

**East Forest Park Civic Association  
Minutes for November 11, 2009 Meeting**

Attendance (board members in bold): **Richard & Darlene Acchione**, Councilor Tim Allen, Len Allen, Ben & Joan Breitung, Christopher and Rick Caputo, **JoAnne Cardell**, **George Cartier**, Maureen Gagnon Craig, Mary Jean Daly, Patricia Darney, Ann Marie Duffy, Ed Fett, Klaus Feuerstein, Sue Jackson, Ian McCollum, Dave Parent, **Frank Ryan**, Theresa Ranciato-Viele, Mickey Savoy, Peter Nascem Seni, Brian Tran, Linda Ulrick, **Ellen Walmer**. (There were 26 people present that signed the attendance sheet.)

**General Session: New Business**

The meeting was called to order at 6: 45 PM by Frank Ryan on behalf of the acting Board of Directors. He explained the new meeting time of 6:30 is a joint effort to increase interest and attendance for both groups. He then introduced Sgt. Ian McCollum, Coordinator, South District from the Hampden County's Sheriff Dept. who started our EFP Crime Watch Initiative this summer.

Sgt. McCollum recognized City Councilor-elect, Tim Allen and invited Civic Assoc. members to the existing EFP Crime Watch group. The Sheriff's Depart. purpose is to work with the Sprfld.'s Police Dept. and other community groups to involve more concerned citizens with present policing efforts. It has been proven that such efforts reduce crime and improve the quality and safety of life in an area.

Neighbors encouraging neighbors builds safeguards that deter assaults, vandalism, house and car break-ins, larceny, thefts, etc. Serious problems and/or concerns can and should be sent for immediate or quick resolution. Learning about the phone numbers, getting accurate information, and using correct terminology are some of the skills of this group that pass important effective tips through shared channels. We were warned that the two upcoming holidays are frequently a time of more crime. Be a good neighbor and watch out for unusual activity anywhere in our neighborhood. A Text-a-Tip card was passed out as another means to expedite communications.

Three incidents on Wexford St. came up: a car break-in, an attempted house burglary, and a stolen car; and the drug problem on Ashbrook has NOT been resolved.

A representative, Theresa Ranciato-Viele, from Pocket Communications, a small wireless telecommunication company of CSB Communications, LLC / Branford, CT was introduced. They are requesting approval from our Association for installation of three flat antennae at St. Michael's Pre-K on 54 Wendover Rd. They will be flush and painted to match the chimney, do not extend above or beyond those surfaces, have a cable tray along the roof line, and down the side of the building to cabinet boxes. Copies of three photographic views were presented. There will be no interference from their operation in the neighborhood. There are other such installations going in the city.

No abutting residents were present to oppose. The Association voted to approve Pocket Comm.'s request with the stipulation : Is this flat antennae an encroachment of business into a Residential A Zone?

Frank Ryan then shared information regarding an incinerator going in on Page Blvd. by Palmer Renewable Energy. It proposes to burn wood waste as an unregulated 'biofuel' under the present state regulations. Though it offers, jobs, neighborhood improvements, and city tax revenue, and also promises vigilant emission controls, it is a meager energy effort, and not green recycling, but a precedent-setting plant that could be 'grandfather-in' as the first, and thereby, untouchable toxic source in our already over-polluted valley.

Two two-sided handouts were given to share with neighbors to seek attendees to ask for a moratorium until there is further study of this threat.

TWO IMPORTANT UP - COMING MEETINGS

**Springfield Public Health Council Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18,  
6 - 7:30 PM Pine Point Citizens Council  
335 Berkshire Ave**  
An opportunity to learn about our concerns

**AND**

**The State's DEP Air Permitting Hearing scheduled for December 2, at 7 PM  
Kennedy Middle School,  
1385 Berkshire Ave., Springfield.**

\* There is only this Air Quality Permit remaining ! \*  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The **NEXT Meeting** will also **start earlier** on **January 12**, at **6:30 PM** to accommodate our joint meeting with EFP Crime Watch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Ryan, Secretary