

**East Forest Park Civic Association
Minutes for September 13, 2006 Meeting**

Attendance (board members in bold): **Bernard Balise, Dave Choquette, Charlie Contant**, James J. Ferrera, Jackie Forsman, Jeffrey Galarneau, Linda Gallagher, Delores Gentile, William MacGregor, Martin Markey, Jeanie Marsh, Gwen McKeown, Jane Robitaille, **Frank Ryan**, Darlene Ryan, Shawn Sheehan, **Ellen Walmer, David Wells, Elaine Wright**

Charlie Contant, President, administered the meeting.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business and Volunteer Opportunities

The board voted unanimously to support the permit application and the zoning change on the parcel of land at 1240 Sumner Avenue contingent upon the Colvest Group contacting the all the residents of Clement Street by mail. The Colvest Group, represented by Frank Colaccino and Peter LaPointe, have an option on the property that once housed the Friendly's Restaurant on Sumner Ave. The group would like to tear down the existing building and put up a 3,200 square foot People's Bank with 20 parking spaces. The land is currently split zoned as Business A and Residential A (these are defined below in attached charts). The group will be applying for a zoning change for the parcel zoned Residential A. The current schedule has the construction starting in Spring 2007.

The board voted six for to one against to support the continued expansion of the YWCA at 1 Clough St. Mary Johnson, Executive Director of the YWCA provided an overview of the programs currently operating and of the expansion. The YWCA is proposing to build 19 condos for transitional housing for battered women and children. In addition, there will be space for one congregate living area for 6 teenage mothers and their children. The residents in this housing would be actively participating in the YWCA's program to teach life skills and vocational education. They would be expected to stay for 1 to 2 years.

Stephen Cole from the Mayor's office officially introduced himself to us. He is our liaison at the Mayor's office and is tasked with coordinating several other neighborhood associations as well as our own. If you need to contact him, his number is 787-6100 or email him at SCole@SpringfieldCityHall.com.

A problem was raised by the residents of Overlook Drive. Another resident allegedly is planning to run daycares out of her two adjacent residences on Overlook Dr. and Roosevelt Ave. The residents believe that it could be between 35 and 40 children in these two locations. Since day care falls under the protection of an "educational business," it is exempt from many business zoning laws. The residents are concerned about traffic and noise, and an adversarial relationship has developed between the residents. This discussion was tabled since the board didn't feel that any action could be taken against the resident running the day cares.

Election of New Officers for 2006-2007 Season

A new slate of officers and board members were voted in for the 2006-2007 season. The new officers are attached to these minutes below. The following changes occurred:

- David Wells will assume the President's seat
- Shawn Sheenan will assume the Secretary's seat as well as the role of assistant Treasurer to assist in Elaine Wright's final year
- Darlene and Richard Acchione's board membership was combined into one seat
- Jeff Galarneau was added to the board

The next meeting of the EFPCA will be Wed. October 11th at 7pm at Holy Cross School.

Submitted by David Wells, 9/16/2006.

Zoning Definitions

(taken from <http://www2.springfieldcityhall.com/gis>)

Business A		
Uses	Major outlying business concentrations, residential uses	
Minimum Lot Size or Density Per Family	Non-residential; see Residence C for residential uses	
Minimum Lot Width Feet	Street Line	None
	Bldg. Line	None
Height Maximum	4 stories or 60 feet	
Minimum Front Yard (Feet)	10 (none in certain cases)	
Minimum Side Yard (Feet)	None or 10 feet if abutting a residential district	
Minimum Rear Yard (Feet)	None or 7 feet if abutting a residential district	
Percentage Lot Coverage	75	
**Additional dimensional standards apply to lots with principal buildings equal or greater than 2,000 s.f. in ground floor area.		

Residence A		
Uses	Single-family	
Minimum Lot Size or Density Per Family	7,500**	
Minimum Lot Width Feet	Street Line	50
	Bldg. Line	75
Height Maximum	2 stories & attic or 35 feet	
Minimum Front Yard (Feet)	25	
Minimum Side Yard (Feet)	10	
Minimum Rear Yard (Feet)	30	
Percentage Lot Coverage	30	
**Additional dimensional standards apply to lots with principal buildings equal or greater than 2,000 s.f. in ground floor area.		