

Pike Township Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes 09/10/08

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Quorum verified

Susan reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in form on the back table. She identified items on the table including copies of the board member roster; community form; reviewed how to become a PTRA member or a board member; flyer regarding Greg Bowes, Marion County Assessor and Becky Williams, Franklin Township Assessor at next meeting 10/8; November 4 election ballot to decide if we keep our township assessor; gave website address; IMPD Gang Task Force flyer. Acknowledged elected officials and candidates in attendance.

Susan recognized elected officials and city personnel:

Steve Jones, Township Fire Marshal
Mary Chalmers, Pike Township & Eagledale Mayor's Liaison
Councilor Jose Evans, District 1
Maggie Lewis, "Lets Improve Crooked Creek"
Katherine Ritchie, Secretary, Pike Township School Board
Representative Phillip Hinkle, District 92 (Rep Hinkle arrived later)

- I. The Board Minutes for July and August were approved. Motion; Don Bryson, Second; Ray Dillon.
- II. Treasurers Report – No report, Fran Clarke absent.
- III. Report for Pike Township from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Northwest District and Prosecutor's Office. Report from Heather Kistler (hkistler@indygov.org) filled us in on various subjects. Advised that August Pike Township Crime reports were available. Also advised us of Gang Unit e-mail address; gangs@indygov.org .
 - There was a graffiti cover-up at 10 locations. The former YWCA on Guion Rd. had tons of graffiti. Also gas station at 56th and Lafayette Road. There will be another graffiti cover-up for Pike Township in mid-October. Call the direct line at 327-6652 for information.
 - Safety Days – Saturday September 27 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. West of Guion Road on 52nd street behind schools.
 - Task Force meeting – graffiti cover-up – tools used. They are looking for contributions. Paint that is neutral in color, rollers, and brushes.
- IV. Announcements
 - Representative Hinkle will host a town hall meeting on 9/25 in the Speedway Town Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 PM and Pike Township Government Center on 9/30 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.
 - There will be a PTRA committee meeting at **Flanner & Buchanan Family Center**, 2702 Kessler Blvd (West Drive - across from Broadmoor

Country Club) for **Tues, Sep 16th, 6 pm**, discuss proposed modifications to the commitments on the former Davis Homes development located at 5201 W 59th Street. The petition has been continued till October. Susan suggested that Robin Run or the Senior Citizens Center on Georgetown Road might be interested in the property.

- October 18, 10:00 am the Lafayette Square Coalition parade starts in the mall. The parade will go from 38th street to Wal-Mart at 46th street. Their web site is www.lafayettesquareareacoalition.org . This is the Saturday before the 2nd annual, “Taste The Difference” event. The event runs from October 21 – 26. The actual kick-off is Monday, October 20. Maggie Lewis chairs it.
- A reminder from Susan that she has items for discussion at the end of the meeting.
- Councilor Evans spoke in regards to the budget. He says there are lots of cracks in the budget.
 1. House Bill 101 – March 2008 retains 1%, 2% 3% cap on tax.
 2. Sales and County Tax issues.
 3. Mayor Ballard – public safety.
 4. Increases – responsible for pensions even though there is no money. Doesn’t have the power to make the changes.
 5. It will take years to fix all the problems.
 6. Property tax invoices going out late are creating many problems for Indianapolis. May buy short-term bonds till money from property tax payments is received. Payments go from the state to the treasurer to the county.
 7. Lots of controversy regarding a reduction in money for the arts. Will an increase in the arts reduce the crime rate? It needs to be shown how this will happen.
 8. Money needs to go to the programs not salaries.
- Steve Jones – applauds the efforts and understands there is not enough money to go around.
- Susan Blair – the council needs to give funding back to the township assessors till the election is over.
- Ed S. announced that he is 85 years old. He recently had some health issues that were resolved with good medical care. He encouraged everyone to have checkups. We have excellent medical care in Indianapolis.
- Gardens of Growth retained an attorney prior to the hearing. They requested another continuance. It was not granted. They withdrew the petition. They can wait 3 months and refile again. The business is still continuing. Non-compliance is within city legal; city legal said paperwork had not been finalized for the 9/21 initial hearing date. New hearing date of 10/20 to establish a trial date. If defendants do not comply, the court may fine and even incarcerate them.
- 3671 W. 86th Street – Hooka Lounge hearing is September 16.
- 4545 W. 38th Street - McDonalds has been continued.

- 2702 Westlane – No petition – possibly withdrawn.
- 6905 W. 46th Street – school sign, believe it was approved.

