

**HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015
INDIANA LANDMARKS CENTER**

Attendees: Sue Zilisch, Broad Ripple, Clay Miller, Chatham Arch - Mass Ave; Maribeth Bailey, Cottage Home; Mark Reynold, Cumberland and Emerson Heights; Glenn Blackwood and Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Jim Garrettson, Forest Hills and Meridian-Kessler; Richard Campi, Fountain Square and Irish Hill; M. Jeanne Pontious, Herron-Morton Place; Marjorie Kienle and Linda Sturges, Lockerbie Square; Lorraine Vavul, Meridian Park; Kris Owens, Old Northside; Julia Pratt, Old Speedway; Gary Chilluffo, St. Joseph; Tom Abeel, Woodruff Place; Jeanne Rogow, Woodruff Place; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Individual; Chad Lethig, Indiana Landmarks; Annie Kern, Marion County Prosecutor's Office; Tana Moses, Guest; Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Assistant Chief James Waters.

President Marjorie Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves and the neighborhoods they represented.

Marjorie then introduced our guest speaker, James Waters, who was a last-minute stand-in for Public Safety Director Troy Riggs. Mr. Waters gave a slide presentation on IMPD's current focus areas. They include 16th and Tibbs, 29th and MLK, 34th and Illinois Streets, 38th and Sherman Drive, 42nd and Post Road, and New York and Sherman Drive. A pdf of the slide presentation can be viewed on the city's website at: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/Documents/DPS%20Focus%20Areas%20-%20Launch%20presentation.pdf>.

Assistant Chief Waters noted that there is a new culture among violent criminals. It used to be that when an individual had an issue with another individual, he or she just shot that other individual. Now the mentality is to shoot anyone who might be with that individual at the time, including family members and children.

Public Safety questions can be directed to 317-372-2002 or dps@indy.gov.

Annie Kern from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office spoke briefly and provided some handouts.

Jim Garrettson made a motion to accept the February 7th Annual Meeting minutes. Richard Campi seconded. Motion carried.

Marjorie reminded everyone that May is Preservation Month. Walking tours of historic neighborhoods will be conducted on each of the Thursdays in May.

Mayoral candidates have agreed to a forum on Thursday, September 10th at Indiana Landmarks. It will not be a debate. They will answer questions or address specific subjects.

HUNI will have a table at Indiana Landmarks' Treasure Hunt.

The coalition against Prop 250 is now at 56 neighborhoods, and there is a 6-member steering committee. The hearing will be on May 18th. At this time, the vote appears to be at 4 "no" votes and 4 "yes" votes. Each neighborhood needs to send a letter to Maggie Lewis in the next 10 days.

Lorraine Vavul reported that she and Jay van Santen met and revamped the HUNI website. Please talk to your Editorial Board person so that your activities are on the HUNI site.

Mark Reynold reported that the gas station lost the latest round in the fight to save German Church. Hearing with the MDC is next Wed, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Speedway reported that the Sarah Fisher's new restaurant is open. Two buildings were torn down. Annual picnic will be in June.

Fletcher Place had a crime prevention meeting.

The Virginia Avenue Folkfest will be May 9th with music, art, food, beer, etc.

Lockerbie has had crime issues with air conditioning units and car break-ins. They will have a social in May and a neighborhood picnic in July.

Cottage Home will have a block party in October.

Woodruff Place fountains are being painted. Flea Market will be June 7th and 8th. Home tour will be June 27th and 28th. A small committee is studying the feasibility of Woodruff Place's becoming an Economic Investment District (EID).

Herron-Morton Place has somewhat declined in resident participation, so this year they focused on new blood. The average age of the new homeowners is about 35 years. The Talbot Street Art Fair will be June 13th and 14th.

Chad Lethig announced that the Mid-Century Modern Tour would be May 30th.

The Historic Meridian Park Home Tour will be May 30th and 31st. The theme is "Historic Is The New Green."

Old Northside just completed a cleanup.

Chatham Arch has updated its 1982 neighborhood plan.

St. Joseph will host a walking tour on May 7th. The Central Avenue I-65 overpass/ bridge will be painted with murals. Neighborhood has had issues with Angie's List employees parking on the streets of the neighborhood.

The next quarterly meeting of HUNI will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Butsch Freeland
Secretary