

EPIC Membership Meeting Minutes

August 9th, Monday – 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.,

Holy Rosary Church Board Room was locked up

Meeting moved to 2536 18th Ave S because church locks were changed

6:30 Introduction:

- Greetings and Introductions Tim Chancy; Mary Gonsiour, Cary Ann Johnson, Linda Leonard, Carol Pass, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Jenny Bjorgo Brad Pass, Muhammed Cali, Rosie Cruz, Earl Simms. Guest Joe Spangler; quorum is present with TC, MG, LL, CP, JB, RC; MC, ES
- Approval of Agenda; JB and TC moved to approve the agenda. Approved
- Approval of Minutes from EPIC General Membership Meeting, June 14th
- Minutes were approved as submitted. we asked for an update on motions.
- Linda and Carol both spoke with the mayor and the chief at a meeting at Stewart park about extended hours and youth curfew. We could all do more to encourage officials to take action to prevent youth crime.
- Money was moved from the defense fund to pay Paula M
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NEW BUSINESS brought up by Cary Ann.

Motion: Margaret made a motion seconded by Jenny to send photos, description of the event involving children and a swat team along with the neighborhood's request to investigate and report back. Passed

Cary Ann was the witness. Rosie: there is collective action that people might join with.

Motion: Margaret and Jenny made a motion for the board to consider a policy and procedures about EPIC referring police and citizen conflicts to the appropriate authorities. Passed

Motion: Cary Ann and Margaret moved that copies of our motions and work for sure go to the City Council and Mayor. Motion Passed.

6:40 Announcements

- **Next EPIC Meeting, Monday, September 13th**
- **2600 17th Ave. Alliance Project, Community Development Committee Agenda**
A Standing Committee of the City Council, **Regular Meeting, August 11, 2010, rescheduled from 8/10/2010) 1:00 p.m. - Room 317 City Hall**
- Parade of gardens: East Phillips showcases our garden, August 21st, Saturday, 10:00 am
- **Clean Sweep, October 9th, Saturday start planning to clean you block**

7:00 East Phillips Park Center: Update

kitchen still not funded, nor rain garden

NRP Dollars – Toward the building?? EPIC is getting another \$50,000 in Phase 2 NRP. Spend it for the kitchen??

Motion: For review and future vote, To use up to \$75,000.00 NRP money for kitchen, when we receive Phase 2. And inquire about access to this now. Motion by MC and JB to use the \$75 for the kitchen.

Discussion: Carol is concerned about the lengthy two month process to get these funds and to see if we can access it. It may barely cover the fire suppression and air exchange let alone the stove.

Motion JB, MC Passed

The kitchen is plumbed and wired for appliances and commercial use and we've received a commercial refrigerator and microwave. The range hood and stove are still needed. We've been asked to consider a kiln and there is a special place with wiring for one. The kiln must be accepted for the donor to give the fridge and micro. Music recording equipment also may be donated.

The Plan: 21 organizations signed up to provide programming. Park board doesn't have money to put in programming. Of 21 partners, 14 or 15 submitted to park staff, MPRB will show what they are anticipating for programming to create scheduling,

7:20 Phillips Community Center: Update, Brad. A waiting game. Effort to save and restore the pool, Waite House & Neighborhood Proposals. Discussion

Motion: EPIC reasserts we join the other Neighborhoods in their efforts to save/restore the pool in its entirety and to support the unified neighborhood proposal for the PCC first agreed to at previous meetings of EPIC. Passed
Discussion: Waite House has not let us see their proposal. The Phillips Community Parks Initiative proposal has been sent to the whole neighborhood. We have stayed with our initial agreement to unite together with the other neighborhoods and partner organizations to try to keep access for all the people in Phillips. The unity we had hoped for and tried to achieve with the proposal did not happen very well. West Phillips and several organizations did not stay on board, so things got fragmented. EPIC has opposed control by one big organization. Waite House wants a single Master Lease, which places the whole building under their control. There is no pool in south central Mpls. LL, MC, Passed unanimously.

7:35 2600-2606 17th Ave. PROPOSAL FOR APARTMENT of 20 UNITS of HOMELESS HOUSING by Alliance Housing.

EPIC voted overwhelmingly at a very large meeting to oppose this project. The question is: Do residents have any say in what happens in our own neighborhood??

Motion: The EPIC board will work to develop a maximum of 2 one or two family buildings at this location, and request that Alliance Housing Inc. pursue this goal to house families at 30% or less of area medium Income.

The EPIC Membership does not oppose homeless housing on the corridors where it is zoned for this, but actively opposes any Alliance Housing Inc. for 19 transient monthly efficiency units at the 2600 17th Ave. location. CJ, JB, Passed unanimously.

Motion: EPIC supports neighborhood stabilization program NSP funding for city approved both non-profit and for-profit groups seeking to restore foreclosed properties and more help from the City with our foreclosures. MC, JB, Passed unanimous.

Rep. Karen Clark arrived, Yeah!!

8:00 Pollution Issues return: The MPCA has been requested to do the Cumulative Impact Study required by the Clark/Berglin Law. The Met. Council is apparently suing to be allowed to put their paint spraying facility in the half-mile radius disallowed in the law. EPIC has a fear that, if the study is completed, the law will cease to stop additional polluting facilities from coming into the Phillips neighborhood.

Motion: The EPIC Board will request that Representative Clark and Senator Berglund to amend their law to state that if the existing cumulative level of pollution plus the new additional pollution of a new facility will raise a pollutant to a toxic level, the facility cannot be permitted. This includes additional micro-particles of 2.5 and smaller.
all in favor no oppose no abstaining CJ, TC. Passed unanimously.

8:50 Meeting adjourned.