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Wick Neighbors, Inc. Elects Scott Schulick Chairperson, Elects New Directors

YOUNGSTOWN – Wick Neighbors, Inc. members have elected Scott Schulick, Vice President of Butler Wick Trust Co., as Chairperson and elected new Board members and the leadership team for 2007-08.

Schulick had been Vice Chairperson of the Wick Neighbors, Inc. Board of Directors, joining the Board in 2004.

Schulick has a special connection to the keystone project of Wick Neighbors, Inc., the Smoky Hollow Development. Schulick's maternal grandfather was born and raised in Smoky Hollow at 224 Adams St. and his paternal grandparents once lived at 523 Walnut St.

"First and foremost, I consider myself to be a 'son of Smoky Hollow,' and that's why this position is so special for me. It's these connections and shared family memories that peaked my interest in Wick Neighbors, Inc. But this isn't about nostalgia," Schulick said. "It's about change. Change in the neighborhood and in our city. Creating a viable organization isn't easy, but necessary. The foundation has been laid over the past four years, but the real challenges now begin. It's with great enthusiasm that I accept the position as Chair of the Board."

In addition, members elevated the Rev. John Horner to the newly created position of Chairperson Emeritus. Rev. Horner is rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, a founding leader of Wick Neighbors, Inc. and the organization's Chairperson since its inception in 2003. Rev. Horner will assume specific tasks in his new role as Chairperson Emeritus.

Officers for 2007-08 will be:

- **Chairperson: Scott Schulick**, Butler Wick Trust Co.
- **Vice Chairperson: Germaine Bennett**, Youngstown Board of Education
- **Secretary: Jamael Tito Brown**, Youngstown Human Relations Commission
- **Treasurer: Tom Poole**, Hill, Barth and King
- **Chairperson Emeritus: Rev. John Horner**, St. John's Episcopal Church

Wick Neighbors, Inc. membership elected the leadership at the organization's recent Annual Meeting and Dinner. Membership also elected four new directors to three-year-terms expiring in 2010.

New directors are:

- **Bonnie Deutsch Burdman**, Director, Jewish Community Relations Council and Youngstown Area Jewish Federation
- **Daniel P. Dascenzo**, Attorney, Roth, Blair, Roberts, Strasfeld & Lodge

- **Michael S. Garvey**, President, M-7 Technologies
- **Mike Crosby**, Vice President of Operations, Turning Technologies

Wick Neighbors, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit community development corporation serving the Wick District of Youngstown, Ohio, with the Smoky Hollow Development as its keystone project.

Wick Neighbors, Inc. is working closely with developer Zaremba, Inc. to complete Wick District-Smoky Hollow site plan details as part of a Pre-Development Agreement signed last summer. The estimated \$100 million, mixed-use neighborhood will include approximately 270 new townhouses, condominiums and single-family homes; 20,000 square feet of retail space; 10 acres of green space; and new streets, sidewalks and utilities.

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