IRVINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Uhlenhake**,** Charles Miller, Kyla Thompson, Lesli Gibson, Chad Cerda, Roxanne Hilton, Caitlin Luebcke, Francine Calvert Lee, Ronak Shah, Kami Nielson, Larry Messing, Lys Lauer, Jacob Lauer, Andrea De Mink, Carrie Yazell, Sue Beecher

GUESTS PRESENT: Michelle Pleasant, President of the George Julian PTSA, Phyllis Boyd and Don Colvin of Indy Parks, Captain Mike Leeper, IMPD East District, Jason Larrison and David Ray, Indianapolis City County Councilors

The meeting was held in person at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, open to the public, and called to order by Lesli Gibson at 7:03 pm. She opened the meeting by welcoming Council members, guests, and public attendees.

Approval of Minutes: Both the March and April Council Meeting minutes were approved.

Michelle Pleasant, President of the George Julian PTSA

1) The PTSA has the opportunity to get a matching "creating spaces" grant of up to $50,000 between May 11 and June 22, 2022 for the renovation of the George Julian playgrounds in honor of Hannah Crutchfield. Several Irvington businesses have pledged 10% of all sales from May 20 through May 22, 2022 to this fund. These include Artisan Realty, Black Sheep Gifts, Irvington Insurance, Irvington Vinyl, Great Day Tattoo, The Med, Prime Smile, Dairy Queen, Beth Clary Fine Art Studio, Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza, Irvington Jewelers, Hampton Design Studio, Josephine's in Irvington, Lincoln Square Pancake House, and Maximum Grow Gardening. The fund currently contains a bit over $100,000.
2) The PTSA made $11,000 from their recent Trivia Night event.

Captain Mike Leeper, IMPD

1) Commander Riddle met with representatives from Lourdes Catholic Church regarding identified issue with tenants at the Irvington Arms Apartments. Resources are being provided to allow the students to enter and leave the school safely.
2) He reminded the group that "coffee with a cop" is a great way to build community partnership with IMPD. The McDonald's at 10th and Bosart is willing to host these as scheduled.
3) The group discussed the issues of a broken and boarded up windows on the east side of Irvington Plaza and drag racing occurring at night on Washington and Arlington Streets.

Phyllis Boyd and Don Colvin, Indy Parks

1) Results of the recent survey created and conducted by Indy Parks showed that 80.7% of the 2,952 valid and counted responses were against the installation of artificial turf in Ellenberger Park. 61.1%% of respondents were in favor of restoring the area disrupted by the Big Dig back to the original grass lawn.
2) The Ellenberger Pool liner is in find condition and the sides were just painted. Don anticipates that the pool will work as the physical infrastructure is sound. Indy Parks is still working to hire sufficient lifeguards to open all park pools in Indianapolis.

3) The tennis courts will remain as is and those will be utilized for pickleball players as well with those lines being painted in the near future.
4) Indy Parks plans to redo the design for a small bridge to allow for Citizen Energy truck use and this project will be completed in the spring of 2023.
5) The pedestrian bridge is also being restored and they plan to utilize railing materials that would last 15-20 years.
6) Indy Parks reminded attendees that the Indianapolis Department of Public Works is responsible for mowing all Indy Parks properties.
7) Sue informed attendees that the Irving Circle Park Clean-up held on May 14 was very successful with over 50 volunteers.
8) The Friends of Ellenberger Park announced that their clean-up will be on May 21 from 8 am through 1 pm. Volunteers should bring their own tools and meet by the pool.
9) A discussion of potentially recommitting the funds originally allocated by Citizens Energy for the installation of artificial turf occurred. The Council believes that these funds should be utilized in Ellenberger for other much needed projects. Jason Kimmell is meeting with Citizens to discuss these options. The Council stated that it would like to be updated on the progress of these talks.

David Ray, District 19 City County Council Representative

David introduced himself as a lifelong east sider who has served for 6 years on the City County Council. He can be reached at 317.442.1574 or David.ray@indy.gov.

Jason Larrison, District 12 City County Council Representative

1) The Complete Streets legislation which would set a requirement for the review of all street fatalities was heard in committee. This would set the requirement in policy for a three-member panel to review all fatalities.
2) The city has thus far experienced good communication with the Wellpath facility at 10th and Emerson.
3) The city budget review will begin in a few months.
4) The no turn on red signs have been installed at Washington and Ritter.
5) The pedestrian lead time will increase at the light located at Audubon and Washington.
6) The city is still recruiting a Neighborhood Liaison for the east side.
7) Caitlin asked whether the pedestrian lead time could be increased at Emerson and Washington.
8) Jason is aware of the missing bricks on Washington Street at Audubon Road.
9) Kyla mentioned a very bad dip in the road at Arlington and the Pleasant Run Golf Course.

Old Business:

Irvington Brewfest Recap

1) This was a great success as it was sold out beforehand and well attended.
2) The Council voted to donate $2000 of the profits to the Irvington United Methodist Church playground fund and an additional $2000 to the School 57 Hannah's Playground fund.

New Business:

Irvington Historical Society

1) The Irvington Historical Society has requested permission to utilize the Irvington Glyph to print and sell flags. The Council supports this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beecher