

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Meeting Minutes 12/08/10

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Susan welcomed all. Susan wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year. Reminded visitors, board members and ex-officio members to sign in at back table. Agendas, copies of the board of directors' roster, PTRAs membership forms are on the back table. If you are not a member of PTRAs and would like to become one, membership fees are \$15.00 for individual/family, \$40.00 for homeowner associations, \$30.00 for business. This fee helps defray the cost of supplies, copying, postage, website, etc. Additionally, we oftentimes contribute monetarily to services that benefit the Pike Township community. If you are interested in becoming a board of director, please contact one of the board members or Susan. The Pike Township Residents Association, (acronym PTRAs) is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 that provides a forum for Pike Township residents and business owners to meet to discuss regional and local neighborhood concerns such as, but not limited to, land use, whether it be new or modifications to existing, parks, recreation, transportation, schools, drainage, sewage problems, water supply, area beautification. PTRAs is an umbrella organization for local neighborhood associations and also serves the needs of individual residents and businesses. Our decisions are identified by support, opposed, or no-position. On land use items, the decisions made are recommendations only, albeit, the decision is highly regarded by the Metropolitan Development Commission and the Boards of Zoning Appeals, Divisions I, II and III. Final decisions on zoning cases is determined by the Metropolitan Development Commission, the City-County Council, the Boards of Zoning Appeals (Divisions I, II or III) or a court of law. Petitioners are given 15 minutes to present their proposal. Residents are also given 15 minutes for questions and/or comments. Board members will then make suggestions, ask questions or make comments. Please refrain from asking questions during the petitioner's presentation. Be mindful, respectful and courteous at all times. We have a quorum for this evening's meeting; 10 board members present.

At this time elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives were recognized for being in attendance.

Drew Wignal – Deputy Prosecutor; assigned to the Northwest District

Sgt. McEwen – Northwest District IMPD Officer

Mary Chalmers – Mayors Neighborhood Liaison – Northwest Outer Region

Janice McHenry – City-County Councillor-District 6

Sam Brunner – Assistant Fire Marshal Pike Township

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER BOARD MINUTES (TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING) - NO MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER – Minutes tabled till next month to provide more time for review.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Fran provided report for 12/08/10. Beginning balance on 11/10/10 of \$4072.25 with deposits of \$70.00 and withdrawals of \$100.00 leaving an ending balance of \$4042.25.

III. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

DREW WIGNAL OR HEATHER KISTLER – Drew Wignal was in attendance. He introduced Sgt. McEwen who is a supervisor of the Northwest District. He gave the Northwest District telephone number of 327-6600 and the non-emergency number, which is 327-3811. We were advised to let our neighbors know when we are on vacation. As gift items are received this time of year, he advised it would not be a good idea to put the empty 50" TV box out for the trash; if it placed in trash, turn box inside out, or better yet, take to recycle. No graffiti cover-up in December. There were 8 cover-ups this year affecting 73 different properties. Drew provided his office number, 327-6653. He also advised not to start vehicles and let them run in the driveway. We should always put our shopping purchases in the trunk and not the backseat. PTRAs has been so generous in the past in provided materials for the graffiti cover-up program. In mentioning future needs, Susan advised he and Heather to provide a "wish list." He asked the board for 3 items; a 5gal bucket of paint – \$85.00, 1 box of 6 cartons of graffiti wipes - \$99.00, and 1 push broom – 15.99. Don motioned for a \$200.00 expenditure. Betsy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT FROM MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON-NORTHWEST OUTER REGION

MARY CHALMERS – Mayor Ballard's position -- Public safety is job 1! Rebuild Indy – additional resources to restructure the city. City staff is constantly looking for funding. The 2011 Great Indy Cleanup with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) will be held in April. There were 90 groups that participated this year. In 2011, there will be 4 Saturdays in April. They will be in Decatur, Wayne, Pike, and Washington Township. A committee chaired by Scott Rosenberger of the Weed & Seed program (Susan is on committee) applied for a KIB grant to landscape medians in the Lafayette Square

corridor area. The committee decided four medians on Pike Plaza would be first. The project is intended to be over several years. Mary advised us that the 2010 leaf pickup program is now over.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE – 2 cases went to hearing.

