

HISTORIC IRVINGTONTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes for October 15, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT (quorum at 12): Chad Cerda, Jake Walker, Billy Payne, Francine Calvert Lee, Andrea De Mink, Kyla Thompson, Sue Beecher, Robert Uhlenhake, Ronak Shah, Roxanne Hilton, Jordan Byrd Eveland, Carrie Yazell, Caitlin Luebcke, John Arbuckle, Jacob Lauer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the previous month, September 2024, were approved unanimously with no noted dissents. Ronak was thanked for his amazing minutes.

Updates from [Jenny Menelas](#), Neighborhood Advocate (317-327-5126, jenny.menelas@indy.gov)

- Trunk or Treat: 3308 N. Mitthoeffer on Saturday, October 26 from 11am to 1pm
- City-County Council approved Proposal 314 to give IMPD stronger tools to address illegal spinning
- Leaf collection begins on November 11 and continues through December 6. Keep bags 3 feet away from trash carts. You can put up to 40 bags of leaves per week.
- Indy Champions is collaborating with domestic violence agencies to host a gas giveaway on October 26th from 11am to 2pm at 6990 Pendleton Pike
- Michigan/New York two-way conversion: scheduled to be completed winter 2024. Paving on the south side of Michigan is completed. Concrete curb ramp replacement and paving will be continuing for the next few weeks, with paving being finished to Rural on Michigan by next week.
 - Q: How will no-parking be enforced in the bike lanes, since people are parking in them now? No clear answer to this as of yet.
- November 9: Monumental Marathon. Be aware of road closures.
- DPW reminds us to clear out storm drains

Updates from [Andy Nielsen](#), City County Council District 14 (317-283-9680, andy.nielsen@indy.gov)

- [Proposal 314](#) allows IMPD to impound vehicles involved in spinning, along with imposing fines. This method was successful in Louisville
- East District Task Force meeting tomorrow, October 16th. Chief Bailey is expected. 201 N. Shadeland.
- 2025 budget was passed, and approved budgets for the municipal corporations: Indianapolis Airport Authority, Capital Improvements Board, Health and Hospital Corporation, Indianapolis Public Library, and the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo). These agencies set their own budget for approval from the City-County Council.
 - **Pros:**
 - New contracts for IMPD (police) and IFD (fire department) as well as union contracts being up for negotiation this upcoming year
 - [Clinician-led Community Response Team](#) funded again for East District this year
 - [IFD 20](#) at 16th and Emerson has funding to build a new station just south of its location
 - Design money and construction allocation dollars for 10th Street to make permanent the temporary installations in their [tactical urbanism project](#), five years earlier than expected
 - **Cons:**
 - Does not recommit the city to a comprehensive homelessness strategy. The strategies to solve this problem are well-known and have been known for nine years, but there was not enough support to act on it.

- Concerned about the ability to financially keep up with infrastructure. Some of this is because the Statehouse doesn't allocate funding equitably, but there are things the city can do to better get a handle on its infrastructure problem.
 - City received \$19.9 million for infrastructure from the federal Department of Transportation, focusing on [improving arterial corridors](#)

Halloween Committee Updates

- [Wellness Fair](#) will be Saturday, October 19th, from 9AM to 1PM
- [Halloween Ball](#): Saturday, October 19th from 8pm to 11pm at OLL. Drinks are sponsored by Sahn's Tavern and food will be provided by the Med
- [Spooky Organ Concert](#): Sunday, October 20th at 6pm at OLL.
- [Horror Shorts Night](#): Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm at Kan-Kan.
- [Fright Seeing Tours](#) of homes on the house decorating contest begin Tuesday, October 22nd. This year people will be able to stop and get off of the bus at the locations.
- [Family Movie Night](#): *Haunted Mansion* at Crystal Creek Farm, Wednesday, October 23
- [A Night Out in Sleepy Hollow](#): Spooky stories in Irving Circle Park on Thursday, October 24 at 7pm
- [Zombie Bike Ride](#): Friday, October 25 at 6:30pm, starting at the Library
- [Vampire Run](#): Saturday, October 26 at 9:30am. All shirts sizes are available for registrants
- [Street Fair](#): Saturday, October 26. 222 vendors will be there this year.
- [After Party](#): Saturday, October 26, 6:30pm to 11pm at Playground Productions
- Costume contest has been moved to the parking lot of the bicycle shop on the east side of the building
- Parking at Howe Middle School is limited this year due to ongoing construction. There will be a shuttle for parking at Irvington Plaza.
- All window-painting spots have been registered!
- We still need more volunteers for the festival, especially for the Tidy Crew.
- More [events](#) and [contests](#) on the website!

Open Forum

- [Founders' Awards](#): Sunday at 1:30pm at Bona Thompson Memorial Library
- Lesley Schulte: Design is starting for the 10th street corridor. A celebration will happen at Lesley's place, 1010 N. Bolton Ave, on Saturday, November 2nd at 6pm. Brisket, hearty veg/vegan sides, and kid-friendly activities and desserts will be served. RSVP [here](#).
- Aspire House is doing some [events](#) at Ellenberger Park.
- Irvington Development Organization is doing their fall cleanup on Sunday, October 27th, meeting in the library parking lot
- Madge Mural update: Irvington Development Organization is still finalizing the design
- George Julian PTSA is hosting the parking fundraiser during the Irvington Halloween Festival
- Irvington Luminaria will be on Sunday, December 22

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. Respectfully submitted by Ronak Shah.