

**EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 22 APRIL 2015 MEETING**

Present: Elyse DeVries (President), Willard Duncan (Vice-President), Debra Northey (Treasurer), Lynn Pierce (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was held at the home of Lynn Pierce, 5951 Lakewood Avenue. It was called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. 48th Ward Community Day Participation

Elyse and Lynn agreed to represent EPIC at the first 48th Ward-wide Community Day to be held Saturday, May 2 at Senn High School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, by staffing a table offering information about the block club. Related tasks are:

- Making an attention-attracting sign board with the EPIC logo for use on the table (Elyse).
- Preparing a sign-up sheet to record information from new members (Elyse)
- Preparing 10 or so stapled copies describing EPIC's history that attendees can read at the table, with the history to be e-mailed to those who join EPIC or have an interest receiving it (Lynn).
- Willard volunteered to relieve Elyse at the table between 11:00 am and 11:40 am so she can attend the workshop on strengthening block clubs and community building.

2. EPIC Spring into Summer Block Party

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, on Magnolia, which will be blocked off at Elmdale and Thorndale.

- Lynn reported that the permit for street closure was submitted to the City on April 1.
- Lynn has also applied for the use of a city-provided jumping jack machine but has not yet heard back. It was noted that this equipment must be located no more than 100' from an electrical source. Willard and Marsha volunteered to provide a heavy extension cord for the machine.
- Lynn reported that Bethany Lutheran Church has approved the June 20 date for EPIC's use of their parish hall.
- It was agreed that a fire engine would be preferable to either police dogs or mounted policemen as an additional event attraction. Lynn will submit the application for the fire engine with Elyse listed as the contact person. Elyse will contact the Families Together Nursery School based at Immanuel Lutheran Church to see if someone from that group can bring a sensory table and manage the children's activities related to it.
- The food provided by EPIC will be grilled hotdogs and bratwurst, with EPIC also providing fruit juices, buns, and condiments. Side dishes will be brought by attendees. Lynn volunteered to do the grilling.
- Willard will purchase the food and Deb will purchase the fruit juices and soft drinks.
- Elyse will contact the Kaplans to find out if they are attending the event and if they can bring their portable grill as in past years. If that is not possible, Lynn can offer two grills of her own but will need help in transporting them to and from the site.
- Elyse will find out from Bob Solomon and another neighbor on Magnolia (Lynn to supply the name) if their large tents are available for block party use.
- Lynn will contact the Lil Buds theater group about again providing a person to tell stories and do crafts with children between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 pm. Bubble blowing and a beanbag toss toy were discussed as additional activities for children, while board games for adults are also a possibility.
- In terms of asking Magnolia Avenue residents to move their cars, Elyse will produce a flyer to be put on car windshields in the days before the event while Lynn will make the tree signs.
- It was agreed that Lynn would send an e-mail to the membership shortly after the meeting in order to give advance notice of the event. It was also agreed that members of the NET block club be invited in order to strengthen ties.
- The event flyer will be printed on color stock. Lynn will provide the text and Elyse will design the flyer.
- Lynn will solicit discount coupons for a group of local businesses with which she has relationships in order to provide about twelve items for a door prize raffle.
- The use of yard signs for supplementing paper flyers in the advertising of block club events was discussed. Marsha will find out about the cost and design of such yard signs as well as the option of adding mylar "sleeves" to the city-provided recycling reminder signs already distributed to block captains.

3. EPIC Nominating Committee Additions

The bylaws require the Executive Committee to select the additional members of the Nominating Committee in addition to the three selected by vote at the annual meeting (Marge Ford, Clare Lake, and Bob Solomon, with Mary Stoner as the first alternate). It was agreed that Deb will ask Stephen Northey and Lynn would ask Tom Welch if they are willing to serve on the committee. Elyse will ask Bob Kaplan if he will be the second alternate committee member.

