

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2020
Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Garry Chilluffo, Outgoing President and Editorial Board; Glenn Blackwood, President-Elect, Editorial Board and Fletcher Place; Jim Lingenfelter, Vice President 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; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board, Individual Member; Lorraine Vavul, Editorial Board, Historic Meridian Park, and Past President; Beth Whitaker, Bates-Hendricks; Ken Avidor, Chatham Arch; Azure Davey, Cottage Home; Dan Riggins, Fayette Street; Jeff Miller, Fletcher Place; Jim Garrettson, Forest Hills; Tad Aschliman, Fountain Square; David Hittle, Holy Cross; Bryce Mosey, Lockerbie Square; David Bartoletti, Old Northside; Judith Essex, Old Southside; Paula Brooks, Ransom Place; Ben - St. Joseph; Tom Abeel, Woodruff Place; Kara Chinn, HUNI Project Intern; Guest Speaker Kim Evans (IMPD)

Incoming-President Glenn Blackwood called the Quarterly Meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Featured Speaker: Kim Evans IMPD Community Relations Officer

Topic: Touching Base

- People experiencing homelessness issues during quarantine; resources; health
- Vandalism slightly up, but calls are generally down
- Aware of good weather and people crowding outside
- Be mindful of social distancing while you're outside
- Testing for covid in jails

Featured Speaker: Jordan Ryan, Indiana Historical Society

Topic: Indianapolis Bicentennial Updates

- The IHS Bicentennial Project is a collecting initiative to add to the archive, a 16-month exhibit, and related programming and collaborations
- Examples of collections: photo documentation, maps, illustrations, architectural models, blueprints
- Using historic materials to understand issues today, example: Redlining and lack of investments
- Action Points: donate materials, request outreach, reference questions

-What can we do in quarantine? Visit our digital collections (<http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16797coll53>); Visit the city's website: (<https://indyturns200.com/>); Work on digitized loans to add to our digital collection; Prep for physical donations; Virtual programs and outreach

Minutes Approval: Jim L. motioned, Marjorie seconded

Editorial Board Report - Lorraine

- Bicentennial project - intern - Kara Chinn, introductions
- Historic neighborhood tours - if you haven't submitted yours yet, talk to Lorraine and Garry

Rethink 65/70: <https://rethink65-70.org/>

- Northsplit updates - trees, plantings - maintenance
- ARUP study
- Conservancy district - possibly create a conservancy district so that there could be funding available for maintenance
- Commerce bridge not getting rehabbed

Digital Billboard:

- No new update
- Concern they are gearing up for a new round of lobbying
- Concern about digital billboards: historic neighborhoods represent an inviting neighborhood environment; cities we compete with have strict digital billboard bans
- Slippery slope with issuing variances

Neighborhood Reports:

Lockerbie: Moved monthly meeting to zoom

Old Speedway: Meetings cancelled until further notice; farmers market planning on opening with social distancing May 23rd; high school class doing graduation at the IMS; Run317 has moved into Old Speedway and Butler-Tarkington

St. Margaret's Guild Decorator Showhouse (Sharon): Virtual tour online due to covid

North Square: Frustrated with our CDC who is planning to redevelop an odd lot within our boundaries without bringing it to our attention - it would permanently shadow 3 historic buildings, two of which are work/live residents

Historic Meridian Park: Canceled annual Shamrock Porch Crawl for March and has tentatively put on hold future neighborhood events (including Cajun Brunch and neighborhood-wide garage sale) until the pandemic gets under control; Evaluating

neighborhood lighting provided by IPL; Evaluate the option of regaining its nonprofit status and engaging in a more robust neighborhood crime watch program; Excited to participate in the free HUNI neighborhood walking tours

St. Joseph: Old house in the neighborhood getting restoration work; Leah's old place was getting rehabbed but may be abandoned right now

Old Southside: Lift Indy Projects - 5 houses have been built and are almost ready to be occupied; Meridian Street placemaking project; improvement of neighborhood park; virtual meetings

Chatham Arch: Thanked us for our efforts on Northsplit

Bates-Hendricks: Virtual meetings; changing programs/events; Block Host initiative - every block is adopted by a neighbor, neighbor is the liaison between the neighborhood association and the block

Fountain Square (Merchants): Holliday Properties - optioned teamsters lot and building for a redevelopment, IHPC/zoning issues

Fletcher Place: Virtual meeting; Italian fest is in limbo; Intersection of Fletcher Avenue and Pine Street where the neighborhood sign is - INDOT making ramp and pole changes which could impact the neighborhood sign

Ransom Place: Busy home sales; 10th & Camp renovation; Walker Theater area private dorm - scheduled to be heard June 11th, issue with access and easements, respecting the character of the neighborhood; elderly residents receiving food deliveries

Fayette Street: Introductions; enjoying quiet from lack of IUPUI students

Cottage Home: No home tour this spring; paramount school construction going on; waiting to make a decision about the CH block party

Old Northside: park fundraising event is cancelled in June

Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

The next HUNI Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. virtually due to the covid pandemic.