

Pike Township Residents Association
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Quorum verified.

Susan read the PTRA Mission Statement. "Visitors, board members and ex-officio members please sign in at the back table. Agendas, copies of the board of directors' roster, PTRA membership forms are on the back table. If you are not a member of PTRA and would like to become one, Membership fees are \$15.00 for individual/family, \$40.00 for homeowner's 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 myself. The Pike Township Residents Association, (or acronym PTRA) 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. PTRA is an umbrella organization for local neighborhood associations and also serves the needs of individual residents and businesses. Our decisions are identified by support, not-support or no-position. 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 are 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. The petitioners will be given 15 minutes to present their proposal. Residents will also be 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 thank you in advance for your cooperation."

Susan requested we take a moment of silence out of respect for Kevin Durcholz, board member and Vice President of District III, who passed away since our last board meeting.

Mayor Ballard was our special guest. He expressed his condolences to the board and Kevin's family.

He indicated he would be willing to talk with us regarding the water company proposal if we desired.

He indicated the homicide rate was 25% higher than last year at this time. We had a very bad January and April. New leadership will have a great impact. Robberies and home invasions are seldom random and murders are not the norm. Usually 75% to 80% of the murders are by gang members and drug users. Indianapolis is really a pretty safe city. Safety is always "Job 1." Unemployment continues to be a problem. The Governor is helping to get new businesses into Indianapolis. In the future we will have at least 3 new large employers. Arcadia Health will have a need for 3400 jobs. Dow Chemical will offer 400 jobs. Hat World is also coming to

Indianapolis. AIT will relocate to Pike creating additional jobs. There are many opportunities that will come from China for Indianapolis and all of Indiana. “The world is flat and getting flatter.”

Tomorrow is the US conference of Mayors, where among other things. they will talk about sustainability and how we can best save money on energy. There will be bike lanes from Boone County to downtown Indianapolis. Plans for geothermal in the city-county building along with solar that will save us \$2 million.

We need a multi-mode means of public transportation. Not just an enhanced bus service.

Questions from the audience:

Q. Why are we removing the trees on 38th Street as the road expands?

A. We are removing the medians with the trees for traffic flow. The trees may be added back at a later date.

Q. Mike Delph asked what the pecking order is for the water company sale funds.

A. DPW & Councilors & MAC provide the info. – The list is 75% - 80% complete. Roads, sidewalks, streets, alleys, abandoned homes. There will be many urban gardens. There are over 200 now.

Q. The East and West sides of Marion County use to be very vibrant. How can we help to bring that back?

A. Wastewater will help. Tax Investment Finance (TIF). There will be many infrastructure and improvements on the Westside. There is already a project underway on the eastside (Washington Street).

Q. Clint asked about the land use plan for the Lafayette Square Area Coalition.

A. The plan is a good one. Expects a lot of money will be spent over the next 2 years, which will assist with the redevelopment efforts.

Q. The Wishard development is in the bid stage. There is a good chance contract awards will be given to companies outside of Indiana. Susan asked why aren't we using local labor and local businesses, especially when this is a taxpayer project?

A. We are trying to influence it. There is also a bid from a Pennsylvania firm. The labor, however, will be mostly local even though the companies may be from outside the state.

Q. How long does the hazardous material stay at the collection site (*Tox Drop*) on Lafayette Road?

A. It is just a collection point. It is moved immediately.

Q. What is the “Get Fit Indy” project all about?

A. It is mostly for kids because today's children don't get enough exercise.

The mayors will talk about what is going on in the gulf at the US Council of Mayors meeting.

They will also talk about the EPA who has sited 800 cities for the way they handle water /sewage and other environmental concerns.

Susan recognized elected/appointed officials:

Representative Phillip Hinkle, District 92

Mary Chalmers – Mayors Neighborhood Liaison-Northwest Outer Region

Janice McHenry, City County Council, District 6

Mike Delph – State Senator District 29

Drew Wignal – Deputy Prosecutor, Northwest District
Bob McDonald – Candidate for Pike Township Trustee
Dennis Papplemeier, DPW
Anthony Burk – Health Department Liaison
Jerold George – Pike Township Fire Chief

Town Hall Meetings with Phil Hinkle – 6:30 PM – June 22nd –Pike Government Center.
6:30 PM – June 24th – Speedway Town Hall
Town Hall Meeting with Councillor Janice McHenry- 10:00 AM – Saturday July 2nd –
Flanner and Buchanan Community Center, 2950 N. High School Road.

