

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, 5:30 P.M.

MORRIS BUTLER HOUSE LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees: Tom Abeel, Woodruff Place; Barbara Beeker, Herron-Morton Place; Richard E. Campi, Irish Hill and Fountain Square; Gary Chilluffo, St. Joseph Historic Neighborhood; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Individual; Kelly Gascoine, Indiana Landmarks; Marjorie Kienle, Lockerbie Square; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Dave Parkhurst, Old Speedway City; Julia Pratt, Old Speedway City; Lorraine Vavul, Historic Meridian Park; Sue Zilisch, Broad Ripple.

President Marjorie Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. She announced that she will be reentering all of the HUNI members names and e-mail addresses into her computer, to be sure everyone is included in future e-mail distributions.

Marjorie Introduced Dr. James A. Glass, Principal of Historic Preservation and Heritage Consulting LLC; former Director of the Masters Program in Historic Preservation at Ball State University; Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Director, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology; and Historian, Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission.

Dr. Glass is chairing the Field Session Committee for the 2013 National Preservation Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which will be held in Indianapolis from Tuesday, October 29th to Saturday, November 2nd. He explained that this is the first time in the 63 years of the organization's existence that it has been held in Indianapolis, and it probably is the only time it will be in Indianapolis in our lifetimes. The nonprofit organization was chartered by Congress to spread awareness and appreciation for preservation efforts. The national conferences provide opportunities for advocates to interact with other like-minded people. The field sessions are among the most popular and most interesting portions of the conference. A person must register for the conference in order to attend the field sessions.

One of the events that the public may attend that does not require conference registration is the Candlelight Home Tour, which will be on Halowe'en night, Thursday, October 31, 2013, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Eight historic homes and one new infill home in the Old Northside will be open to tour goers. Some of the homes on the tour have never been on a home tour before, but the owners agreed, due to the prestige of the National Trust. Park Avenue and Broadway Street will be closed to motor vehicle traffic, so that attendees can walk the tour in safety. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased through Indiana Landmarks.

There will be two two-hour orientation sessions for National Preservation Conference volunteers, one on Wednesday October 16 and one on Saturday October 26. A thank you party will be held November 10th.

Neighborhood representatives reported on upcoming activities.

Broad Ripple will host its 8th Annual Historic Home Tour on Saturday, September 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Seven homes will be featured. Discounted tickets can be purchased online, as well as at numerous Marsh Supermarket locations. Call Sue Zilisch for more information: (317) 341-3729.

Fletcher Place is now enjoying the use of the completed Cultural Trail. New ventures have opened on Virginia Avenue and College Avenue. Three projects are underway, one next to MoZo and two in the Shirley Engraving Building. Mayor's neighborhood liaison Lisa Laflin is on a new code enforcement task force. On Sunday, September 15, the neighborhood will gather for a picnic and bocce.

Old Speedway just had its annual garage sale, a tradition of several years' standing. The neighborhood association had a booth on a prominent corner, raised \$595 for the organization, and met a lot of potential new members. Main Street Leno's is going to host a musician during the Indy Jazz Fest. Main Street is pretty much finished. Homes haven't been selling very well, so many new residents are renters. The Speedway Redevelopment Commission, Town of Speedway, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway have announced plans for the construction of a 16th Street roundabout. New code enforcement officers are working with people on dealing with larger, older trees.

Woodruff Place is wrestling with the subject of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive species that has wiped out untreated trees in several Midwestern states and is now killing ash trees in Indianapolis. The Civic League is in the process of deciding whether or not to spend \$6,500 to treat for the next ten years. The treatment must be repeated every two years. Woodruff Place will be holding a fundraiser called "Woodruff Idol" on Saturday, September 21st, in which ten people will sing for donations to help maintain the neighborhood's common areas.

St. Joseph reported that a copy of the October issue of **Urban Times** will be placed in the registration packets of every National Preservation Conference attendee.

Herron-Morton Place will be the site of Octoberfest on Saturday, September 28th in Dr. Martin Luther King Park. Sun King Brewery will provide craft beers. Herron High School will hold an open house and reunion of former Herron students on IDADA's First Friday on October 4th. The former foundry for Herron Art School at 16th and Alabama Streets has been renovated and is now a breakfast and lunch spot called Foundry Provisions. The association is working on an archive of neighborhood documents and memorabilia.

Historic Meridian Park will have a pocket park on the south side of E. 33rd Street between Pennsylvania Street and Washington Boulevard. Plans are in the works but won't be completed until warmer weather next spring.

Irish Hill and Fountain Square reports that on September 21st, Fountain Square will host a Mardi Gras-type of event that will include a wide variety of activities. On Wednesday, October 2nd, Irish Hill and Fountain Square hold its annual picnic/barbecue. Trusted Mentors is a nonprofit organization in Fountain Square that assists individuals at risk of homelessness. The Davidson Camp is in Irish Hill, and the Mayor's office is doing nothing about the 2,000 homeless in the area.

Lockerbie will have its annual garage sale on September 21st. All of the street signs and light posts in Lockerbie are being painted, and alleys are receiving new gravel to spiff things up for the national conference. Two historic houses on E. New York Street have recently sold and are being renovated.

The next HUNI Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Morris-Butler House. Guest speaker will be Adam Theis, Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development of the City of Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Butsch Freeland