

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Uhlenhake, Jacob Lauer, Charles Miller, Lesli Gibson, Chad Cerda, Roxanne Hilton, Larry Messing, Kyla Thompson, Carrie Yazell, Caitlin Luebcke, Matt Pleasant, Francine Calvert Lee, Ronak Shah, Dawn Briggs, Sue Beecher

GUESTS PRESENT: Jason Larrison Indianapolis City County Counselor; Alison Mundell, Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate; Richard Riddle, East District Commander, IMPD; Captain Michael Leeper, Operations Director, IMPD; Karla Lopez-Owens, Marion County Prosecutor's Office; Dane Nutty, Executive Director of the Indy Public Safety Foundation; Lauren Krell, Stage Door Productions

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

The February Council meeting minutes were approved as documented.

Alison Mundell, Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate: Indy Parks is hiring individuals aged 16 years and older for a variety of positions including camp counselors and lifeguards through Project Indy. There is a \$200 sign on bonus for those who apply before April 9, 2022. Details can be found at <https://projectindy.net>. Alison stated that DPW is paying overtime to workers to fill the existing potholes in the city of Indianapolis. She also mentioned that the Ellenberger Park survey requesting input on whether to install artificial turf is now available.

Richard Riddle, East District Commander, IMPD: Commander Riddle reported that there has been a "guilty" finding for the juvenile charged in the traffic accident on Washington Street at Ritter which killed Hannah Crutchfield. There will be no public release of the details due to the defendant being a juvenile. IMPD signed a letter of agreement as part of the 10th Street Neighborhood grant application with the purpose of slowing traffic. They were awarded the grant. Commander Riddle introduced Captain Michael Leeper who is the new night Captain for Irvington, 7 pm through 3:30 am. Captain Leeper has over 17 years of experience with the east district and grew up in Irvington. Captain Leeper looks forward to meeting with the neighborhood residents to work on reducing crime and increasing safety. You may contact him at Michael.leeper@indy.gov. There have been no reports of violent crime in Irvington and most of the crime is northeast of our neighborhood. There was a recent hit and run accident at the McDonald's on East Washington Street. IMPD is hoping that the cameras along North Shadeland Avenue where the car fled after the accident will provide some evidence for them. Increased theft of catalytic converters was discussed. Unfortunately, those parts do not have any identification that allows for recovery of them from salvage yards. Robert presented and issue on the lack of clean-up being completed as required by the tow trucks after car accidents occur. BNS has the contract to complete this clean-up and citizens may call the non-emergency number if they spot debris that has been left in the roadway. Caitlin provided positive input specific to recent IMPD responses after contacting the non-emergency number in her neighborhood.

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Dane Nutty, Executive Director of the Indy Public Safety Foundation was introduced to the group. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF) works with the community to raise the necessary funds to provide important services and equipment that fall outside of annual departmental budgets. As a result, we are able to make a positive impact for our first responders and our community as a whole.

Nearly 35-40 of the peacemakers, hired by the city to work to identify high-risk individuals and then provide short- and long-term guidance to help with employment, housing, mentorship, and other resources necessary to prevent an individual from becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence, are actively working now with 15-20 of these individuals being deployed on the east side.

Jason Larrison, City County Council Representative: The state legislative session wrapped up without doing any damage to the planned Blue Line and no major impacts will be felt in funding this.

The Policy on Tactical Urbanism was approved by the full DPW Board. Applications for these grants will open again in late January or February of 2023.

Jason is attempting to get a date of implementation for the no turn on left at Ritter and Washington.

Harvester is erecting a 1.2 million square foot building due to having an overabundance of tenant interest. Jason has been talking with DMD regarding the timing of a TIF that could include Harvester, Marsh Plaza, and Raytheon/Vista Plant.

The proposed redistricting plans are not in booklet form. The major focus is on not splitting the current districts when drawing the new ones.

Karla Lopez-Owens, Marion County Prosecutor's Office: Karla reported that the charges against the adult involved in the traffic accident at Washington and Ritter are still pending.

Laura Krell, Stage Door Productions: Laura updated the group on her efforts with getting Stage Door Productions up and running. She is looking to obtain a variance for the building but needs assistance as she does not know or understand the process. They are not a 501(c)3 yet and she does not know how this will affect the application for a variance. The building has and still requires a lot of work. Plumbing needs to be repaired currently.

Old Business: The group voted to fund Donn Smith's songwriters' series for which he provided information to the Council during the February meeting.

New Business:

1) Ronak Shaw was introduced as the newest Council member! Welcome Ronak! Matt Pleasant announced that this will be his last Council meeting.

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2) Thanks for all your efforts, Matt!

3) Senate District 46 Candidate's Forum will take place on 3/29 at 7 pm in the Irvington Presbyterian Church Basement.

4) Beastside Brewfest will take place on 4/30 at 7 pm at Lourdes. Jake has 8-10 breweries which will participate. Tickets are on sale at ontaptickets.com or Irvington Halloween Festival.

5) The Halloween Festival is thrilled to announce that the Ball is back as part of the 2022 Halloween Festival. Kyla provided the Council with a projected budget which looks great! Vendor sponsorships are open as of 6/1/2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beecher