

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 6, 2020
Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Garry Chilluffo, Outgoing President and Editorial Board; Glenn Blackwood, President, 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; Daniel Riggins, Fayette Street; Jeff Miller, Fletcher Place; John Hornberger, Garfield Park; Katherine Carlton Robinson, Herron-Morton Place; David Hittle, Holy Cross; Lesli Gibson; Irvington; David Bartoletti, Old Northside; Mark Godley, St. Joseph; Lora Teagarden, Woodruff Place; Guest Speakers Richard Gunderman, Marsh Davis, and Laurie Klinger

President Glenn Blackwood called the Quarterly Meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Featured Speaker: Richard Gunderman, Bicentennial Professor

Topic: Indy Beacons

- Shortridge High School history & alumni
- Schools as contributors to neighborhoods

Featured Speaker: Marsh Davis, Indiana Landmarks

Topic: Organizational Change & Progression

- Since HUNI just celebrated its 40th anniversary, where are we going next? How do we want the organization to grow?
- Affiliate councils - educational outreach, capacity building
- Affinity groups - own governance structure, but not an independent entity
- Support separate non-profits, like developing the Indiana Barn Foundation
- Are we interested in a strategic planning discussion?
- Future of preservation less about architecture, periods of significance, and details regarding “architectural purity” and more about inclusive, community, people/resident-centered approach

Minutes Approval: Marjorie motioned, Sharon seconded

Editorial Board Report - Lorraine

-Editorial board reps

HUNI Walking and Bicycle Tour - Lorraine

-Tours are live on Pocket Sights

-Interview:

<https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/local-organization-offers-free-digital-historic-walking-tours>

Featured Speaker: Laurie Klinger, Pathways Over Pogue's

Topic: Historic Nowland Avenue Bridge campaign

-Grassroots group formed in 2017

-Trying to restore a bridge, oldest remaining bridge designed by Daniel Luten

-Spread the word about the fundraising

-Learn more here: <https://popindy.org/>

Announcements

-Check out the Aug & Sept Urban Times issues

Neighborhood Reports:

Cottage Home: No block party this year

Woodruff Place: Board continues to meet virtually; general member meetings have been cancelled for the time being; South Middle Drive fountain is up and running; Flea market and Fountain Ball fundraiser are cancelled; Fundraising

North Square: Meetings cancelled; one garage construction

Irvington: Halloween Festival street fair is cancelled and most other events of the week will be virtual; Ornamental street light funding issues

Fletcher Place: Suspended most activities for the year - picnic, yard sales; Virtual meetings; Concerns - encouraging mask wearing, assisting neighbors, maintaining social order; Development continues, many items being filed with IHPC; Delivering Urban Times

St. Joseph: Beautification committee working with KIB for 2021 tree planting;

Beautification awards were made this week; Leah Orr's former home/studio - structural work being completed; Continue to be active with INDOT over improvements to the Alabama St I-65 underpass work (part of Northsplit); Logo development for upcoming street banner campaign

Bates-Hendricks: Street Fest postponed to Oktoberfest on 10/3; New business on East St; Dog park moving forward

Old Speedway: Garage sale - 9/18 & 9/19 (8am-6pm), with social distancing guidelines; Please continue to patronize local Speedway businesses to help offset economic losses from the Indy500; No meetings

Herron-Morton Place: Annual Oktoberfest cancelled; All neighborhood meetings are virtual, no other upcoming events

Lockerbie: Virtual meetings, postponing events

Historic Meridian Park: Participating KIB's Art & Seek project this Fall; Freewheelin' Bicycles and DPW working on temporary bike infrastructure

Fayette Street: Cancelled neighborhood cleanup and porch parties; Board still meeting but it is difficult

Garfield Park: Garfield North - historic district status; Sunken Gardens are still open; Children's Garden behind the Conservatory; Campaign to restore the park fountains

Adjourned at 7:22 pm.

The next HUNI Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. location TBD.