



PHNA July 2010 General Meeting Minutes

Scuola Vita Nuova
544 Wabash Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64124

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Welcome & Announcements**

Billie Robledo

Kent Dicus spoke for Billie Robledo. Kent gave us all a warm welcome. The announcement was that Deb Herman; City Council Representative will be our featured speaker at our August membership meeting. She will update us as to what is going on in Kansas City. This will not be a political speech.

- **Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves.

- **Officer/Committee Reports**

- **Neighborhood Sale**

Kent, Michael, Billie

Pendleton Heights will be having a Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Jessica Ford-Ray is the committee chair for this event. PHNA will have a tent set up for the purpose of selling PHNA Homes Tour Posters, etc. There will also be a bake sale. If a resident would like PHNA to market their home for the garage sale, 10% of the resident's sale proceeds will go toward PHNA. (Honor system) There will be certain homes which will be considered "hosts". The hosts will perform the "sale of items at their home" and any resident may deliver their items to be sold to the "host" homes. 100% of these sales will go toward PHNA. Please email phna@gmail.com with any questions or comments you may have.

*Note – After the garage sale; if there are any items left from the sale worth donating to the Brick Fundraiser as prizes for the raffle; Linda Fleischman has offered to pick them up from your home; just give her a call! 816-255-3950.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Michael Ohlson

We currently have \$8377.74 in our bank account. A total of \$370.00 was deposited since our last meeting. This money was from selling 9 spaces for our History Book and there was one \$10.00 donation.

The money in our account will be used for our upcoming Homes Tour expenses and for our History Book expenses. We will probably have to use most all of the monies to ensure a successful Homes Tour this year and to publish our credible History Book.

o **Homes Tour & History Book**

Kent Dicus

Homes Tour meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be tomorrow night at Marcellus Sinclair's home; 209 Garfield Ave. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We currently have 6 historic homes and the Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School who will be showing their homes on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. We strive to have all homes in one geographical location for convenience to all who attend. Our past Holiday Homes Tour(s) have been very successful; treating PHNA to great publicity and good press.

Our PHNA History (Then and Now) Book is work in progress. To date we have 16 homes which are committed to having their homes published in the book. We need to have 50-70 homes to actually publish the book. If anyone needs assistance in writing the verbiage for the "then and now" pictures; Marian Wegener and Joy Brandon have offered their services. Please contact PHNA@gmail.com if you would like their assistance.

o **Housing & Development/Bylaws/Down-zoning**

Billie Robleado

The final draft of the bylaws is completed and one additional meeting is to be set to ensure all verbiage and information stated is in order before taking it to a lawyer to be for approval and sign off. Hopefully this will be done in the very near future.

The down-zoning canvassing project is complete. All paperwork has been turned over to the City Planning Department for review and approval. We will keep you posted.

o **Newsletter**

Su Collura

The quarterly newsletter has been completed. Distribution started today, July 12th. We are very thankful to the Don Bosco Youth Group headed by Val Lund for the distribution of our newsletter this quarter.

o **Historian**

Marian Wegener

No updates.

o **Community Engagement**

Virginia Collura

Virginia is working on an individual project involving the City. She is researching as to what it will take to have Brooklyn Ave. changed to be a "one way" street going south from Lexington Ave. to Independence Blvd. The sole purpose of this project is because there are so many children on Brooklyn Ave. and ensuring their safety is important. Also, the vehicles coming from Independence Blvd .onto Brooklyn Ave. usually tend to speed. Once all of the specifics are gathered, the board will vote on the feasibility of making this a PHNA effort.

o **Crime**

Marcellus Sinclair

Marcellus continues to work with Officer James Schriever. There needs to be a minimum of 12 participants for the Personal Safety Course to occur. Marcellus has volunteered to go "door to door" to try to gain interest for an upcoming Course to take place. This course is a "hands-on" course and would last approximately two hours. Anyone who is interested in attending this class can email phna@gmail.com.