4. Senn Park Advisory Council

Lynn asked to be relieved of her role as EPIC's representative to this group, which meets the second Wednesday of the every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Elyse volunteered to replace her, with Deb as a backup.

5. Annual Edgewater Garage Sale

Lynn asked for help in managing the EPIC-area portion of the sale, which will take place on June 6 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Willard volunteered to take on this task, which involves delivering permits and sale maps to each seller and collecting the \$15 participation fee. Both Care for Real and the CAPS groups will have tables at the event. In the past EPIC has made a donation of a percentage of the block club's net proceeds.

6. Proposed Change to EPIC Bylaws

At the annual meeting Clare Lake proposed that the bylaws be changed to remove the two-term limit for officers. The pros and cons of term limits were discussed, as well as the process for changing them (a vote of the membership at a business meeting is the requirement). Willard moved and Marsha seconded that the issue be tabled for future discussion. The motion passed.

7. EPIC Website

Elyse reported on the progress she and Jeff are making in redesigning the website framework. The calendar feature is still in the design phase. Officer biographies and the annual meeting minutes will be added shortly.

8. Annual Contribution to Bethany Evangelical Church

It was agreed that this year's contribution for use of Bethany facilities will be raised from \$125 last year to \$150r.

9. EPIC Fall Potluck

Lynn reported that the September 19 date has been reserved with Bethany Lutheran for the gathering.

10. Issues of Block Club Coverage

- Lynn will ask block captain Bob Smith to make sure he is distributing flyers to the condo building at the southwest corner of Broadway and Rosedale.
- Deb will ask Tracy Dobson is she is willing to become the block captain for the portion of Rosedale from Magnolia to 1328-1329. This will involve responsibility for displaying the blue cart recycling yard sign every two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Holland, Recording Secretary

EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP BRAINSTORMING MEETING, 15 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Willard Duncan (President), Debra Northey (Treasurer), Lynn Pierce (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary); members Sarah Bornstein, George Diaz, Leslie Dossey, John Holden, Jenny Jones, John Michael, Kathryn Michael, Steve Northey, Bob Smith, Bob Solomon

The meeting was held at the home of Lynn Pierce, 5951 Lakewood Avenue. It was called to order just after 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm ideas for improving outreach and community building within the block club area. The ideas presented are summarized below and the agreed upon short and long term actions are listed at the end:

- Outreach to newcomers needs to reflect the different types of newcomers. The same is true of block club outreach in general. Multiple channels of communication need to be used. EPIC can get information on newcomers from requests to the alderman for moving van parking signs (Lynn Pierce) and home purchase records (Steve Northey).
- The materials used for newcomer outreach need to include a sense of what EPIC has accomplished in the past (input on development proposals, alley house numbers, speed humps, blue cart recycling notification, annual garage sale, zoning overlay district)
- Outreach is most effective when it involves issues of importance to residents ("what is in it for me"). One path for outreach is first forming coalitions to deal with issues, which builds a sense of community and then leads to higher level of participation in social events. The reverse is also true. There needs to be a compelling reason for block club involvement.
- The communication terrain has changed – people now tend to be exposed only the media used by people like themselves. Millennials are best reached primarily through social media. Facebook is a better agent for reaching younger people than a website, which requires a volunteer webmaster for maintenance. Facebook is easier to maintain and can offer the same information array as a website.
- An e-mail group with some of the characteristics of Ruth List can be an effective community building tool. Soliciting e-mail addresses from block club area residents even if they are not members is an important step in creating connectedness.
- Families with young children appear to be the largest group of newcomers. Activities for children are the best way to draw families. More than ever, people now tend to know only people like themselves. The block club can be a way to bring together people of different backgrounds and ages.
- The people currently involved in EPIC tend to live in a small part of the block club area focused on the eastern Lakewood/Magnolia area. Our social events are intended to draw people from all parts of the area but perhaps social events targeting smaller subareas could be effective.
- EPIC's block captain system can be effective if block captains engage with the residents in their area and provide information on neighbors with special needs (snow shoveling, shopping, errands for seniors, baby sitting, etc.)
- The block needs to identify key neighborhood issues that have relevance to block club area residents. EPIC can bring people together to get information on and discuss a range of city-wide political issues even if the block club cannot itself effect political decisions. The increase in property taxes and garbage fees added to sewer/water bill are important topics on which the block club can provide information and encourage discussion.
- Currently EPIC has four annual events: the annual meeting, the garage sale, the summer party, and a fall potluck. In the interest of avoiding too many meetings, presentations on issues should be combined with these events. Other social activities should be explored: square dancing, events for children,

