

HISTORIC IRVINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes for October 17, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT (quorum at 10): **Andrea De Mink, Carrie Yazell, Chad Cerda, Charles Miller, Dawn Cox Briggs, Francine Calvert Lee, Jacob Lauer, Kami Spicklemire Nielsen, Kyla Thompson, Larry Messing, Robert Uhlenhake, Ronak Shah, Sue Beecher**

COMMUNITY IN ATTENDANCE: 26

The meeting was held in person at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, open to the public, and called to order by Sue Beecher at 7:00 pm who opened the meeting by welcoming Council members, guests, and public attendees.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the previous month, September 2023, were approved.

Stacy Riojas, IMPD

- Bike Patrols have been occurring on the Pennsy Trail, typically twice a day
- Major issues have been riding four-wheelers on the trail
- Concerns were expressed about stolen goods being fenced along the Pennsy (call non-emergency if seen)
- Some collectors and campers near the trail accumulate junk along the trail
- Traffic patrols on Washington Street are ongoing, and a traffic study is going on currently

Brennan Edwards, Indianapolis Neighborhood Liaison

- [Housing Hub](#) announced on 9/26, located on 100 block of East Georgia Street. Starting with 60 units up to 100 new units of permanent supportive housing. First publicly funded project of this type for the city.
- [People's Planning Academy](#): Educating the public on city planning. First class deadline has passed.
- [Vitality Grants](#) announced October 12, funding for 50 organizations working on mental health programs
- [2024 Budget](#) was passed unanimously by the City-County Council last night (10/16/2023)
- Peacemakers have become a permanent program under the new budget
- Trick or Treat Hours will be from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, October 31st
- Brennan will bring specific budget items from the City budget at the next Council meeting
- For the dilapidated bridge in Ellenberger Park, continue to pressure Councilperson and Action Center

Mick McGrath (Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza), Irvington Business Association

- City says there will be more than enough room for dedicated lanes for buses and traffic
- IBA would like the Blue Line to reroute from Washington Street to Brookville Road or another thoroughfare
- Route will have left turn restrictions and U-Turns that will be new
- IBA is concerned that traffic will be rerouted around Washington and that deliveries will be impacted
- IBA is asking HICC for support in looking at other options outside of the existing plan
- City says the construction will not affect the streetscaping, IBA does not believe this to be true
- Brickwork, medians, landscaping, lights, berms are the specific streetscape items that IBA is concerned that won't be maintained after the Blue Line routes onto Washington Street
- IndyGo stated that they are keeping the streetscaping and parking on Washington Street
- Neighbors brought up concerns related to impacts on businesses along the Purple and Red Line routes, and promises that were made that are perceived to have not been met

77th Annual Halloween Festival

- Events almost every day of the week of the eight-day festival
- Many volunteer shifts are still open

Open Forum

- Open house coming up at School 57 on Thursday, October 19th
- IPS Showcase of Schools in November, all schools will be open
- Virtual Meet and Greet with new Howe Principal on Wednesday, October 18th from 6:00-6:30pm
- Open House at Howe Middle School on October 24th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ronak Shah