

HISTORIC IRVINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes for July 18, 2023

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

COMMUNITY IN ATTENDANCE: 18

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, June 2023, were approved.

Updates:

- Many curb cuts are being added to sidewalks right now, in addition to rebuilds of sidewalks throughout Irvington. However, some of the new curb cuts are not accessible, and there was at least one incident where a woman in a wheelchair fell out of it due to a drop-off.
- Reach out to Jason Larrison if you notice an issue with any of the construction going on so that it can be remedied by DPW – they are already planning to rip out and replace the ramps in Irving Circle Park which were not installed correctly.

Brennan Edwards, Indianapolis Neighborhood Liaison

- Bidding opportunities are available for parks. Director Boyd of Parks is scheduled to come next month and will discuss updates on the replacement playground at Ellenberger Park that was promised last year.
- More updates coming on infrastructure projects from 46th Street to Troy, and from Emerson to County Line Road. Major infrastructure projects are posted online at indy.gov in an interactive map
- Please report alley work to RequestIndy even if it was reported before – there are new funding streams (\$5 million) for intensive work on alleys so it helps to continue reporting
- Propel Indy community conversations – feedback on highway infrastructure
 - 7/19 from 6pm-8pm @ CAFE
 - 7/20 from 6pm-8pm @ Martin University
 - 7/27 from 10am-12pm @ INDOT Traffic Center
- Community Career & Resource Expo on Thursday 7/20 from 4:30pm-6:30pm @ CAFE
- Moorehead Community Resource Center hosting a Back To School Night on Thursday 7/20 from 5pm-7pm
- East 38th Street Library 20th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday 7/26 from 12pm-4pm
- Indiana Solar Co-op 101 Zoom meeting on Wednesday 7/26 at 6:30pm (solarunitedneighbors.org)
- Far Eastside Festival on 7/29 from 11am-3pm @ CAFE
- Cumberland Blues, Beer, & Barbeque will have Ladies Night on 7/29 from 6pm-10pm
- National Night Out
- Eskenazi Health Fair @ Forest Manor on 8/5 from 10am-2pm
- Annual Far Eastside Peace Walk on 8/12 from 10am-12pm @ CAFE
- IMPD Task Force Meeting on 8/9 at headquarters from 6pm-7pm

Dmitry Aslanov-Ohler, Eagle Scout (Troop 73), dmitry.n.aslanovohler@gmail.com

- Dmitry is an Eagle Scout who is proposing to build a knockdown stage for Irving Circle Park that can be used for the summer concert series, and stored when not in use
- Dmitry has lived in Irvington and is a musician and artist and saw a need for this project
- Goal is to make a simple, modular stage that can be used for free and taken for concerts to any park or location in Irvington
- Sixteen 4' x 4' sections that are 2' tall. Each platform is relatively light and inexpensive (80 pounds) so that two people can easily transport the sections. Each section is \$90 so the total cost comes to around \$1500.
- Fundraising is scheduled to be completed by July 31st, and construction is planned for August 4-6, with a handover to the community in mid-August (hopefully accompanied by a show and ceremony)
- Donations can be submitted at [this link](#) and volunteers are also appreciated

Beastside Brewfest Beneficiaries:

- \$2,500 raised through Beastside Brewfest was presented to Our Lady of Lourdes for their playground which is free and open to all
- \$2,500 raised through Beastside Brewfest was also presented to the PourHouse

Open Forum:

- Michelle Pleasant and the PTSA of George Julian School – New public safety committee looking into Safe Routes to School for all of Irvington. Most schools in Irvington have students who walk, bike, or are dropped off, and only one school bus serves the Irvington schools at present. The PTSA received a \$2,000 grant from the Road to Zero program to build out a safe routes to school program and a tactical urbanism project. Resources that are developed can be shared freely with other organizations. The project will focus on Washington between Emerson and Ritter, and on Arlington between Washington and 10th Street, and will involve tactically placing traffic-calming water barriers that will weigh 500 pounds when filled. A survey has been posted which is a necessary step to getting projects approved, and everyone is encouraged to respond to it to share their thoughts about these stretches of road.
- Adam (Irvington Resident) – no updates yet on the floodplain changes
- Leah Cruser - Director of Engagement at Adelante Schools (charter that operates Emma Donnan Elementary/Middle School). Enrollment zone has expanded to include Irvington for bus transportation. The school offers athletics, extracurriculars, and meals by Cafe Patachou. Open House on Saturday, July 22nd from 11am-1pm.
- Kim Sharp led a Narcan/Nalaxone training for Council members and the public

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ronak Shah