Specific near term strategies agreed upon:

- Compile lists of newcomers as indicated by move-in parking requests from alderman's office (Lynn Pierce) and by home sales information (Steve Northey)
- Have a speaker on property taxes at the April 9 annual meeting (John Holden will make contact)
- At April 9 annual meeting ask attendees for ideas on how to make the EPIC relevant/viable (Willard Duncan)
- Use the reverse side of the annual meeting flyer to give EPIC purpose, accomplishments, and solicit feedback on issues important to residents (Lynn Pierce)
- Have an EPIC information table at the upcoming garage sale (not yet assigned)
- Update and improve FaceBook page design and content (Kathryn Michael)

- Determine if the EPIC zoning overlay previously adopted is still in force (Lynn Pierce)

Longer term strategies discussed:

- Prepare revised newcomer welcoming package
- Consider reinstituting the neighborhood restaurant dinner event
- Consider additional types of social events
- Refine outreach methods to Millennials
- Ask block captains to bring residents to meetings and events
- Survey or otherwise reach out of block club area residents to find out what they want from the block club
- Piggyback off the alderman's weekly neighborhood e-mail blast
- Eliminate EPIC website
- Generally find ways to intensify publicity efforts based on understanding of various target group tastes
- Prepare written instructions for volunteers carrying out tasks related to major block club activities
- Identify current and potential future issues around which block club members can be mobilized

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Holland, Recording Secretary

Addendum: Lynn Pierce summary of proposals resulting from the meeting

- Determine how to reach newcomers.
- Devise different strategies to reach out to different kinds of newcomers, including the millenians (coined).
- Consider offering more activities for children.
- Concentrate on social activities.
- Determine where and how Elmdale block party was held (Pierce).
- Welcome newcomers to the neighborhood.
- Determine if zoning overlay in EPIC area is still in effect (Pierce).
- Schedule a square dance or folk dance event.
- Reinstitute dinner-in-the-neighborhood event.
- Prepare written instructions for conducting major events (i.e., garage sale, block parties, potlucks)
- Activate EPIC's Facebook page and publicize page on all flyers, notices (Pierce).
- Arrange for block captains to bring residents to EPIC meetings, functions.
- Mobilize residents to confront major problems (i.e., abandoned 5945 Magnolia single family residence)
- Piggyback off Alderman's weekly e-blast (relay items of import to EPIC members).
- Eliminate EPIC website; replace with updated Facebook page.
- Consider increasing EPIC yearly events (annual meeting, potluck, block party).
- Man an EPIC table at annual garage sale; promote EPIC on garage sale flyers.
- Through block captains, identify residents with special needs (seniors, shoveling, shopping); consider door-to-door, what-kind-of-help-do-you-need flyers.
- At EPIC annual meeting, ask attendees for suggestions on how to make block club more relevant, viable.
- Arrange for tax authority to appear at EPIC's annual meeting (John Holden).
- Intensify EPIC's publicity efforts.

EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Present: Willard Duncan (President), Lynn Pierce (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was held at the home of Willard Duncan, 1236 Elmdale. It was called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Nominations for 2015-2016 officers

Lynn reported that she had had luncheon meetings with Paul Bonilla and John Holden and that they had agreed to run for the offices of president and vice-president, respectively. Since Willard has agreed to be slated for corresponding secretary and Marsha has agreed to continue to serve as secretary, the slate for officers is complete, with three members of the nominating committee still to be slated.

