

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 5, 2020
Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Garry Chilluffo, Outgoing President and Editorial Board; Glenn Blackwood, President, Editorial Board and Fletcher Place; Jordan Ryan, Secretary, Editorial Board, North Square; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Editorial Board, and Individual Member; Marjorie Kienle, Editorial Board, Past President, and Individual Member; Lorraine Vavul, Editorial Board, Historic Meridian Park, and Past President; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board, Old Southside; Jeff Miller, Fletcher Place; John Hornberger, Garfield Park; David Hittle, Holy Cross; David Bartoletti, Old Northside; Judith Essex, Old Southside; Gillian Fletcher, Old Speedway; Joan Hostetler, Cottage Home; Paula Brooks, Ransom Place; Bryce Mosey, Lockerbie Square; Kim Evans, IMPD; Guest Speakers Beth Van Allen & Spencer Garnier

President Glenn Blackwood called the Quarterly Meeting to order at 5:41 pm.

Featured Speaker: Beth Van Allen, Managing Editor, Digital Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, Polis Center

- Updating and expanding the Encyclopedia of Indianapolis into a digital format
- Large institutional collaboration between multiple universities, libraries and archives in town
- Showing features of the website, including entries, timelines, linking to photo collections, virtual reality experiences
- Contact Beth if you're interested in contributing to the neighborhood entries

Featured Speaker: Spencer Garnier, Constituent Services Liaison at City of Indianapolis

- Constituent outreach work and policy work
- Representing Kristin Jones District 16
- IPL - flexible payment plan
- Drain cleaning projects to help DPW
- Crime prevention grants
- Residential 5G cell tower petitions have been withdrawn (at least for now)

Speaker: Jordan Ryan, Indiana Historical Society

- Indianapolis Bicentennial exhibit at IHS
- Upcoming bicentennial programs
- Learn more at indyturns200.com

Minutes Approval: Sharon motioned, Lorraine seconded

Editorial Board Report - Lorraine

- Nancy Johnson of Ransom Place passed away
- Check your neighborhood page, let your neighborhood rep know if there's any changes
- Check out the HUNI Facebook page

HUNI Walking and Bicycle Tour - Lorraine

- Tours are live on Pocket Sights
- There is a companion page on the HUNI website now

HUNI Initiatives & Committee Updates

- Rethink 65/70 - developing permanent entity

Announcements

- Sharon will be treasurer

Neighborhood Reports:

Ransom Place: New leadership for neighborhood association; Reclaim Indiana Avenue coalition picking up speed and pushing for more appropriate designs

Lockerbie: No events, but leaf collecting project; looking at drainage

Old Speedway: No meetings; hotel development may continue; other development continuing - along 10th Street

Historic Meridian Park: Downtown Indy recovery discussions; safe Halloween with candy shoots

Old Southside: Urban Land Institute and city long-range planning working on corridor project

Fletcher Place: No in-person meetings or events; Halloween home decoration contest; scavenger hunt for kids

North Square: One new house on Lexington, TKW

Garfield Park: 5G tower uproar; campaign to re-do park fountains; tree planting

Old Northside: Alternative fundraising for parks; Halloween wreath competition

St. Joe: Logo discussion

Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

The next HUNI Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 9:00 am. location TBD.