- 7270 Georgetown – Petitioner requested a 60-day continuance at the hearing. Susan objected to the continuance. The BZA board voted 2-2 for a continuance. Rules of procedure require a hearing on a tie vote. During the BZA's recess, the Petitioner left. Susan asked for a dismissal due to warrant of prosecution. The BZA dismissal vote was unanimous.
- 5041 W. 96th - Garage Doors of Indianapolis – Pole sign. BZA divided variance request into parts A & B. Needed separation distance and height. The 660 feet distance portion was approved. The height was a tie vote; will be reheard on February 1.

VI. ALCOHOL PERMITS

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| - | 1/3/11 | renewal - | 86 th Street Pub- | 3661 West 86 th St | 3-way |
| - | 1/3/11 | renewal - | 116 Grocery | 4624 Lafayette Rd | Beer |
| - | 1/3/11 | renewal - | Noodles & Company | 3450 W. 86 th St. | 3-way |
| - | 1/18/11 | renewal - | Buffalo Wild Wings | 2514 Lake Circle Drive | 3-way |
| - | 1/18/11 | renewal - | The Main Event | 7038 Shore Terrace | 3-way |

Hooka Lounge – Nancy Beals of Drug Free Marion County attended ATC appeal hearing. The ATC referred the license renewal back to Marion County's Alcohol Beverage Board without a decision. Applicants desired to change their license to be an over 21 club. IMPD officers attended the local board and testified against the lounge; they also attended the appeal hearing. Currently scheduled to be heard on 1/18/11.

VII. LAND USE – NEW PETITION

- 1) 6317 Shanghai Rd. – 2010-UV1-027 James and Ella Mae Duncan request a variance of use to provide for a landscape business with outdoor storage of commercial vehicles. Current zoning is D-3. Council District 1. Hearing date continued by PTR to 1/4/11, BZA I. Presenter is Cary Harnett. Chairperson is ? (Vice-President, District III is vacant).
 - *All structures have a legal building permit.*
 - *Storage of materials – all removed.*
 - *Dispatch landscape activity since 1974. 1991 no homes in the area. 2000 homes north of the area. 2001 homes being built on the north side of property. 2010 white pines now 18 – 20 feet tall.*
 - *Will fill in all gaps in tree line.*
 - *8 new parking spots 9' x 18' will be hard surfaced.*
 - *One neighbor raised concerns over truck noise.*
 - *Other neighbors have no problem with it.*

Commitments: No increase in vehicles. No lighting except security lighting. Variance shall be limited to current and 1st generation heirs only; variance will terminate if property sold to other than first generation relatives. No staging. No materials storage. No fuel onsite. 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Monday – Saturday; no operation on Sunday. Jan motioned to support with commitments. Ray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

- 1) I-65 & Lafayette Rd. (north of Lafayette Square) – Potential petitioner seeks modifications of commitments of integrated center to permit a nightclub. Christopher Posey is presenter. – *Live music, Jazz venue, Thursday – Saturday. They will have entertainment from the outside and a house band other days. Bands, singers and no DJ's. The club will be geared to ages 30 – 55. There will be light fare food services but not full service. They will apply for a 3-way alcohol license. There will be a dress code. They would like to open in May 2011. There will be 3 paid security guards. The tenant space will be 4000 sq. feet; will seat 130. Board did not take position.*
- 2) I-65 & Lafayette Rd. (north of Lafayette Square) – Potential petitioner seeks modifications of commitments to permit a liquor store. David Kingen is presenter. – *Have filed; will return after notices are mailed. Attending now to provide board with details and obtain reaction. Want to open a liquor store within integrated center. Owner has 22 liquor stores throughout Marion County. Plans to transfer liquor license from their 38th & Lafayette Rd. location. Intends to close that location due to difficult vehicle access. The new store will lease 3500 sq ft.*

Note: PTRAs board had concerns regarding two alcohol service businesses in this integrated center. Only one other business there currently, the remainder of the center is vacant.

Tim Lord gave a brief presentation on making changes to the PTRAs website. He proposes that he will use Wordpress.org for development of the website. Board thanked Tim for his continuing website maintenance and his presentation. Board was in favor of the proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Fisher, Secretary