2. EPIC Spring into Summer Block Party

- Lynn reported that the date set for the event is Saturday, June 25, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. After discussion of moving the event to another block within the EPIC area, it was decided that the 2016 event would be located Magnolia between Elmdale and Thorndale as has been past practice because of the convenience of access to Bethany Church's kitchen and the event organizers' homes. Lynn will inform Jerry Goodman on the 48th Ward staff of the need to close the street on this date.
- The pros and cons of in the future locating the event in a different block within the EPIC area in order to draw in more of the EPIC membership were discussed. Lynn volunteered to ask Jerry Goodman if it would be permissible to close portions of Elmdale and Thorndale since these are major through streets.

3. Management of Website and Facebook Page

- It is recommended to the new executive committee that the website be maintained as a means of archiving of minutes and other important documents for easy member access.
- Any redesign and expansion of the FaceBook page is likewise left to the new executive committee.

4. Guidance for Future Officers on Neighborhood Events

Since she has taken a leadership role in organizing both social events (block party and potluck) and the annual community-wide yard sale, Lynn agreed to put together a written "workbook" to guide future volunteers in taking over these efforts.

5. Annual Meeting Preparations

- Lynn will write a one-page description of the community role of the EPIC Block Club and its accomplishments to be printed on the reverse side of the flyer for the annual meeting, which is scheduled for April 9 at Bethany Church.
- Willard and Marsha will put together a brief annual report on the activities of the block club within the past year using the format of past years' reports posted on the website as a guide.

6. Welcoming of EPIC Area Newcomers

- As discussed at the February 16 brainstorming meeting, Lynn volunteered to collect information from the alderman's office on move-in parking permits and Steve Northey volunteered to notify EPIC about home sales recorded in the Multiple Listing database.
- The material composed by Lynn for the annual meeting flyer will be used as part of those materials.

7. Annual Contribution to Bethany Evangelical Church

It was agreed to postpone designating the amount of this year's contribution for use of Bethany facilities until consultation with the treasurer and determining reimbursable amount expended by Elyse for printing of flyers and yard sign content during 2015. As a matter of information, in 2015 we raised our contribution from \$125 to \$150.

Respectively submitted,
Marsha Holland

EPIC BLOCK CLUB MINUTES

9 APRIL 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Present – EPIC area: Charles Bonilla, Sarah Bornstein, Jill Craig, Kevin Daniels, George Diaz, Judy Diaz, Leslie Dossey, Willard Duncan, Heather Ervin, Marge Ford, Andrea Friedman, Marge Ford, Michael Frontier, Brian Harder, Arturo Hernandez, Raymond Hively, John Holden, Marsha Holland, Casey Jones, Jenny Jones, Robert Kaplan, Michael Kaye, Clare Lake, Nancy Lewis, Kasie Mathena, John Michael, Kathryn Michael, Terry Opalek, Marilyn Pierce, Renee Rosen, Robert Smith, Mary Stoner, Laurie Winkelman.

Present – other block clubs: Amanda Passmore, Doug Passmore (EGA); Tristan Tanner, Christ Tourre (NET).

Guests: Alderman Harry Osterman, Peter Nichols, Linda Soncrant.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Willard Duncan.

1. State of the 48th Ward (Alderman Harry Osterman). He noted that he had a special attachment to the EPIC block club because his mother was one of the founders and his father designed the EPIC logo. His report covered four main areas.

