

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes 10/14/09

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

There were 9 board members in attendance. Quorum verified. Some board members arrived after the count.

Susan welcomed all and read the Mission Statement. Reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in form on the back table. She identified items on the table, i.e., board roster, membership form, agenda, reviewed how to become a PTRA member or a board member. Advised attendees that our positions are identified by support, oppose, or no position. PTRA's positions are recommendations only, but are highly regarded by the various governmental entities.

I. GUEST PRESENTATION – MATT GUTWEIN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MARION COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITAL CORPORATION AND DR. LISA HARRIS, PRESIDENT OF WISHARD HOSPITAL – REGARDING REFERENDUM TO APPROVE BOND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL – Wishard Hospital wishes to construct a new hospital. They say they can do so with no tax increase. The indication is that the service is in jeopardy. They have an aging structure. Wishard has been in existence for 150 years. They have the busiest emergency department in the state of Indiana. They currently have 8 community health centers...including Midtown Community Health. They had over 100 health fairs this last year that involved 26,500 individuals. They currently operate at 98% capacity. There are 17 buildings on the Wishard campus. Major mechanical and electrical systems are failing daily. The cost for the new facility will be \$754 million. They have \$150 million available to begin. The additional \$604 million will be in government bonds at \$38 million per year payment. Current maintenance and repairs are running \$25 million per year.

Questions followed:

- Why do this now? *Low interest rates. Government bonds from stimulus package. Low wage and construction rates. Will provide jobs.*
- Don't we have a lot of good hospitals? *Yes, but they don't have the capacity to take over all the patients and services.*
- How will proposed national health care reform affect Wishard? *No one knows.*
- Are the bonds through the Indianapolis bond bank? *Yes.*
- Is the need really there with other hospitals stopping projects? *Yes.*
- Will there be an even swap land for land with IU? *Yes.*
- Will the bond interest rate fluctuate over time? *Yes. For 30 years the highest rate will be 6.1%. It is already set in law.*
- Many residents concerned about funds. If bond payment can't be made, Marion County taxpayers will be responsible. Lucas Oil was poorly thought out. There were lots of unnecessary expenses. There is a \$500 billion reduction in Medicare. This was not an answerable point. *Lucas Oil does not generate enough money to fund itself, so taxes fund 100% of the cost. 90%. Wishard has fixed costs around 40% and has the ability to reduce expenses further.*
- They need to write a plain English question on the referendum that everyone understands. *Wishard generates revenues. The library has fixed costs.*
- Will they use local labor? *Yes.*
- Will the local labor be union labor? *Not sure yet, most likely.*
- Economic savings? *Not if union labor is used, union labor wages are fixed, no deviation.*
- 5% of revenue streams is from property tax, and the rest of the money from other sources? *Yes. Isn't it fair to say that the other 95% of revenue comes from some form of taxes, i.e., Medicare and Medicaid? Yes. With some revenue coming from private insurers, i.e., burn and trauma patients.*
- If conditions are so deteriorated, how does Wishard pass inspections? *The staff is really good at making adjustments when necessary.*
- Are you a taxing authority for Marion County? *Yes, with City-County Council approval.*
- How do you pay if federal funding decreases? *No exact answer – funding changes all the time.*
- What if the referendum is not passed? 2 options – *wait; future costs and interest rates will be much more which would prohibit the project. If old hospital is kept there will be a gradual closure of sections till it can no longer be used and simply close completely.*
- *The growth capacity of a new Wishard would be 20% greater and allow growth for the next 100 years.*
- Is there a plan for tunnels, etc.? *Yes.*
- There is a time limit for the 3.9% interest rate. *Yes, however, interest rates change daily.*
- The \$754 million is a conservative estimate. There could be an additional \$99 million to bring the total to \$853 million. Is this true? *No real answer.*

Elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives in attendance.

Janice McHenry, Councilor-District 6

State Representative, Cherrish Pryor, District 94

State Representative, Greg Porter, District 96

Mary Chalmers, Mayor's Northwest Outer Region Neighborhood Liaison

Phil Hinkle, State Representative-District 92

Sam Brunner, Assistant Fire Marshal

Bob McDonald – State Representative candidate for District 99

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – Minutes prepared but not disseminated. Tabled to next month.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Fran was in attendance but had to leave-provided financial report and Halloween treats! (Thanks, Fran!) Financials - \$3624.03 in the treasury as of Oct. 14th.

