

**East Forest Park Civic Association  
Minutes for December 9, 2009 Meeting**

Attendance: (Board Members in bold): **Darlene Acchione**, Tim Allen,(City Councilor), Christopher and Rick Caputo, **George Cartier**, Bob McCollum, Sgt. Ian McCollum, **Frank Ryan**, and Cherie Spinks (Aide to Rep A. Puppulo).

## **General Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6: 45 PM by Frank Ryan on behalf of the acting Board of Directors. He mentioned the new meeting time of 6:30 as a joint effort to increase interest and attendance for both groups. He introduced Sgt. Ian McCollum, Coordinator, South District, Hampden County's Sheriff Dept.

### **EFP Crime Watch:**

Police notified and watching houses and cars on Wexford St; still monitoring Ashbrook St; 35 cars broken into in our sector; Webber St., off White St: a shooting by youths at person who told them get off his lawn; Thanksgiving arrest of the individual responsible for the rape behind the Taste of Garlic; 15 Springfield gang members in Holyoke “were after their Police Chief”.

Councilor Allen reported a month long investigation leading to a cocaine bust for possession on Whittum St. Other reports were of stolen car wheels/especially Maxima’s, loud, late parties on Eddywood St., Sunday activity at the barber shop at the corner of Sumner Ave. and Dorsett St. **TIPS from Meeting: CALL Police - Don’t confront! WATCH for suspicious people** in neighborhood-they may be looking for empty homes to burglarize. If suspect, CALL Police with description and direction.

### **EFP Civic Assoc :**

There were favorable responses to the joint earlier meeting time.

D. Acchione observed that the Treasury had \$46 from the 50/50 Raffles for the Scholarship Fund and G. Cartier: reported that there was \$ 125 in the account.

F. Ryan spoke of the antennae on St. Michael’s Pre K. at the Nov. 30City Council meeting. They and the Zoning Board of Appeals need to insist that abutters and Civic Assoc. or Neighborhood Councils are part of the hearing process to fully engage all that are involved in the issues that come before them.

The Public Health Council was a better example of what citizens are looking for: As they were provided opportunities for all public input regarding the city-wide concern over the Palmer Renewable Energy/Biomass Plant. The newspaper was incorrect when it said there was a moratorium on the biomass plants. The DEP has only rescinded/taken away their conditional approval regarding the Building Use Determination/Air Quality provision.

An enthusiastic and well thought out discussion followed with suggestions to eliminate any future carbon emissions: energy credits to business and home owners who install alternative, clean energy efforts to their buildings; as well as to any new or existing public building, hospital, school or college that utilizes solar panels. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**The NEXT Meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Ryan, Recording Secretary