

HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 2, 2018
Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Avenue

Attendees: Garry Chilluffo, President; Glenn Blackwood, Vice President; Sharon Butsch Freeland, Secretary; Paula Brooks, Editorial Board and Ransom Place; Marjorie Kienle, Editorial Board and Past President; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board and Old Speedway City; Lorraine Vavul, Editorial Board, Past President, and Historic Meridian Park; David Pflugh, Chatham Arch-Mass Ave; Crystal Rehder, Cottage Home; Jim Lingenfelter, Fletcher Place; Jim Garrettson, Forest Hills and Meridian-Kessler; Linda Simmons, Garfield Park; Jordan Ryan, North Square; Pete Houpers, St. Joseph; Mark Godley, St. Joseph; Chad Lethig, Indiana Landmarks; Tad Aschliman, ReThink 65/70; Jim Obermaier, Irvington; Jeff Miller, City-County Councillor; Brad Beaubien, Long Range Planning Administrator, Department of Metropolitan Development, City of Indianapolis.

Immediate past President Marjorie Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. on behalf of President Garry Chilluffo, who was stuck in rush hour traffic trying to get to the meeting. Marjorie welcomed all those present. Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves and the neighborhoods or organizations that they represented.

Marjorie then introduced our speaker for the evening, Brad Beaubien, who is the Long-Range Planning Administrator in the Department of Metropolitan Development for the City of Indianapolis. Brad mentioned in his introductory remarks that he resides in Irvington.

Brad discussed the Marion County Land Use Plan, which is just one of over 100 components of the Comprehensive Plan for Marion County and Indianapolis, Plan 2020. The Marion County Land Use Plan consists of two major components: a Land Use Pattern Book and a Land Use Map. The updated Pattern Book can be found here:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/Planning/Documents/2017CPSR002-LandUsePatternBook.pdf>. Details of all of the plans can be found on the following City of Indianapolis website: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/Planning/adopted-plans/Pages/Home.aspx>. Brad noted that if you are in an IHPC area, its plan trumps the city's plan.

Jordan Ryan asked if there is anything she can do to get people more engaged. Brad responded that it's hard to get people to meetings. Jim Lingenfelter made the point that there are 350,000 parcels in Marion County, but only 850 people showed up to learn about the plan.

Brad mentioned the People's Planning Academy, which was a free training program consisting of six workshops that provided participants with basic knowledge about planning and the foundational goals that came from the Plan 2020 Bicentennial Agenda. Participants who completed the People's Planning Academy were then invited to join the Land Use Plan Stakeholders Committee during the mapping phase of the Plan. Paula Brooks went through

the academy and showed the Marion County Land Use map that was approved by the townships committee in August. Paula also gave kudos to Brad Beaubien and Jessica Thorpe for doing a great job of being inclusive in leading the process of the land use plan. Glenn Blackwood noted that DMD received a national award for its work. There will be an exhibit on City Planning at the Harrison Center on October 5, 2018. Marjorie provided the website URL for citizens' input: www.indy.civi.comments.org.

Following Brad's presentation, Gary Chilluffo proceeded to chair the remainder of the meeting. He apologized for being late. He thanked HUNI members who manned (and "womanned") the HUNI booth at Indiana Landmarks' Treasure Hunt in July.

City-County Councillor Jeff Miller discussed the scooter situation. The council's goal is to get something on the books as soon as possible. The licensing fee will be high, which will go to improve infrastructure. Marjorie asked about violations. Riding scooters on sidewalks and rail trails is illegal. Bicycles are allowed because they are not motorized. Jeff also noted that the city's budget season is coming up. The gas tax allocation is unfair.

Jim Garrettson moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Glenn Blackwood seconded. The motion carried. Jim Garrettson moved to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Marjorie Kienle seconded. The motion carried. After the minutes were approved, David Pflug noted a correction to the May minutes. The name of the project in the former Coca-Cola Building is Bottleworks District.

On the subject of digital billboards, we want a better swap-out ratio -- like five static signs must be taken down in order to put up one digital sign.

Marjorie reported on the Rethink 65/70 effort. The Rethink Coalition came to the conclusion that the public perception of the Rethink initiative was that we were pushing only one concept, that of a boulevard, which was not true. The Rethink Coalition reworked its message to include four principles: 1. No above-ground walls. 2. No expansion of lanes. 3. An increase in connectivity, and 4. Increased opportunities for mixed use development. Paul Knapp is raising money to hire ARUP, as it has more credibility than any other firm in Indiana. ARUP is an independent firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists. Clay Miller asked if repairing it is cheaper than rebuilding it.

Neighborhood representatives then gave reports on their respective news and happenings.

Fletcher Place reported on the kerfuffle that occurred when the Iaria family demolished a Civil War era home at 726 Lord Street without permission to do so. The Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC) has asked that the maximum fine of \$10,000 plus a \$100,000 donation to IHPC be appropriate punishment for their actions, as well as a specific date that the house will be rebuilt. A decision is expected in early November. Fletcher Place will hold its annual Fletcher Place Neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday, September 8, 2018, and the Fletcher Place Annual Neighborhood Picnic in Lacy Park on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

North Square has mainly been trying to update and educate residents on all sorts of development and design issues, such as Rethink 65/70, the Land Use Plan, and Indy Rezone, as well as dealing with its CDC for selling the neighborhoods only affordable artist housing building. Upcoming events in the area include the last of the Ugly Buildings Tours on August 19; the Hip Hop Festival on August 25 and 26, the Psychedelic Music Festival on September 7, 8, and 9; Art Squared and Masterpiece in a Day on September 15; Rust Belt takeover of young preservationists on September 28, 29, and 30; and Indianapolis Design Week, October 3-Oct 10.

Chatham Arch reported that Indy Fringe Festival starts August 16 and runs through August 26.

Garfield Park has many events through the remainder of the summer and into the fall, including live music, Shakespeare in the Park, and movies.

Irvington stated that October is a big deal in their neighborhood. This year will mark the 72nd Annual Irvington Halloween Festival, with a variety of events leading up to Halloween. In the past 55,000 people have shown up on the last Saturday of the month. The event is so big, it has its own website: <http://www.irvingtonhalloween.com/events>.

Ransom Place has a new building. The neighborhood lost a much-used bus when IndyGo changed the route. On August 9, there will be a memorial for Wilma Gibbs Moore, who passed away on April 18, 2018. IUPUI has established an endowed scholarship to memorialize Moore, whose knowledge of African-American history over several decades is well-documented. Aleta Hodge's new book, ***Indiana Avenue - Life and Musical Journey from 1915 to 2015: Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, Spiritual, Bebop, Doo Wop, Motown, Opera and Hip Hop***, is now available.

St. Joseph reported that their National Night Out was a big success. More than one-hundred uniformed officers gathered at 10th and Alabama Streets. There is currently building activity at Ft. Wayne Avenue and Alabama Street. There are also proposals for development at 11th and Alabama Streets. Leah Orr's former place has recently been sold.

Cottage Home is working with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) on projects to redo the brick sidewalks on Highland Avenue and Dorman Street. The neighborhood's general membership meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The 35th Annual Cottage Home Neighborhood Block Party will be on Saturday, October 13th.

A few final comments were made regarding Rethink 65/70. Garry and Marjorie are pressing the coalition to give them information to share with the neighborhoods. It was the push from the grass roots that made the difference to begin with. If you're not on the Rethink 65/70 newsletter list, please sign up. Marjorie noted that Lorraine gets new info up on the HUNI website very quickly.

The next HUNI Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks, 1201 Central Avenue. The third quarter HUNI Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary