

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Pleasant, Charles Miller, Kyla Thompson, Ed Adams, Jake Lauer, Robert Uhlenhake, Debi Williamson Shank, Sue Beecher

The meeting was called to order by Matt Pleasant with a quorum of members present.

IMPD Update: Fred Carpenter, IMPD East Liaison, was present to provide updates and invite the public to ask questions.

- a) There was a recent conviction of the individual involved in the Sugar Shack burglary.
- b) The new crime tracker tool being utilized by IMPD is difficult to utilize to pull crime data specific to each Indianapolis neighborhood. Enhancements to this are being completed.
- c) On October 9, 2019 at 2 pm there will be a Homicide Investigation Workshop sponsored by IMPD. This is open to the public and will be held at 401 East 34th Street. The IMPD Task Force also meets that day.
- d) IMPD is collecting bottle caps for the creation of memorial benches to be placed in the Indianapolis community.
- e) IMPD encourages all residents to keep a listing of serial numbers and other identifiers on any big ticket items they own. This allows for a more detailed investigation and greater chance of recovered items being returned to you.
- f) Fred will not be in attendance at the November meeting as he is travelling to Japan to visit his son.

HANNAH HARPER MORRISON – MAYOR’S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE

- a) Indianapolis Animal Control is at full capacity again. They are in need of donations of food, crates, etc. Free adoptions are being initiated through this week!
- b) IndyParks has their “fall” activity schedule and information at indyparks.gov.
- c) I-465 at I-70 is set to open on September 21.
- d) The Peoples Planning Academy #2 is scheduled from October 9 through November 21, 2019. It is free to the participants who must attend six sessions on either weekdays or Saturdays.
- e) Representatives from the Irvington Community Schools will join us at our November meeting to share their recommendations for proposed infrastructure improvements.
- f) The Pennsy Trail is scheduled to be completed next Fall, 2020.

BLAKE JOHNSON – INDIANAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL - Blake was unable to participate in this meeting due to being in California. He continues to work with other Counselors on the Indianapolis City Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Robert provided an update on the zoning variance requested by Naptown Motors. The Council's stance is that this business is not appropriate for the residential neighborhood. The request will be heard before ICHP on October 2, 2019 at the City County Building. If Irvington residents agree with the Council's stance on this requested variance, they may write a letter to the IHCP supporting a veto of the requested variance.
- b) Neighborhood updates – The Irvington Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibit of local artists beginning with an opening reception at Bona Thompson on October 5 from 4-8 pm. They will also sponsor the gift and craft fair the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. The Garden Club will be planting more daffodils along Pleasant Run Parkway on October 12 beginning at 9:30 am. Volunteers meet at Michigan and Pleasant Run. The Friends of Irving Circle completed a successful 2019 Concert Series and will assist with the Spooky Stories to be held in conjunction with the Halloween Festival on October 24, 2019 at 6 pm. The Benton House Association just completed a successful Home Tour with over 600 tickets sold! IDO is continuing rebuild and will have updates as the year progresses.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) The next Farmers Market will be in Ellenberger Park on October 13.
- b) The Irvington Halloween Festival will be held from October 19th through the 26th. Volunteers are still needed and individuals can sign up to help at www.irvingtonhalloween.com. Debi indicated that some of the Howe High School students will be available to help, Ticket sales for the Masquerade Ball have been slow and all Council members are asked to assist in advertising this event.

Adjournment occurred at 7:55 pm.