

**HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 4, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Avenue**

Attendees: Lydia Brasher, Bates-Hendrick; Clay Miller, Chatham Arch; Glenn Blackwood, Fletcher Place; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Jim Simmons, Garfield Park; Linda Simons, Garfield Park Bryce Mosey, Lockerbie; Jim Garretson, Forest Hills and Meridian-Kessler; Ryan Noel, Meridian Park; Lorraine Vavul, Meridian-Park; Jordan Ryan, North Square; Julia Pratt, Old Speedway; Garry Chilluffo, St. Joseph; Tom Abeel, Woodruff Place; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Individual Member; Chad Lethig, Indiana Landmarks; Lee Lohman, Guest Speaker, CDM Smith Co.; LaTeeka Washington, IndyGo; Jerome A. Horne, IndyGo; and Lindsey Richardt, Department of Metropolitan Development;

President Garry Chilluffo called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves and the neighborhoods or organizations they represented.

Garry then introduced the main speaker for the evening, Lee Lohman, Design Consultant at CDM Smith, who spoke about the Red Line stations. LaTeeka Washington of IndyGo and Jerome Horne of IndyGo added details during his presentation. The Red Line will run north and south, and the Blue Line will run east and west. There will be 28 Red Line stations. Each station will have a unique name. Some stations will be in the center of the street, and some will be curbside. He described the materials and features of the stations. There will be security cameras and emergency call boxes at all stations. The buses will stop at every station, but the stops will last only about 8 seconds. Hopefully, construction will begin in September. Each station will take about 45 days for construction. IndyGo will inform neighborhoods 30 to 45 days prior to construction. All of the plans can be viewed on the IndyGo website at <https://www.indygo.net/redline/>.

Garry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Jim Garretson so moved. Jim Simmons seconded. The motion carried.

Garry introduced Lindsey Richardt, Chief Communications Officer in the Department of Metropolitan Development. Lindsey announced that the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC), founded in 1967, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. There are now 18 districts that fall under the protection of IHPC. Lindsey acknowledged Jordan Ryan's participation in the celebration in Old City Hall in February of this year. Lindsey would like to highlight a different historic neighborhood each week during the summer of 2017.

Lindsey would like HUNI's help in spreading the word. She has made up media kits for each neighborhood. Sharon will type up the list of meeting attendees and send it to Lindsey.

HUNI will have a table again this year at Indiana Landmarks' Treasure Hunt on Saturday, July 15th. Jim Lingenfelter will oversee the table arrangements and staff it.

Lorraine Vavul gave an Editorial Board report. She asked the neighborhood representatives to be sure to let their Editorial Board member know about all events in their neighborhoods that are open to the public. Please also use your Twitter and Facebook accounts to promote events going on in your historic neighborhood. Lorraine also discussed an idea to promote self-guided walking tours in all of the HUNI neighborhoods that already have a tour. The tour literature could be available on the HUNI website, and visitors to the site can merely download the brochure. Another campaign might be to get people to take selfies in historic neighborhoods with the HUNI logo appearing in the photo on a poster or placard.

Invisible Indianapolis is hosting an event on May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on how to research demolished buildings. From its website: "Invisible Indianapolis examines the history and culture in a series of seemingly 'invisible' Indianapolis neighborhoods. The project focuses on places that initially may seem counter-intuitive to our ideas about what constitutes 'historical' sites; that is, in many reaches of the city, the material remains of community heritage are fragmentary or entirely effaced, and in some places only a handful of elders preserve local memories. Invisible Indianapolis underscores the stories of American life in a breadth of seemingly commonplace places transformed by factors including real estate 'redlining,' racial and religious discrimination, postwar highway construction, and gentrification.

Clay Miller reported that the commissioners and staff of IHPC ignored the neighborhood plan by approving a large development in Chatham Arch. Chatham Arch will conduct its Spring cleanup this Saturday, May 6th.

Meridian Park will have its annual Spring alley cleanup this Saturday, as well. The neighborhood is working on getting more streetlights, especially in the alleys. They are also working on a welcome brochure.

At the end of May, Speedway will play host to an auto car race you may have heard of. New businesses and restaurants keep opening, including Wilcox Engineering and Famous Tomato. As a result, parking has become a problem. A high-end hotel is in the works. Speedway will have a garage sale on September 8th and 9th.

Garfield Park has had two very successful events recently. A historical marker was placed in front of the former home of Erwin George "Cannon Ball" Baker. In 1909, Baker won the first motorcycle race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He later raced cars at IMS.

The second activity that has been a big hit is the Garfield Park Farmers Market. It happens every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30, near the tennis courts. Garfield Park is very excited to have the Red Line come down Shelby Street. There are three new businesses in the neighborhood: Joe's Cyclery, Bennie Sanders Art Studio, and a barber shop. HUNI and Indiana Landmarks will sponsor both a walking tour of Garfield Park on September 14th and a bike tour of Garfield Park on September 16th.

The Meridian-Kessler Home and Garden Tour is June 4th and 5th; Twilight Party is June 3rd.

North Square reported that the awful building project on Virginia Avenue that was discussed at a previous meeting was shot down. The 3rd Annual Virginia Avenue Folk Fest will be on Saturday, May 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Tom Battista had been interviewed by NPR regarding "The Idle, A Point of View" interstate highway overlook project. He's trying to raise \$48,000 through a Patronicity plan. Fletcher Place had a home tour this spring. The Milano Inn has sold. It will be a mixed-use development. The Holy Rosary Italian Street Festival will be June 9 and 10.

June is a big month in Woodruff Place. First is the Flea Market on June 3rd and 4th, which will include nearly 80 homes. Then comes the Woodruff Place Home, Garden, and Coop Tour on June 24 and June 25. Woodruff Place received its third treatment for Ash Borer disease. They feel it has been worthwhile to spend the money. The Economic Development District has been a tremendous resource, funding a new roof on the Town Hall and new electric lines to the fountains.

On September 9th, Little Sisters of the Poor will install a commemorative plaque on the spot where it was founded back in 1875. Jim Glass will give a speech in the Cyrus Center. A walking tour of three homes will occur. There has been a decrease in car break-ins after a little education of residents not to leave items in their cars that are in view.

Bates-Hendricks has two new gateway signs, welcoming people to the neighborhood. Bates-Hendricks' current focus is on family activities. A block free party will be held at James A. Garfield School 31.

St. Joseph has a new taco shop in the former Plow & Anchor space.

The next HUNI meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks. The May meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Butsch Freeland
Secretary