you want info, see Beth
 - Crosstown Coalition convened an education committee meeting – looking to do a summit in early winter
 - Next meeting Wed 12/17 at 7pm at South Philly Co-op workspace.
 - Fundraising and Events – April
 - EPXmas tour of lights announcement
 - If you want to help with a one time event fill out the form provided
 - Italian red gravy competition coming up in March
 - Looking for silent auction items – “experiences” to auction off
 - If you want to buy a window cling, see April (\$1)
 - Next meeting is December 9th at 7:30
 - Outreach/Membership – Lindy
 - Idea for a Taste of EPX, more info after the holidays
 - United Healthcare multicultural center, Philadelphia Access Center, and EPX worked on the thanksgiving food give away – worked with two new organizations
 - Public Safety/Information – Tim
 - Committee is being formed, but Tim is transitioning out 12/31
 - A handful of people have approached Tim with interest
 - There have been some car break-ins/theft – time of day varies; a few robberies without weapons; be aware of your surroundings
 - Zoning/Planning – Dave
 - 1910 S. 11th Street – approved
 - Attended steering committee for South District Plan; public meeting this Thursday, 12/4 at South Philly High at 6pm
 - Next Zoning meeting Tues., 12/9, switching to 2nd Tuesday of the month
- At-Large Reports: Shawn, Erik, Anna, Lee, Laura – no reports

- Old Business:
 - o SEPTA Art Installation – Septa and Mural Arts have to sign a license agreement; Urban Signs had to have a right to entry agreement; agreements are with Mural Arts lawyers for review; there are some issues with repair and maintenance. Mural Arts and EPX will need to have a MOU about repair and maintenance. Hoping the agreement as it stands is enough for Mural Arts insurance broker to cover installation. Septa never mentioned lawyers until 3 months ago – out of a 4 year process.
 - o Bok School Meeting – Information session (very early) with developer. Developer presented very early plans. Not a lot of details, but a lot of enthusiasm. The commercial part of the idea is a place to allow people to use tools. Some commercial on the street side; looking at primary live/work space; parking on the footprint of the building; she is looking to do the work in phases – open it for art installation, lights up; next phase is first floor (makers, commercial) then residential; 7 different terraces that have amazing views that may be used in a variety of ways; promised auditorium would be restored and open for community use; dance critic for Inquirer knows dancers/actors in area – would like to pass on her information.
 - o Charitable Giving – EPX had 11 families in our boundaries that needed help for Thanksgiving, Councilman Nielsen and IBEW donated all of the food, at no cost to EPX. December giving – 3 to 4 families. We will work with other orgs that are 501c3.
 - o Announcements: EPX community partners award will be given at next months meeting; Jen Domsy, Communications Coordinator, Friends of Free Library wants to come with an artist/architect to show what Lenfests are paying for – collaborative art. They may come to one of the committee meetings in January. More info tba.

- Adjournment: 7:51 for elections

- Order of the Day:
 - o Elections

Announcements

- **Committee Meetings**
 - Fundraising/Events Meeting – tbd
 - Outreach – tbd
 - Education Meeting – tbd
 - Zoning/Planning – Tues., December 9, 7:00pm (NG-211 – Library)
 - Beautification Meeting – tbd

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