

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)

QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Indiana Landmarks, 1201 Central Avenue

Attendees: Garry Chilluffo, President and Editorial Board; Glenn Blackwood, President-Elect and Editorial Board; Marjorie Kienle, Editorial Board, Past President, and Lockerbie Square; Lorraine Vavul, Editorial Board, Past President, and Historic Meridian Park; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Editorial Board and Individual Member; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board and Individual Member; Beth Whitaker, Bates-Hendricks; David Pflugh, Chatham Arch-Mass Ave; Joan Hostetler, Cottage Home; Jeff Miller, Fletcher Place; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; John Horberger, Garfield Park; Chad Lethig, Indiana Landmarks; and Elizabeth Biggio, Guest.

President-Elect Glenn Blackwood called the HUNI Quarterly Meeting to order at 5.50 p.m. He thanked everyone for being there. Attendees then introduced themselves and the neighborhoods or organizations they represented.

Glenn then introduced our speaker, Joan Hostetler. She is founder and executive director of [The Indiana Album](#), a nonprofit organization that copies, catalogs, and shares historic images loaned to them by the public. The organization has a board of seven individuals from diverse backgrounds. They are always looking for grants to support their work. Joan showed us a variety of images that are in the collection. Although the collection is heavily into architecture, it includes all types of subjects. They also scan postcards and documents, but the focus is on photographs. Joan plans to do 15 scan-a-thons in coming months. She is hoping that HUNI members will help her hold scan-a-thon in their neighborhoods. The Indiana Album employees and volunteers can do about 25 high-resolution scans per hour. Over 20,000 items have been shared thus far, including 4,000 this past summer. Marjorie Kienle asked Joan if anyone is doing this type of photo project in other states, as she has photos she'd like to contribute to her hometown in Ohio. Joan replied that she believes the Indiana Album is unique.

Following Joan's presentation, the four individuals in attendance who have been president of HUNI reviewed the successes, accomplishments, and achievements of the organization over the years. Participants in the forum included Garry Chilluffo, Marjorie Kienle, Lorraine Vavul, and Jeff Miller. The following are not in chronological order, but some of the highlights were:

- Stopped Proposition 250. It was a 5-year fight, but we got a new ordinance as a result.
- Established the tradition of a Mayoral Forum every four years.
- Galvanized neighborhoods to establish processes and procedures and work together.
- Got MIBOR to mark all properties that are in historic neighborhoods.
- Helped Rethink 65/70 achieve modifications to INDOT's plans for the North Split.
- Started a HUNI website, a HUNI Facebook page, and a HUNI Twitter account.
- Created a HUNI logo through a contest.
- Created the HUNI Editorial Board to share responsibilities among several people
- Started as somewhat of a social group and evolved into an activist group.
- Gained the respect of the City-County Council
- Started with 6 neighborhoods in 1981 and now has 35 neighborhoods in 2019.

Garry Chilluffo made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 1, 2019 quarterly meeting. Marjorie Kienle seconded the motion. Julia Pratt stated that she provided information about activities in Old Speedway City that were not included in the meeting minutes. Garry amended his motion to include adding the Speedway events. The motion carried with the proviso that Julia's information would be added to the minutes. She will send the information via e-mail. The motion carried.

There are a number of neighborhoods that have requested becoming historic preservation districts. The one that the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission would like to see created is a historic district to protect the properties around the Indiana War Memorial Plaza. For example, the Scottish Rite Cathedral has no protection. The IHPC would like to know if HUNI would support them.

Jim Glass will be making a presentation, "Architecture in London," at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11, at The Riviera Club, 5640 N. Illinois Street.

The debut of the "Shining A Light" laser show on Monument Circle will be this weekend, starting at 4:30 p.m.

As the meeting had run long, no neighborhood reports were given. After the meeting, however, Julia Pratt forwarded the following info via e-mail to be included in the minutes.

The Old Speedway City Neighborhood Association plans to host its annual business meeting and have the Speedway Jr. High School choir sing holiday songs during their regular meeting on Mon. Dec. 2nd. OSCNA will host a Progressive Dinner on Monday evening Dec. 9th. The Speedway Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual "Light the Night on Main" at the Dallara IndyCar Factory on Wed. Dec 4th, from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Santa usually arrives in an Indycar.

The HUNI Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Propylaeum, 1401 North Delaware Street.

The HUNI Quarterly Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Butsch Freeland
Secretary Pro Tempore