Please continue to notify the police with any suspicious activity that you may notice. The non-emergency number is 816-234-5000.

○ **Fundraising-Brick**

Larry Dailey

Linda Fleischman spoke on behalf of Larry Dailey. Linda will be chairing this committee/event. Last year the “Brick” fundraiser brought in about \$900.00 and was truly a success! Linda and Marcellus did an absolutely stunning job marketing this event with great results. This event will happen again this year on Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Brick; 17th and McGee. Linda is reaching out to everyone right now to donate items to be used as prizes for this event. There will be raffle drawings, a silent auction with lots of good prizes, bingo, burgers, beer and a whole lot of fun! This event is “family friendly”. All ages are welcome to attend! There will be a minimal entrance fee of \$3.00. Please contact Linda Fleischman with any questions or donations you may have. Her phone number is 816-255-3950.

○ **Membership**

Linda Fleischman

Linda will be putting together a “picnic” in the Park (Kessler Park) for all interested PHNA residents in the very near future. She is hoping to have everything planned for the event to take place before the “Brick” fundraiser in September. We will keep you posted!

● **Appearance and brief PHNA overview by Police Officer, Christopher Taylor**

Officer Taylor provided many interesting statistics regarding Pendleton Heights. The following stats relate to the last 30 days:

- 14 arrests were made and 10 of those arrests were drug related
- 7 residential burglaries
- 3 “armed” robberies; use of weapons to rob (two of which were at the 7-11 located at Independence Blvd. and Woodland)
- 5 “strong-armed” robberies (all south or north of PHNA) (“**Strong arm**” meaning the attacker(s) don’t use weapons, but they use tactics to overcome you and savage you and your possessions and could use extreme force by kicking, stomping, and/or pummeling).
- 14 stealing from autos; most of these were from persons not locking their doors.

Officer Taylor stated that there will be no “new” officers on the streets for one year. Our district is down 12 officers at this point. They are doing the best that they can with the resources that are assigned.

● **Presentation: Independence Blvd. & Benton Blvd.**

Charles Schwinger

(Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Engineering)

- Independence Blvd. at Benton Blvd. will be getting a “make-over”. The new design will be an effort to slow traffic and make that intersection more pedestrian friendly.
- The City has a million dollar budget to get this project completed.
- A steering committee was formed for this project which includes Billie Robleado, President, Pendleton Heights. Several meetings have been held in an attempt to receive feedback and input from interested parties.
- There have been 4 separate options proposed to date.
 - Change Independence Blvd. to 5 lanes
 - Change Independence Blvd. to 3 lanes (The pedestrian walk for the 5 and 3 lane proposals would be set back so the walk would be behind the first car at the stop sign).

- Create a regular “Roundabout”
 - Create a 3 lane “Roundabout”; this option requires the purchase of property which would add to the cost of the project.
- Additional meetings will be occurring regarding the various options. All residents will be notified of the outcome of the project.

• **Guest Speaker – Della Lamb Charter School**

**Judith McGonigle
Akers**

- Has served low income families since 1897
- Della Lamb is a United Way, United Methodist sponsored, 501©(3) tax-exempt, non-profit corporation
- Programs designed to create client self-sufficiency through education, job training, and supportive services
- Serves Ethnically diverse student body, including 14 languages beyond English
- Provide Day Care for 110 children (6 weeks to 5 yrs old)
- There are about 450 Charter School children (Kdgn to 6th grade)
- Provide Adult Education Literacy/GED in addition to English as a second language. They also offer citizenship classes, infant/toddler and pre-school age licensed care.
- Numerous Social Services programs are offered to assist those in need. (utility bills, emergency food, school supplies, holiday support for groceries, etc.)
- Volunteers are always needed
- Contact the following individuals for additional information or questions:
 - Judy Akers, Executive Vice President OR Alies or Karen; 816-842-8040
 - jakers@dellalamb.org

• **Meeting adjournment; 8:00 p.m.**