- I. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES** – The April Board Minutes was approved unanimously. The May minutes were tabled until July, as they had not been sent to the board for review.
- II. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Beginning balance on May 12th of \$3446.02 with deposits of \$495.00 leaving an ending balance on June 8th of \$3941.02.
- III. **REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**
 - Drew Wignal, reporting. He indicated that he goes to many neighborhood meetings. His direct phone line is 327-6652.
 - There was a graffiti cover-up on May 26th - 22 locations were addressed.
 - Officer Grimes asked that he pass out some fliers for the northwest district Peace Walk. It is a 2-mile walk. It is scheduled for June 19th at 10:00 AM starting from the 34th & Moller parking area. Sgt. Grimes’ phone number is on the backside.
 - A clarification was made regarding information given at last month’s meeting on the massage parlor sweeps. There were zoning and licensing issues but no arrests, including arrests for prostitution.
 - Burglaries are still a problem. Kids are throwing landscape bricks or rocks through windows to gain access. Suggested everyone keep a watch on his or her neighbors’ property.
 - The upcoming fireworks are permitted by state law and city ordinance 2 days before and after the 4th of July. Even if the ordinance is not adhered to, the police will probably not do anything. The time is from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Midnight on July 4th only.
 - In Indianapolis Meth Amphetamine is not a large problem. It is a bigger problem in rural communities.
 - The Pike police incident report will be late this month. When the report is finished it will be forwarded to Susan for dissemination.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE** – Mary Chalmers asked if there were any questions from the audience. There were none. She talked briefly about the Great Indy Cleanup.

Susan recognized board members and elected officials who helped with the Great Indy Cleanup. They were Fran, Ray, and Clint. Clint's wife, Diana, also participated. Councilors McHenry, Lewis, and Evans participated. PTRA served breakfast and lunch. Mary Clarke, President of the Lafayette Square Area Coalition, arranged for food donations from area restaurants and businesses.

Update on previous zoning cases:

8070 Georgetown Road – gymnastics & office – approved.

7820 Woodland – AIT – approved.

V. LIQUOR PERMITS

July 6, 2010

Taqueria El Maguey - 5629 W. 38th – Renewal – 3-way

Claude & Annie's - 5162 Pike Plaza – Renewal – 3-way

Romano's Macaroni Grill – 5270 W. 86th St. – Renewal – 3-way

Max & Erma's – 6260 Intech Common Dr. – Renewal – 3-way

El Sol Azteca – 5354 W. 38th – Transfer

July 19, 2010

BP Connect – 6050 W. 71st St – Renewal – 3-way

Embassy Suites North – 3912 Vincennes Road Renewal – 3-way

Midwest Sports Complex – 7511 New Augusta Rd. – Renewal – 3-way

Rick's Café Boatyard – 4050 Dandy Trail – Renewal – 3-way

Spice Indian Grill – 5436 W. 86th St. – New – 3-way

Traders Mill – 5650 W. 86th St. – Renewal – 3-way

VI. LAND USE –CONTINUED PETITION

- 1) **5540 N. High School Rd. – 2010-ZON-031** Speedway Super America, LLC, request rezoning of 0.356 acre, from the D-6II District to the C-3 classification to provide for parking. Council District 7. Hearing date continued by PTRA to 6/24/10, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Mike Lee. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, Vice-President, District VI. – *Mike Lee presented. They have withdrawn their application for a zoning change. They plan to request a fee transfer for a variance. The fencing will be on the south and west side with black vinyl coating. Access to the parking area will be separate, but off their own property. The arborvitaes will remain. The parking will be a paved lot. The parking pole lights will face down and be a maximum of twelve feet tall. They have a full security camera system in and outside the store and will have cameras for the employee parking area. The zoning will remain D-6II with a variance for parking. Jan motioned to support the petition when a variance is applied for with commitments: approval subject to site plan presented (includes location of fence); fence shall be chain link, black vinyl; maximum height of parking lot lights will be twelve-foot; paved parking. Don seconded. Motion passed with one opposition.*

VII. LAND USE – NEW PETITIONS

- 1) **4002 Industrial Blvd. – 2010-UV3-011** Frank Davis requests a variance of use to provide for steel cutting and forming process (not permitted). Current zoning is I-1-S. Council District 7. Hearing date is 6/15/10, BZA. Presenter is Mitch Sever. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, Vice-President, District VI. – *Proposal is for a steel fabrication plant. There will be no work done outside. The planning staff is supportive. They have a favorable letter from Mr. Nelson, an adjacent property owner and spokesperson for other owners within the industrial park. There will be no special outside storage except from time to time. That will be extremely rare. Most of the time there will be noting outside. Jan motioned to support with the one commitment that all storage be inside. Betsy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 2) **4750 W. 62nd St. – 2010-UV3-013** Harris Mid-America Holdings requests a variance of use to provide for eighteen (18) two-family dwellings (not permitted). Current zoning is D-6II (FW) (FF). Council District 1. Hearing date is 6/15/10, BZA. Presenter is David Gilman. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, Vice-President, District IV. – *There will be 35 senior housing units. All units will be built by the end of this year. They hope to get started by June 15th with actual construction starting by July 1st. They are currently approved for 73 units. Joe Whitson is the builder with Keller Development. He spoke of projects that they have done in the past. Stetson Senior Project, 707 E. North St., School 30, Constitution Gardens, 80 units in Lafayette. Housing will be rentals for 55 and older. The rent will be from \$375 - \$590/month. The property owner will do all maintenance. Neighbors were present – had concerns about drainage. Mr. Gilman made a personal promise to PTRAs that they would meet with the neighbors to address their concerns. Commitments tendered: senior housing for 55 and older only. Clint motioned to support with commitments to include site plan presented along with building elevations, 55 & older only, and a personal commitment to neighbors. Nancy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM
Submitted for approval by Jerry Fisher, Secretary