V. Liquor Permits – Ray Dillon

- 9/15 O-Charley’s – 3 way – 3851 Vincennes Road
- 9/15 Rick’s Boatyard – 3-way – 4050 Dandy Trail
- 9/15 Thai Papaya – Beer & Wine – 3905 W. 96th
- 9/15 – Red Lobster – 3-way – 5090 W. 38th
- 9/15 – Retailer – 3-way – 3970 Georgetown Road

VI. Land Use – Continued Petitions

- **5620 Eden Village Dr. -2008-APP-071** Credit Union Service Center requests a modification of site plan, related to petition 2006-ZON-383 to provide for a bank with a drive through. Approval to modify commitments related to petitions 95-Z-210 and 2006-ZON-838 to: a) modify commitment two to provide for development of outlot one to be in substantial compliance with the site plan filed with this petition and provide for a bank with a drive through, b) modify commitment four to allow for a 24-hr. automated teller machine on outlot one (previous commitment limited hours of operation for any business, company or entity located on outlots one or two between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm), c) modify commitment five to provide for an outdoor speaker system or voicebox for the bank drive through (previous commitment prohibited use of outdoor speakers or voiceboxes), d) modify commitment ten to remove the requirement for a six-ft. tall fence to be constructed along a portion of the western property line of outlot one (previous commitment required a six-ft. tall fence along the entire western property line of outlot one), and e) modify commitment fifteen to provide for pole and pylon signs of a max. 15 feet in ht. and 13 feet in width on outlots one and two (previous commitment prohibited pole or pylon signs on any outlot). Current zoning is C-S. Council District 1. Hearing continued by PTR to 9/11/08, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Charles Barr. Chairperson is Jan Marshall. *They also agree that there will be no windows on the East side of the building. Some concern over headlights hitting houses on West side. Conversation regarding landscaping and building elevation. It will not be a walk up facility. There will be 4 drive up lanes with 2 lanes to pass (6 in all). The depth of the lot is 230 feet. There will be a fence on the Northwest edge of the property. General lighting – no pole lights. Lights will be under the awning on the face of the building where walk up ATM’s will be located. There will be no canopy on the South side of the building (as was shown on photos). There will be some sort of language that the modifications to the commitments will only apply to this parcel. A motion was made by Don to support modification of commitments as Susan determines. Katherine seconded. The motion passed but was not unanimous; one vote opposed.*

VII. Land Use – New Petitions

- **2701 Westlane Rd. -2008-UV2-023** Lori M. Thompson requests a variance of use and development standards to legally establish a beauty salon (not permitted), with seventeen hard surfaced, off-street parking spaces and eight gravel surfaced parking spaces with a zero-ft. front setback from the proposed (existing) right-of-way of Westlane Rd. (min. 30-ft. front setback required) and with a zero-ft. west side setback (min. 30-ft. side setback required) and with a five-ft. east side³ setback (min. 30-ft. side setback required). Current zoning is D-A. Council District 2. Hearing date⁴ 9/16/08, BZA II. Presenter is Lori Thompson. Chairperson is Clint Fultz. *Judy Conley is representing them. There are many issues to address. It will be continued.*
- **8290 Michigan Rd. – 2008-ZON-842 and 2008-APP-842 (Amended)** Aaron Rents, Inc., requests 1) a rezoning of .81 acre from the C-S District to the C-S classification to provide for C-1 uses and for the C-4 use “Appliance Store (major household);” 2) approval to modify commitments related to petition 95-Z-172, to modify commitment F to provide for the C-4 use “Appliance Store (major household),” and to terminate the language prohibiting a retail-oriented rezoning or variance of use petition on the site (previous commitment, as amended by 97-AP-27, provided for C-1 and C-3 uses, and prohibited owner or developer from petitioning for a retail-oriented rezoning or variance of use). Council District 1. Hearing is 9/11/08, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Thomas Engle. Chairperson is Ed Harper. *This is the former Floor Crafters. They are currently zoned C-S, limited to C-3 uses. Appliance and furniture sales (major household) are within the C-4 classification. They wish some modification to allow for sale or leasing of appliances (major household) to the one C-4 use....and only that use. There will be no nightclubs without modifying the commitments again. There was some discussion from Paul regarding trash collection in the entire strip mall. They are not abiding by their original commitments. Trash collection seems to happen anywhere between 1:00 am and 4:00 am. Very loud. Wakes neighbors up. Clint motioned to support the commitments. Ed S. seconds. The motion carried; one vote opposed.*

VIII. From Susan – Items for discussion

- **New Augusta Village Association** – *They would like to stop the traffic cut through within the village. They are requesting a temporary closure of 72nd street. DPW has had the petition for about a year. They want support from PTRA before they move ahead. They have support from the Pike Township Fire Department, but not from the school nor IMPD, however, both have indicated they will not object. Concern was raised about establishing a precedent. There are other neighborhoods that have*

similar problems with cut-through traffic. Susan suggested the difference is, New Augusta Village is a designated historic area with very narrow streets, certainly not to today's standards. Jan moved to support the temporary closure of 72nd Street based on the community having an historic designation. Ed S. seconded. Motion carried; not unanimous.

- **Kerry Manders contacted DPW's Director Sherman regarding lack of sidewalks along Michigan Road** - *It is a big problem for the disabled and all pedestrians. Questions about resurrecting the Michigan Road revitalization project from 1986. Kerry wants us to write a letter to Director Sherman supporting his plan. For a project like this 80% of the money would come from the Federal Government...which is available, and 20% from the city...which is not available. Paul motioned to not support just a sidewalk plan, but rather encourage the development of the 1986 revitalization project. Motion seconded and carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.