

**HISTORIC URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF INDIANAPOLIS (HUNI)**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 1st, 2025**  
**Indiana Landmarks**

**Attendees:** Tom Abeel, President; Paula Brooks, Vice President, Ransom Place & Editorial Board; Jordan Ryan, Secretary & North Square; Lorraine Vavul, Historic Meridian Park & Editorial Board; Garry Chilluffo, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Marjorie Kienle, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Julia Pratt, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Scotty Wilson, Editorial Board & Individual Member; Julie, Chatham Arch; Ted Meek, Cole-Noble; Bryce Mosey, Lockerbie Square; Chris Mize, James Whitcomb Riley House & Lockerbie Square; Mike Leland, Old Northside; Judith Essex, Old Southside; Peter Marbach, Old Southside; Barb Hellyer, Old Speedway City; Charlie Richardson & Bruce Colville, Rethink 65/70 Coalition; Calvin Nguyen, Indiana Landmarks; Taylor Schaffer, Downtown Indy, Inc.; Andrew Bochnicka, Congressman Carson Representative

President Tom Abeel called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

**Secretary's Report: Jordan Ryan**

-Highlight of Feb meeting was Marsh Davis looking back at his time at Indiana Landmarks and the group discussion of 2025 HUNI goals: Historic preservation tax credits, Short-term rental issues, Historic infrastructure, increasing membership and engagement

**Treasurer's Report: Calvin Nguyen, Indiana Landmarks**

-\$2,898 in the account

-A \$500 donation, not included in the above amount, is going to the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center

**Guest Speaker: Taylor Schaffer**

-President & Ceo of Downtown Indy, Inc: <https://downtownindy.org/>

-Regional center boundaries - 16th St, White River, and highways

-Residents, households, visitors, restaurants & bars, venues & attractions, and sporting venues

-Keys: Vibrancy, safety, density, and demand

-Mission: clean/safety, marketing, public space experience, advocacy/capacity/resources

-Pivot from event strategy to a public space experience strategy

- Economic Enhancement District (EED) - self-sustaining funding mechanism
- EED budget capped at \$5.5 annually
- Street-level operations: clean, safety ambassadors, homeless outreach workers, police foot and bike patrols
- What's to come: reimagining underutilized properties, generational transformation of spaces, a live+work+play downtown
- Building conversions of outdated office space; group looking at missing gaps needed for diverse housing gaps; looking at elderly and assisted care housing
- Equitable road funding for Indianapolis
- Walkability corridors and connectivity to existing assets

### **Neighborhood Updates:**

**James Whitcomb Riley House** [<https://rileymuseumhome.org/>]: Concert 5/16; Antique marketplace/fundraiser 6/7; Concert 6/20

**Old Speedway** [<https://oldspeedwayneighbor.wixsite.com/oscna>]: 5/2 & 5/10 movies in the park; 5/3 mini marathon; 5/23 rock on main

Note: No other neighborhood reps presented, but refer to their websites for upcoming events:

**North Square** [<https://fountainfletcher.com/events/>]: History tour launched today-20 sites: <https://fountainfletcher.com/guides/>

**Old Southside** [<https://oldsouthside.org/>]

**Lockerbie Square** [<https://lockerbieneighborhood.org/>]

**James Whitcomb Riley Home** [<https://rileymuseumhome.org/>]

**Mass Ave** [<https://massaveindy.org/>]

**Fletcher Place** [<https://fletcherplace.org/>]

**Historic Meridian Park** [<https://www.historicmeridianpark.org/>]

**Garfield Park** [<https://www.garfieldparkneighbors.com/>]

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

**Woodruff Place** [<https://www.woodruffplace.org/>]

**Rethink 65/70** [<https://www.rethink65-70.org/>]

Adjourned at 7:02pm.

The next HUNI Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 5:30pm at TBD.