

Pike Township Residents Association
Meeting Minutes 3/09/05

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Quorum verified

Susan went over our purpose and reminded folks to sign in at the back. She recognized Larry Metzler, School Board Member, in the audience.

Presentation – Tammara Tracy, former Pike Township Administrator was joined by David Hershel to make a sign survey presentation to PTRA. Tammara explained that our current sign code in Indianapolis is illegal because it is content dependent. Sign codes need to be content neutral. There were several slides and the audience was asked to write down their preferences. Tammara reported that so far, the survey seemed to support what the team was expecting.

Presentation – Steve Jones, Pike Township Resident. Steve made a presentation regarding the 56th Street and I-465 Interchange. His proposal is to encourage access to I-465 north from that interchange in order to alleviate congestion on the North West side secondary roads in and out of Park 100. In particular, Hendricks Co. residents who work in Park 100. Steve was asking PTRA to write a letter asking for a study of the intersection to the commissioner and request hearings. Ike Randolph and City Council member McWhirter are supporting the requests for study. It was agreed that Steve would draft a letter for Susan to put on PTRA letterhead.

Steve also briefly mentioned asking the city to post signs reminding truckers of the noise ordinance, which if enforced, would prohibit engine breaking. At the State Fair INDOT has a booth where it solicits suggestions.

Presentation – Dorothy Miller, former PTRA President, regarding Pike Schools. Dorothy stated that we have a problem in the township in that the schools think they need more land to build schools. She said it was obvious that Pike would want to put schools where the kids live. She presented data that showed that the largest number of kids lived south of 62nd St. in the 46254 zip code area. There is a higher density of people in the southern part of the township. The school already owns several parcels of land, but none of them currently is big enough to hold either a high school or middle school (80 acres, and 40 acres, respectively).

Dorothy said the purpose of her coming to us was to make us aware of the issues and to try to encourage the schools to generate other alternatives to purchasing land at 86th and Moore, which is an aquifer, is rolling land, and therefore unsuitable for school building.

Election of Board Members and Officers

Policy discussion on how many meetings one could miss and retain a seat on the board? Ed moved that members must make 4 meetings a year and be a paid member in order to be on the Board. This was seconded and the motion was carried.

After conversation it was agreed to remove Sam Barnett, David Copher, Jesse Moore, Patty Patton and Michael Sertic. These board members have not been in attendance for a long time.

New nominees were: Jay Adams, Saddlebrook resident, Ice Miller attorney. He attended our discussions on the Dynaloy petition. Lisa Burr, Northwest Kessler Neighborhood Association, Rehab Psychologist. Also serves on MCANA. John Cima, Crooked Creek West, Environmental Consultant.

Officers staying: Susan as President, Fran as Treasurer, Katherine as Secretary, and VPs of areas staying. Pat moved we close nominations and accept the board, seconded and carried.

Susan recognized Mark Satterly, Paul's son (Mark and Paul had left meeting). Mark is a boy scout who attended in order to earn a merit badge on attending a public forum meeting.

Approval of February minutes, tabled

Treasurer's Report – Fran not here due to it being tax time. Barry Stern, Gateway West Town Home Association made a \$250 donation to PTRA for all the hard work that PTRA does for Pike Township.

There was a discussion on raising dues. They haven't been raised for several years. It was moved that dues be raised to \$15 for a single membership and \$40 for all neighborhood association memberships. The motion was seconded and carried. Effective today.

Announcements

Case Updates: 3445 W. 71st St., New Augusta Church asking for an EVM sign. The church continued it to 4/26 and asked us if we would support them if they dropped the LED, EVM portion of the petition. Susan advised them that our main concern is the EVM component of the sign. Pat suggested the church still present in April and show us the proposed sign elevation. The board concurred.

Davis Homes - Hearing Examiner has recommended approval of proposal. It came down to the fact that we supported earlier a D-6 zoning; this request is for a D-5 which is less dense. PTRA appealed decision to 3/16 MDC hearing. Susan said she thought we had a decent chance. Councilor Randolph (proposal in City-County District 1) has offered to call it up to council if it is not defeated at MDC. Anticipate Councilor Greg Bowes support. Susan has solicited Councilors McWhirter and Mansfield for support also.

7102 Marsh Rd – Kevin attended the hearing and noticed no brick on the site plan in the city's file. Elizabeth then hand carried an updated site plan to the assigned planner.

Good job Kevin.

8634 W. 46th St. – Susan received a fax that they are asking for a continuance. MI Homes needs more time to negotiate with current property owner, SMC Development. Continued to April.

71st & Michigan Rd. - CVS's EVM sign was defeated 3 to 1 at BZA hearing. They have since turned off the sign.

JRS Paint and Body was defeated by a unanimous vote at BZA hearing. There was a mix up with a MCANA meeting agenda that indicated that PTRA had already made up its mind before they presented in front of us. This was cleared up, but it still was mentioned at the hearing.

From now on Susan will give people who wish to present preliminary proposals (not filed) five minutes. Board members suggested the preliminary cases be put at the bottom

of the agenda. It was suggested we have time limits; petitioners (those that have filed) be given 15 minutes to present, residents be given 15 minutes to ask questions, and then PTRAs board members ask questions. Recognize leniency will be required on controversial cases. Board agreed to new policy, effective April 2005.

C-4's annual meeting and Sheriff Frank Anderson will speak May 18 at 6:30pm at the Flanner & Buchanan Family Center on Kessler Blvd.

Health and Hospital Corp is having a community meeting Wednesday, 3/16 from 6-7:30p at the Children's Museum Rm 201 & 203. The topics will be "Myths of US Healthcare Industry" and the Environment.

Crime Watch is having a Block Captain training session Tuesday, 4/12 from 6:30 – 8:30p at the Washington Park Family Center. 3830 E. 30th St. RSVP is needed. Contact Shirley Purvitis at 327-3781.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful is having its Neighborhood Spring Clean Up. This year there is a special promotion "Operation My Town Program". Special Equipment will be provided and there will be a contest to rate neighborhoods. The neighborhood with the highest average rating will receive 10 flats of flowers.

Indianapolis is trying to update its Brownfield listing. Brownfields are parcels of property that have been abandoned or are under used. Contact Karen Terrell.

MCANA's March meeting, Saturday, 3/19 from 9-11am at the North United Methodist Church, 38th & Meridian, and again on 4/16 at the same place and time. In April MIBOR (Indy Board of Realtors) and BAGGI (Indy Builder Association) will be making presentations. For more info: MCANAINDY.org

VIII Liquor Permits – see attached list

Of note, BP Amoco, their renewal permit was approved - will require legal representation to move forward in an attempt to defeat. PTRAs does not have the funds. It is Jeannette's opinion that there is a line of Shell stations waiting to see how this case was resolved. Jeannette asked for additional board assistance in fighting these cases.

IX Land USE – no items to discuss

Meeting adjourned 10:50p