

**HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)  
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 3, 2023  
Indiana Landmarks**

**Attendees:** Tom Abeel, President, Editorial Board, & Woodruff Place; Paula Brooks, Vice President, Ransom Place & Editorial Board; Jordan Ryan, Secretary, Editorial Board, & North Square; Marjorie Kienle, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Lorraine Vavul, Editorial Board & Historic Meridian Park; Garry Chilluffo, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Scotty Wilson, Ex-Officio & Individual Member; Daniel Riggins, Fayette Street; Bruce Colville, Fletcher Place & Rethink 65/70 Coalition; Kelly DeWaal, Herron Morton Place; Jen Higginbotham, Holy Cross; Lesli Gibson, Irvington; Bryce Mosey, Lockerbie; Maggie Denari, Old Northside; Judith Essex, Old Southside; Barb Hellyer, Speedway; David Meador, Speedway

President Tom Abeel called the Annual Meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**Brief Introductions**

**Minutes Approval:** Maggie motioned, Judith seconded

**HUNI's Mayoral Forum**

- Marjorie explaining the value and previous logistics of the mayoral forums
- September 28th, 5:30 at Indiana Landmarks
- Discussing logistics, what's worked in the past and what we could do differently this time regarding Q&A
- Discussed potential question topics of pressing issues for neighborhoods
- <https://huniindy.org/index.php/huni/event/2023-huni-mayoral-forum-neighborhoods/?elD=51252>

**Editorial Board Report: Lorraine Vavul & Scotty Z**

- A Peak Behind the Curtains: HUNI's New Website - Scotty
- Website tour - features, organization, etc
- Call to action: make sure your neighborhood info, links, boundaries, and contact info is correct - let Scotty or your editorial board know
- New website launch: late August

### **Treasurer's Report: Mark Dollase of Indiana Landmarks**

- Balance \$1,958
- \$320 came in in dues in the last 9 months
- Chad has left; Calvin Nguyen is the new Indianapolis Preservation Officer

### **Short Term Rentals Update: Judith Essex & Julia Pratt**

- No update from the Council on STRs; the State is prohibiting the City from doing a lot of things, but it doesn't seem like the Council is trying to do much right now
- Mayor's Office is looking into it
- Neighborhoods need to start putting the pressure on the City
- Speedway ordinance passed - Ord No. 1377
- Report issues with short term rentals in your neighborhood at this portal:  
[www.ShortTermRentalReport.com](http://www.ShortTermRentalReport.com)

### **HUNI Committee on Affordable Housing: Kelly DeWaal**

- Kelly is getting the committee going: who is interested?
- What is the role HUNI has to play in the affordability of the city?
- How historic preservation and affordability overlap
- How can we most effectively mobilize
- What policies does the City have? ETOD, land bank, developer incentives, anti-displacement agenda, Homes for All Indy CLT, Vacant to Vibrant initiatives, missing middle housing

### **Redevelopment of The Drake: Jordan Ryan**

- City purchased The Drake from the Children's Museum for \$1.02 million
- TCM had left it in neglect for years - owned it since 2012
- The Drake has been protected in the Apartments National Register Nomination
- The Drake is along the ETOD; encourage housing density along ETOD - 27 affordable housing units
- <https://www.indystar.com/story/money/2023/07/19/city-purchases-drake-apartments-childrens-museum-1m-affordable-housing/70431433007/>

### **ProPEL, 65-SAFE & Rethink 65/70 Update: Bruce Colville & Gary Chilluffo**

- (<https://rethink65-70.org/>)
- SAFE: <https://i65safetyandefficiency.com/>
- Community Advisory Committee meetings on 8/22
- Problems: proposed 5th lane; no plans to address neighborhood connectivity and pedestrian/cyclist safety
- ProPEL: <https://propelindy.com/>

-Provide comments here!!!:

[https://pima.indot.in.gov/public/comment/project-comment-dynamic?project\\_id=107](https://pima.indot.in.gov/public/comment/project-comment-dynamic?project_id=107)

-Poorly advertised “listening sessions” in July

-Rethink working on USDOT grant

-Action Items: Check out the digital handouts/talking points/links Garry is distributing and distribute them to your neighborhoods; Fill out the ProPEL survey link;

### **Neighborhood Reports:**

**Old Speedway** [<https://oldspeedwayneighbor.wixsite.com/oscna>]: Jazz concert on main street 9/9 6:30; a race next week; Taste of Speedway 10/5

**Irvington** [<https://www.irvingtoncommunitycouncil.com/>]: Barricades for traffic calming on 10th Street; Halloween Fest; MIBOR application for community development grants

**Lockerbie** [<https://lockerbieneighborhood.org/>]: July 4th Party; 10/17 Lock-tober Fest on Park Ave

**Fletcher Place** [<https://fletcherplace.org/>]: 630 Virginia chimney issue, IHPC supported neighborhood, chimney is now restored

**Old Northside** [<https://www.oldnorthside.org/>]: Plunder in the Park fundraising event 9/16 6pm

**North Square**: FFDA land use committee surveying vacant storefronts in commercial district; 8/9-8/12 Back alley ballyhoo psych fest; 8/26 Chreece Fest; 9/16 Art Squared; all FFDA events [<https://fountainfletcher.com/events/>]

**Fayette Street**: Just had a porch party; thinking about IU Health Expansion

**Woodruff Place** [<https://www.woodruffplace.org/>]: Fountain Ball 9/23

**Herron-Morton Place** [<https://herron-morton.com/>]: Oktoberfest 9/30

**Ransom Place** [<https://www.ransom.place/>]: No updates

Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next HUNI Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Location TBD.