

# Elizabeth Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

## February 13, 2007

Present: Todd Rubenson, Julian Peterson, Kris Solow, Jean Galloway, Babak Emadi, Russell Crandall, Aaron Houck, Melanie Sizemore, Michelle Dagenhart, Roxie Towns, John Albert

Absent: Terry Lett, Emily Zarbatany, Nancy Albert, Matt Ipsen, Tony Miller, Linda Nash, Maya Packard, Ruffin Pearce

Guests/neighbors: Mike Davis (Conformity Corp), Monte Ritchie

Quorum: Present

Key Presentations:

7th Street Property - Monte Ritchie - still studying site and options for development. Will keep the Board informed as plans are developed.

Officer - For the month of January, 59 reported crimes in the neighborhood, but really only 32 in residential Elizabeth, the balance are in businesses on 7th, hospitals, etc. Most crimes are larceny, 10 breaking/entering. This month so far, 3 crimes reported with two arrests. Two things we're doing: working with hospitals on larceny from autos... also officers working on setting up directed patrols, marked and unmarked, on bikes, on foot, keeping track of suspicious activity. Larceny from autos is the big problem. In Dilworth we had 31 larcenies from autos, 30 were unlocked. Thieves are mostly going after what they can see inside the vehicles - so do not leave anything in your vehicle as it will result in a loss.

Kris - Raised a question on the matching funds for the police bike patrol. Membrs of the community have donated \$750.00, the ECA is matching that amount to donate to the Bike Patrol for equipment.

Michelle - Presbyterian Hospital and Grubb Properties are our Title sponsors for the Big E Road Race on March 24th, 2007. Counting the two title sponsors and the other sponsors, we have \$11,500 total at this point. JT has done a great job going to the businesses and getting support. JT also did our new t-shirt drawing - the "running tree."

Micheele - We have a website, [www.elizabeth8k.com](http://www.elizabeth8k.com), will link to the ECA website. Sponsors are wrapped up, moving on to logistics, brochures, promotions, etc. March 24 is the date, 8 a.m., 8k run, 3k walk and 1k kids run. We need volunteers for race day. Let me know if you can help.

JT - runners should be up this year... could be 350 as opposed to 250 last year.

Melanie - It will start in the park, in front of the rec center, and finish at the same place. After the race activities is the Easter Egg hunt at 10:30. The social committee has also arranged to have the pony rides and petting zoo at the Park that morning.

Russell - Is there still talk about the festival?

Michelle - that was going to be in lieu of the race, so we're not really planning on this now. We can do something else if anyone wants to initiate the planning and execution.

Michelle - April 28 is our date for the progressive dinner.

Russell - Stop signs update. We have approval from CDOT to get petitions signed for two additional stop signs in addition to the previous three. Dotger at Deacon and at Dotger and Vail.

Kris - How did we get stop signs when speed devices were asked for and they said no.

Russell - You can't really ask for things. You can ask for a study and CDOT will tell you what they will consider. Signatures are running 190-4 in favor for the stop signs. If you look at the stats, pedestrian mortality skyrockets as speed increases.

Russell makes motion to approve. Melanie seconds. Unanimous approval.

Melanie - Update on parks. Independence is a "neighborhood park" which means it does not qualify for restrooms. In order to have restrooms in the Park, we would need to get this added to a bond referendum as it is a capital improvement.

Melanie - Ruffin Pearce will look into getting some changes with the rec center. But it's \$200k to add outside bathroom facilities in the park.

Babak - All we need to do is reach agreement with the Ping Pong group to use the bathrooms in the rec center.

Kris - Money is tight at the city, and the reason the ping pong group doesn't want to let the public in they have to screen people, security issues.

Todd - At some point in history, some city council decided we needed these three rec centers for these neighborhoods in close proximity. Certainly today there is at least as much need, and probably more.

Melanie - We have to prioritize our needs.

Babak - We should lobby to get our facility and our programs back.

Melanie - Tennis courts are going to be completely resurfaced - -that's a win.

Melanie - We are characterized as a neighborhood park... they only count us as 24 acres... the only two that are larger are Freedom and Latta. The lease for the Rec Center ends in 2014.

Russell - Need to look at the data of prior usage, so we know what we're asking for.

Melanie - Need to talk about issues, talk about this in the context of the small area plan. (Passed out guide from Parks & Rec on how they categorize the various parks and green spaces in the county.)

JT - We have access to this building now for community events as long as we work with the ping pong group to schedule.

Melanie - We'll find out they're schedule and work with the group to find an agreement.

Michelle - You could schedule different kinds of events, but if it's private you'd have to pay for it. For public, community events it's free.

Melanie - Move to adjourn the meeting.