

# PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Meeting Minutes 02/12/14

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

### I. WELCOMING – OPEN REMARKS – INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY PERSONNEL

At this time Susan recognized elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives in attendance.

Sam Bruner – Pike Township Fire Marshal

Bob Smith – Pike Township Fire Chief

Helen Jackson – Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison Northwest Outer Region

Drew Wignal – Community Prosecutor, IMPD Northwest District, Marion County Prosecutor’s Office

Anthony Burke – Neighborhood Liaison, Health and Hospital

Emmitt Carney – Candidate – Sheriff of Marion County

Quorum verified. PTRAs mission statement read.

### II. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE DREW WIGNAL

Drew Wignal introduced Teah Averett who has replaced Heather Kistler as the paralegal. Teah can be reached at 327-6675, e-mail address [teah.averett@indy.gov](mailto:teah.averett@indy.gov).

Free crime prevention presentation on Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at the John Wesley Free Methodist Church located at 5900 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

### III. GUEST PRESENTATION – SHOP PIKE LOCAL BIZ PAMELA MAPP

Cassie McDuffey was guest speaker. She can be reached at 759-0933. Cassie is a volunteer for the Pike Performing Arts Department. Cassie indicated there are gaps with regards to students and the performing arts. Studies indicate children who are exposed to performing arts have better grades and lives. She indicated that they are starting a program where you can obtain a shop reward card for shopping at local businesses. More information is available at [www.shoppikelocalbiz.com](http://www.shoppikelocalbiz.com). Reward cards can be ordered online. Studies show local businesses return 3 times as much to the community as compared to national retailers.

### IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Fran was not in attendance. Susan provided a report submitted by Fran. Beginning balance, \$3144.23; deposits of \$145.00; storage unit expenditure. January 31<sup>st</sup> ending balance, \$3278.23. Storage unit fees have increased; annual cost for 2014 will be \$252.00 compared to \$120.00 in previous years. Clint offered to store PTRAs archive files at one of his properties. PTRAs PO Box is up for renewal. Due to ongoing issues of not receiving mail from the New Augusta Post Office, Susan would like to explore other options. One alternative, UPS located at 86<sup>th</sup> & Ditch has PO Boxes. Nancy suggested Nora Post Office.

### V. REPORT FROM MAYOR’S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON-NORTHWEST OUTER REGION – HELEN JACKSON

Helen has community hours at Starbucks, 56<sup>th</sup> & Lafayette Road. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual post holiday recycling event will be held February 15<sup>th</sup>. Information can be obtained from Ryan Clem, 327-4411, or e-mail [ryan.clem@indy.gov](mailto:ryan.clem@indy.gov).

Helen recommended that if residents hit a pothole it should be reported to her even if no damage occurred.

Reports can also be made by calling the MAC, 327-4622, or via the Request Indy app, which can be downloaded on smart phones. If there is damage to vehicles, tort claims can be filed online.

### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

Susan recognized a Pike resident who is interested in serving on the board. Mark Nordmeyer introduced himself. He is a Rose Hulman graduate in Engineering and Construction. Ron motioned to elect Mark to the board. Betsy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## VII. ALCOHOL PERMITS

Renewals 2/4/14

El Mason Mexican Restaurant  
El Rodeo  
Wal-Mart

5533 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
West 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
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New application  
Royal

Transfer

Skyfall Lounge  
6 Mile Investment Inc.  
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8300 Michigan Road  
5820 West 56<sup>th</sup>.  
7225 Georgetown

Skyfall Lounge - hearing continued to 2/11; continued again to 2/18.

## VIII. LAND USE – NEW PETITION

- 1) **5450 Rock Hampton Ct. – 2014-UV1-004** Westfield Imports, LLC, requests a variance of use to provide for automobile sales (not permitted), service and repair. Current zoning is I-4-S. Council District 1. Hearing 3/4/14, BZA I. Presenters are Steve Ferrucci or Bruce Laconi. Chairperson is Ed Harper, PTRA Vice-President, District II. – *Sandra who is with S.K. Richards & Associates was the presenter. Mr. Ferrucci, Attorney, is out of town, unable to attend. This is an internet car sales company. 95% of sales are from the internet. Westport needs to be able to service vehicles. They will have 50 – 75 cars at a time. Business will be completely enclosed. Commitments: there shall be no outside display or advertising of vehicles. Clint motioned to support with commitments. Nancy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

## IX. PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

**7275 Lakeside Dr. – Plat Approval pending.** Presenter is John VanBuskirk. – *Presentation postponed to March meeting.*

**7055 Coffman Rd.** – proposed banquet hall and party rental. Presenter is Rob Thomas. – *Rob Thomas is an attorney presenting Arroyo's Banquet Hall; they propose to have banquet facilities at this location. Fire Code concerns; have been addressing concerns with Sam Bruner to ensure they are compliant. Facility will be an owner-operated business. Family will be on-site at all functions.*

## Further Discussion – House Bill 1229

Presentation/discussion lead by Pike Fire Chief, Bob Smith, regarding the potential take-over of Pike Fire Department by the Indianapolis Fire Department. House Bill 1229 proposes to give consolidation decisions to the Mayor and City-County Council. Current legislation gives the decision to the Pike Township Board and residents. Consolidation will affect many activities that Pike Fire is involved in -- fire education in schools, nursing homes, day cares, training and inspection. Currently Pike has no financial issues and operates in the black. Taxes will not change. Less than 5% of Pike Fire Department employees live in Pike Township. Civilian positions will be eliminated, i.e., Fire Prevention services, Fire Marshal and inspections. Jobs will be lost. Fewer ambulances; currently Pike has 4. Will go to 2. Public fire safety education will be gone. This bill is detrimental to everyone in Pike, and the county as a whole. Marion County's west side State Senators are opposed to the bill. Pike residents should have a say. Motion made and seconded in favor of PTRA's opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jerry Fisher, PTRA Secretary