- Safety: Increased foot patrol coverage is in place for Thorndale and Bryn Mawr, and several youth programs have been instituted, included one called “Becoming A Man’ for 6th through 8th graders, which is designed to reach out to young men before they become gang members.
- Education: Academic performance continues to improve at Swift, Pierce and Senn (the incoming Senn freshman class will be the largest the school has seen since the 1950s). Our state legislators – representative Kelly Cassidy and senator Heather Steans – continue to work on legislation to revise the state school funding formula for school districts like Chicago which have a high proportion of lower income families.
- Infrastructure: Water main repair and street resurfacing should soon be completed on Broadway after which the process will start on Ridge between Broadway and Clark. Plans are being considered for reducing auto traffic on major arteries like Broadway and Ridge before it enters Edgewater. Changes to Broadway like adding bicycle lanes or other traffic slowing calming devices require state approval since it is a state route. Alley resurfacing is on the back burner for funding reasons. A south-bound bicycle lane on Glenwood south of Ridge has been proposed but will not be implemented until the residents impacted have approved. Free parking at the Edgewater branch library lot when the library is closed is a possibility; the addition of paid off-street parking is not possible under the terms of the City’s contract with the LAZ partnership.
- Economic development: Broadway business attraction is a focus of aldermanic efforts. It will be a requirement that potential tenants of the former Broadway Bank buildings use a valet service so that the impact of customer parking on the EPIC area is reduced. Higher density/small unit transit-oriented residential reuse of the Aon office buildings south of Foster is likely to be the model for future development on Broadway. The fire station at 5714 N. Ridge, sold by the City to Chicago Filmmakers, will begin renovation this summer. It is possible that the group will be able to begin offering weekly film screenings and classes in the late fall.

President Duncan offered thanks to the alderman for the prompt response of 48th Ward chief of staff Dan Luna to community requests for service.

2. Growling Rabbit Restaurant Liquor License Application. Business owner Laura Soncrant provided an overview of the type of restaurant she plans to operate at 5930-40 N. Broadway. She is moving her breakfast-lunch business from 6941 N. Sheridan in Rogers Park because her current space is not large enough to support the volume of customers. She plans to expand her operating hours to include dinner and is seeking a liquor

license incidental to the consumption of food. Lynn Pierce moved that EPIC support the City's granting of such a license. John Michael seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

3. Treasurer's Report (Willard Duncan). Due to a family emergency, Treasurer Debra Northey was not able to prepare a report. Willard Duncan stated that at in April 2015 EPIC had about \$350 on hand and that currently the amount stands at about \$600.

4. Annual Report (Willard Duncan). The blocks club's four annual events were successful in 2015. The 2015 annual meeting attracted a significant crowd. About 70 people attended the summer block party on June 20, 2015. EPIC participation in the Edgewater-wide yard sale on June the June 6 reached its highest level at 50 households. The fall potluck on September 19 was well attended. Major accomplishments were designing and constructing the new event announcement yard signs; designing and providing a welcome package for newcomers; an educational training session facilitated by the 24th District police on teaching residents about improving home security; holding a brain storming session on February 15 to gather ideas for enhancing block club outreach and resident participation. Ongoing activities supported by EPIC members, some of whom do not attend meetings but are willing to undertake a specific task are: putting out the blue cart recycle signs every other week; attending the Senn Park Advisory Committee on behalf of the block club; passing out event flyers; participation in the 48th Ward court advocacy program led by Lynn Pierce, including several appearances in housing court to deal with a neglected residential property; representing EPIC at CAPS meetings; managing e-mails and Facebook pages.

5. Election of 2016-17 Officers (Clare Lake). On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Clare Lake presented the slate of officers: President -- Charles Bonilla; Vice President -- John Holden; Treasurer -- Willard Duncan; Corresponding Secretary -- Leslie Dossey; Recording Secretary -- Marsha Holland. John Holden moved and Kathryn Michael seconded that the slate of officers be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Year Ahead (Charles Bonilla). The new president reviewed some of the ideas from the February 15 brainstorming session (see attached for summary passed out at the meeting). From the resulting discussion several key points emerged: a limited number of annual e-mails are more effective than frequent e-mails; software programs like Constant Contact and Mail Chimp are more complicated than regular e-mail and not necessarily more effective; street signs, flyers Facebook, and e-mails used in combination is the best way to reach the most EPIC area residents. While it is difficult to get people involved when there are few issues to resolve, it is important to find a way to keep community members in contact with one another so that the connections are there when something needing community input comes up.

