

# **HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)**

## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00 p.m.**

**Woodruff Place Town Hall, 735 Woodruff Place East Drive**

Attendees: David Pflugh, Chatham-Arch; Bruce W. Buchanan, Cole-Noble; Joan Hostetler, Cottage Home; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Glenn Blackwood, Fletcher Place; Jim Garrettson, Forest Hills and Meridian-Kessler; Marjorie Kienle, Lockerbie Square; Lorraine Vavel, Meridian Park; Jordan Ryan, North Square; Gillian Fletcher, Old Speedway; David Parkhurst, Old Speedway; Julia Pratt, Old Speedway; Paula Brooks, Ransom Place; Garry Chilluffo, St. Joseph; Peter Haupers, St. Joseph; Ben Langebartels, St. Joseph; Kent Schwob, Watson Park; Jim Leich, Woodruff Place; Tom Abeel, Woodruff Place; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Individual Member; Cameron Radford, Mayor's Office, Guest; DeeDee Davis, Guest; Tammara Tracy, City Planner, Guest Speaker

President Garry Chilluffo called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. He thanked the Woodruff Place Civic League for hosting the meeting.

Jim Leich and Tom Abeel discussed the restoration of the Woodruff Place Town Hall. The City of Indianapolis did not maintain the building properly in the years after it annexed Woodruff Place, so the building and grounds needed extensive work. The Woodruff Place Civic League has spent about \$150,000 getting things back in shape.

Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves and the neighborhoods or other organizations they represented.

Jeff Miller, City-County Councillor, updated the group on billboards. By federal law, a sign ordinance cannot discuss the content of a sign. The entire sign ordinance will be studied and updated in coming months. The second subject Jeff reported on was the Red Line. He believes there is enough support for the transit proposal for it to pass in the City-County Council. On another subject, DPW is considering making changes to the ordinance regarding flashing signs in school zones.

Garry introduced the annual meeting speaker, Tammara Tracy, Senior Planner in the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD). She oversaw Indy Rezone, a comprehensive overhaul of the City of Indianapolis' zoning ordinance. Her objective was to give an overview of the ordinance, not to discuss every little detail of the 620-page document. It took 5 years to complete and brought together more than 200 people to do it. It took effect on April 1, 2016. It changed the code but not any geographical boundaries. Tammara will be staying after the meeting for questions or comments from meeting attendees.

For complete information on Indy Rezone, you can access the ordinance at the following site:

[Indy Rezone](#)

Lorraine Vavul discussed the HUNI website and Facebook page. Please let your editorial board representative know about upcoming events, so that the events can be promoted by HUNI, too. Lorraine asked for a show of hands by HUNI reps if their neighborhood supports a transit plan in general.

Marjorie asked for a round of applause for Lorraine and the Editorial Board for promptly getting things posted to the website and Facebook page.

Since the meeting was running long, President Chilluffo proposed that the representatives dispense with their usual neighborhood reports. With the neighborhoods represented, just 2-minute reports would take well over half-an-hour and 3-minute reports, an hour. Kent Schwob moved that we dispense with the neighborhood reports. Marjorie Kienle seconded. The motion carried. Garry asked that the representatives please mail their reports to him, especially info on upcoming events that HUNI can help promote.

The second quarter meeting will be on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Butsch Freeland  
Secretary