

**East Forest Park Civic Association
Minutes for April 11, 2007 Meeting**

Attendance (board members in bold): Darlene Acchione Richard Acchione, John Bartenstein, Maria Bosworth, Rick Caputo, George Cartier, Stephen Cole, Charles Contant, Dave Choquette, Jacques Forsman, Brandon Foster, Jeff Galarneau, Linda Gallagher, Mary Martin, Ronnie McCoy, Frank Ryan, Shawn Sheehan, Sandra Shooshan, Chris Slocum, Moyah Smith, Anita Syobba, Ellen Walmer, David Wells, Elaine Wright

David Wells, President, administered the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Old Business

The minutes from the March 14, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Keep Springfield Beautiful

Moyah Smith one of the principal organizers came to speak to us about our collaborative effort on Saturday, April 28, 2007. To kick off the event a special celebration is going to be held in the Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center at American International College. Starting this year, Springfield is a Keep America Beautiful City thanks in part to this grassroots organization and the volunteers from our Civic Association.

Waste Management will provide 10 dumpsters to the city, where one will be placed in the Nathan Bill Parking Lot. Supplies (trash bags, gloves, buckets, water, registration sheets, etc) can be picked up by captains at the Forest Park Middle School on Oakland Street. All other volunteers will meet at Nathan Bill Park between 8:30 am – 9:00 am for street assignments. The goal is to clean up major arteries, Nathan Bill, and other conservation “green” areas prone to dumping.

Those interested in helping out can visit <http://www.keepspringfieldbeautiful.org> or can contact Moyah Smith at 413-218-6439.

Springfield was also ranked #4 Green City for its recycling efforts by Country Home Magazine.

New Business

Paul Bailey Executive Director of the Springfield Partners for Community Action came to tell us about his non-profit organization. It has been serving the City of Springfield for 44 years since its inception in 1964 and has offices on 1619 State Street, 721 State Street, and 1284 Main Street in Indian Orchard. The organization provides child care services, provides communication to seniors who may be shut ins, and provides energy efficiency audits to low income households.

The organization also provides a scholarship to high school students providing that they save \$1,000 the organization gives the individual a one time \$2,000 check to go towards college costs. Over the past five years the SPFCA has awarded \$90,000 to area students.

SPFCA also provides foreclosure counseling to help individuals avoid losing their homes. The organization also provides food vouchers and provides Health Workshops and free mammograms to individuals who meet income criteria.

To learn more about the organization or to donate money go to: <http://www.springfieldpartnersinc.com> or visit the link through our web site www.eastforestpark.org.

119 Brochland Street

Island Pond Road by St. Anthony's. House has been without siding for the last few years. A suggestion was made to contact code enforcement and to provide pictures for inclusion on web site.

Special Note: There are two unmarked police cars patrolling the neighborhood.

Our next meeting will be on May 9, 2007 and our guest speaker will be Police Commissioner Edward Flynn.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by Shawn E. Sheehan, Secretary 4/21/07