7. 2016-17 Nominating Committee (Charles Bonilla). In a call for volunteers, Michael Kaye, Arturo Hernandez, and Lynn Pierce agreed to serve, with Mary Stoner agreeing to serve as alternate.

8. EPIC Website (Lynn Pierce) and Facebook Page (Kathryn Michael). Lynn reported that a resident of the EGA area had volunteered to update the website. Michael Kaye volunteered to assist. Kathryn reported that the block club's Facebook page has been updated and is set up so that it can be viewed by people who are not registered as Facebook users.

9. Upcoming Events.

- a. The 48th Ward Clean and Green Day will be held Saturday, April 16. See Lynn Pierce about projects within the Edgewater area available for volunteering. There will also be paper shredding at the Streets and Sanitation Yard, 5853 N. Broadway, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

b. Status of 5945 N. Magnolia housing court hearing (Peter Nichols). Peter Nicholas, redeveloper of the property, reported that the last hearing related to his purchase of it will be on April 22. He is already close enough to finalizing the acquisition that he is in the process of replacing the existing fence with a higher construction fence. He will also begin the rodent trapping process with many more traps than legally required. Demolition will be handled to minimize dust and debris. The plans for the single family house he wants to build can be seen at the website "5945magnolia.com." He will not begin construction until he has a buyer confirmed. In the event that he cannot attract a buyer, he will construct a three story "multi-generational" residential building in which he may himself live.

c. Edgewater Yard Sale (Lynn Pierce). The sale is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 4. See Lynn about paying the participation fee for inclusion on the sale map. The organizers are asking that participant households donate one item to be sold for the benefit of Care For Real at a table managed by a volunteer.

d. EPIC Summer Block Party (Charles Bonilla). Save the June 25 date for this annual event, which will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Among the events for children will be a one 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with actors from the Little Buds Theater. There will also be a fire engine and a jumping jack.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Holland

**EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 20 APRIL 2016 MEETING**

Present: Charles Bonilla (President) John Holden (Vice-President), Willard Duncan (Treasurer), Leslie Dossey (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary), Lynn Pierce (guest), Marge Ford (guest and hostess)

The meeting was held at the home of Paul Bonilla and Marge Ford, 5908 N. Magnolia. It was called to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Overview of proposed 2016-2017 goals (Charles Bonilla)

My theme for the year is: maximum efficiency, minimum effort. I'm not looking to reinvent the wheel. I am looking – based on the brainstorming notes' tone – to firmly position EPIC for 2017 and beyond by engendering a club spirit that brings fresh members who become so engaged they'll eagerly step into Executive Committee roles. To accomplish that, I see one priority being to transfer to Standard Operating Procedures or timelines the extensive knowledge and experience of EPIC's prior executive committees. One way to begin is to construct a timeline for the 22nd Annual Edgewater Yard Sale

2. Goal: Finding a way to include more neighborhood residents in the activities of the block club

- Proposal to identify key tasks that can be undertaken by volunteers who do not have the time to attend meetings regularly; the idea is to have the volunteers be ambassadors of the block club to the wider community
- Explore putting together a parents/young families special interest group
- Explore encouraging something like having block-sized street gatherings under the sponsorship of the block club in order to create more community cohesiveness within small areas

3. Goal: Craft a new social media framework

- Update and preserve the website as a legacy form of outreach to members who are not on Facebook; update the website's archive of meeting minutes and other important documents
- Explore implementing a WordPress blog like the one EGA uses (<https://edgeglendaily.com/>); the set-up is somewhat difficult but it is easy to maintain once in place
- Deactivate EPIC's three existing out-of-date Facebook pages and replace it with a new one (Kathryn Michael has volunteered to do that)
- Put together a simple set of standards for block club social media postings
- Create an integrated database of the block club membership and export the member e-mail address file Lynn has been maintaining on the Yahoo website into an off-line database (Charles Bonilla will help with that)
- It was agreed that the names of the people who filled out the annual meeting sign-in sheet will be listed in the minutes. It was noted that because the sign-in sheets were not put out until after Alderman Osterman made his presentation, there was a group of people who attended but did not sign in because they left immediately after his talk was over.