Susan mentioned that IMPD Northwest District's Officer of the Month Program is down to 2 gift cards, and that we might want to consider another \$150.00 – motion made, seconded - approved unanimously.

IV. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – No one from the

prosecutor's office this month. The crime report was sent to Susan. Susan will send out to the board. October 29th is the next graffiti cover-up.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE –

- Food Drive for Glick Neighborhood Center, sponsored by LePeep's, Intech Park, 71st & Michigan Road -- accepting non-perishable canned food from 11/2 – 11/6 from 6:30 am – 2:30 pm. 1 raffle ticket for each can donated.
- Senator Delph had town hall meeting and could not attend this evening – sent regrets.
- From Mary Chalmers – She has copies of city newsletters tonight, and can get people on the electronic list if they request. 10/29 is Mayors Night Out for youth. There is a new permit for class 1 structures.
- From Janice McHenry – Traffic court and probation office proposed for integrated center, northeast corner of 38th & High School Road, defeated. Courts need to look for a new location. She will hold a town hall meeting Saturday 10/17 at the Flanner & Buchanan Community Center at 2950 High School Road from 10:30 AM till it ends.
- **Ryland Homes desires to discuss purchase of Augusta Meadows on 59th Street, between Georgetown and Moller Roads** – *Ryland Homes purchased Augusta Meadow at auction. Alan Goldsticker, President of Indianapolis Division, presented. Kenny Windler, Vice President of Operations-Indianapolis Division, also attended. Desired to introduce themselves and Ryland Homes. There will be 77 home sites...all single family. They will follow all commitments. As per commitments, the 1st year only ranch homes can be constructed. If 36 homes are not sold by the end of the 1st year, then 2-story homes are permitted. Would like to meet with a committee to discuss the intent of all commitments. They desire to follow the community's wishes. Committee volunteers were requested. Jan Marshall, VP-District VI, will chair.*

VI. ALCOHOL PERMITS – Ray had not received notices. Susan had a notice – only one Pike permit on agenda:

- Noodles & Company 3450 W. 86th Street Beer & Wine new application

VII. LAND USE – NEW PETITIONS

- 1) **6940 & 7002 Michigan Rd. – 2009-CAP-819 & 2009-CVR-819** The Health and Hospital Corp requests 1) modification of commitments, related to petition 96-Z-109, to terminate commitment two which requires signs to meet all standards of the sign regulations. 2) Modification of site plan and development statement to reallocate permitted uses on portion of the property. 3) Variance of development standards of the sign regulations to provide for installation of a 12-ft. tall, 87.3-sq. ft. pylon sign within 120 feet of an existing freestanding identification sign (min. 300-ft. separation required), being the second freestanding identification sign within an integrated center

having 594 feet of frontage along Michigan Rd. (min. 300 feet of street frontage per freestanding identification sign required), and to legally establish an existing 5.1 ft. tall, 50.83 sq. ft. freestanding internal directory sign (max. 5-sq. ft. of sign area per occupant on an internal directory sign). Council District 2. Hearing date is 10/29/09, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Joe Calderon. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, Vice President-District IV. – ***Pecar Health Center received permits without correct zoning. C-S zoning is specific and the Health Center was not a part of the approved zoning. The nursery was the only one that was legal. Legalize building and approval for sign. Amend C-S zoning to include C-4 uses. New C-S development statement. Integrating center sign to include future outlot user. Commitments tendered to prohibit some C-3 and C-4 permitted uses. Commitments satisfactory with one exception, recommend removal of Blood Plasma Center. Some plasma centers purchase blood from drug users and alcoholics thereby creating community problems. Clint motioned to support with the removal of Blood Plasma Center as a permitted use; motion seconded by Ty. Motion carried unanimously.***

- 2) ***7001 W. 56th St. – 2009-APP-097 Indianapolis Colts requests Park District II approval to provide for one-story building additions, totaling 6,453-sq. feet, to an existing professional sports office and training facility. Current zoning is PK-II. Council District 6. Hearing date is 10/29/09, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Joe Calderon/Steve Granner. Chairperson is Mark Jakubovie, Vice President-District V. Steve Granner presented. Colts will complete landscaping previously committed to. Discussion regarding a sidewalk along frontage. Don motion to support with a commitment that provided a sidewalk shall be installed from property line to property line within one year of the Parks Department, or subsequent owner, constructing a sidewalk along their property's frontage. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 pm