

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
MORROW BOARD ROOM, INDIANA LANDMARKS

Attendees: Richard E. Campi, Irish Hill and Fountain Square; Gary Chilluffo, St. Joseph; Missy Ellis, Woodruff Place; Sharon Butsch Freeland; Jim Garrettson, Forest Hills and Meridian-Kessler; Nancy Inui, Old Northside; Marjorie Kienle, Lockerbie Square; Brooke Klejnot, Broad Ripple; Chad Lethig, Indiana Landmarks; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Clay Miller, Chatham Arch; Mary Patty, New Augusta; Julia Pratt, Old Speedway City; Lorraine Vavul, Historic Meridian Park; Sue Zilisch, Broad Ripple.

President Marjorie Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. She deferred the regular business of the meeting to later on the agenda, to allow the guest speaker to be first. She introduced Ehren Bingaman, Executive Director of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA), an organization created by the state and made up of 11 counties, as well as several municipalities in the area. Ehren made some introductory remarks, showed a video made by INDY CONNECT, which is an initiative made up of CIRTA, IndyGo Transit System, and Metropolitan Planning Organization. Ehren then took questions and comments from the meeting attendees.

Following Ehren's presentation, Marjorie explained that most HUNI members represent specific neighborhoods, but that the HUNI's bylaws do allow for individual members who do not represent any particular neighborhood. There are currently a few individual members, including HUNI past president, Lorraine Vavul. Although she's stepped down from her previous role, Lorraine has taken on the responsibility of chairing the editorial board, which will work to improve the HUNI website.

Marjorie touched on details surrounding the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2013 National Preservation Conference, which will be from October 29 to November 2. Gary Chilluffo, Hospitality Chair, added that about 800 volunteers will be needed. He encouraged people to volunteer by contacting Rebecca Smith at rsmith@indianalandmarks.org. Both shorter shifts like greeters and longer shifts like docents are needed.

Chad Lethig announced that the Indiana Moderne Tour will be in Bloomington this year.

HUNI members reported on projects and/or upcoming events in their respective neighborhoods.

- Fletcher Place
There will be a dedication and tour of the Cultural Trail on May 11, with a variety of associated events. Many new restaurants have opened recently.
- Old Northside
A \$10,000,000 Lilly Endowment grant was awarded to work on the O'Bannon Old Northside Soccer Park.
The New Tinker Street Committee continues its efforts to improve the appearance of E. 16th Street (originally called Tinker Street) which runs through both the Old Northside and Herron-Morton Place. The New Tinker Street Committee now has a Facebook page.
- Woodruff Place
The Lawn Chair Brigade will perform at the Cultural Trail dedication on May 11
Flea Market on Saturday, June 1 8-5 and Sunday, June 2 10-5
Bi-Annual Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
The fountains are working and street lights are being repaired
Civic League has mounted a campaign to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer.

- Meridian Park
 - Derby Party this Saturday at the Historic Huesman Estate (now the Colby residence)
 - Cajun Brunch and Newcomer Party on Sunday
 - Jay van Santen could not attend the meeting but is looking for guidance from other neighborhood associations for setting up a land use plan for Mapleton-Fall Creek
- Fountain Square
 - Car tour around the southeast neighborhood on May 11 including Corvair Club, Triumph Club and International Spitfire Club
 - Working on promoting the oldest entity and now capital of amateur sports in the country with Jay Gladden, Dean of Physical Education at IUPUI
- Broad Ripple
 - Spring Gallery Tour will be on Friday, May 8, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Historic Home Tour will be on Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - This summer the BRVA will be hosting a celebration to install a plaque at Indianapolis Fire Department Station 32 to recognize its being listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Old Speedway
 - It's now race season in Speedway, so the Mini is this Saturday
 - 7th Annual Picnic coming
 - Sarah Fisher's building on Main Street is now finished
 - Community Westview Medcheck has opened, which has meeting space
 - Efforts are ramping up for the 100th Indy 500 Race will be in 2015
 - Always something new every time you drive around Speedway
 - Will be instituting a resident parking pass program
- Chatham Arch
 - Annual Block Party next Saturday, May 11, with a silent auction and a tour will be held at the Firefighters Union Hall at St. Clair and Mass Ave
- St. Joseph
 - Working on an engineering preservation drive to restore the old brick street, St. Mary (now 10th Street) Instituted a new concept in neighborhood cleanups called DIY (Do It Yourself)
 - Month of May Cleanup
 - Big news in the area is the relocation of IFD 7, which will be moving from Mass Ave to another location, most likely be the current Red Cross location. Decision to be made around June 1st.
- New Augusta
 - Take a drive around 71st and Georgetown. Biggest development of late was finally succeeding in getting W. 72nd Street vacated. This will help them grow their historic village.
- Lockerbie
 - An education center will be added at the rear of the James Whitcomb Riley Home. The cobblestones will have to be dug up in order to get access to water lines. Senior Citizens center, then Earth House closed, now the Athenaeum

Next meeting would normally have been first Thursday in August, which does not seem to be a good time for many people.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Butsch Freeland