4. Treasurer's report (Willard Duncan)

- The current bank balance in the bank account is \$753.45 including the \$260.00 in dues collected at the annual meeting.
- In order to put the new president and treasurer on the bank account, MB Financial requires that Elyse Devries and Debra Northey have agreed to provide letters stating that they have turned their duties over to Charles and Willard. That transfer will be made as soon as the letters are received.

5. EPIC Spring into Summer Block Party

- A planning meeting for the block party will be held on May 11 at Lynn's house, 5951 N. Lakewood at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Marsha Holland

**EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 11 MAY 2016 MEETING**

Present: Charles Bonilla (President) John Holden (Vice-President), Willard Duncan (Treasurer), Leslie Dossey (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary), Lynn Pierce

The meeting was held at the home of Lynn Pierce, 5951 N. Lakewood. It was called to order at 7:10 pm.

June 4 yard sale planning

- The sale will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p. m.
- The table of items sold to benefit Care For Real will be located in front of John Holden's house at 1238 W. Elmdale. Items donated should be delivered to Lynn's houses between noon and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3.
- Willard will set up a table in front of his house at 1238 W. Elmdale in order to provide information on the EPIC block club and solicit memberships.
- Willard will design and order an EPIC banner to hang from his second floor porch based on information Lynn will e-mail to him.
- Lynn and Willard will design and produce a tri-fold brochure describing the purpose of the block club and its accomplishments.
- Lynn has recruited Kasie Mathena and Jill Craig to visit each EPIC area seller beginning at 8:00 a.m. in order to hand out the seller's permit and 20 copies of the EPIC area map of seller locations and to collect the \$10 participation fee.

June 25 Spring into Summer block party planning

- The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Helpers are needed to do the setup at 9:30 a.m. Lynn has contacted the church to reserve the date.
- Helpers are needed to sweep the street and bring out the tables and chairs from the Bethany Church parish hall. Marsha will contact Michael Kaye about helping with setup
- Willard will bring the hotdog buns, brats, hot dogs, and condiments to be provided by the block club.
- Leslie will contact the Kaplans to find if we can use their tent, grill, and electric outlet.
- Lynn will design the flyers and the yard sign inserts and send them to Charles for insertion of the artwork. Willard will prepare the yard signs and distribute them.
- Charles will design horizontal banners for attaching with grommets to the saw horses provided by the 48th Ward that block off Magnolia between Elmdale and Thorndale. Willard will order and bring the banners.
- No parking signs need to be attached to trees and put on the windshields of parked cars a few days before the event.
- Coupons use in the raffle need to be solicited from area businesses and a volunteer is needed to manage the raffle.
- The child-oriented activities will include a jumping jack (Lynn has done the online ordering), a story teller from Lil Buds Theater, and possibly a fire truck depending on availability. Lesley will contact Arturo Hernandez and Jenny Jones to see if one of them can be in charge of children's activities.
- There will be a new children's activity – a cakewalk – for which there will need to be five cakes provided as prizes for winners. Leslie will contact Jennifer Devens to see if Jennifer's daughter Sophie can manage the cakewalk contest for a small remuneration of \$20.

Lynn's farewell to being a block officer after many years of making a valuable contribution

Marilyn (Lynn) Pierce, after serving on EPIC's Executive Committee for 28 of the 30 years she has lived in the Magnolia Glen neighborhood, announced her departure from the board. She applauded the block club for its many past achievements and contributions to the community. She will continue to serve EPIC as block and Blue Cart captain, coordinator of the annual Edgewater Yard Sale, maintainer of the website, and transmitter of e-mailed communications to the membership.

Respectively submitted,
Marsha Holland