

**West Central Neighborhood Association**  
*Association Meeting Minutes*  
*April 17, 2017, 7:00pm*

**Call To Order – 7:05pm**, 42 attendees

**Neighborhood News**

- 1222 Jackson – House was recently demolished and ready to be rebuilt
- 929 West Washington – New roof
- West Wayne – A new house will be built in an empty lot. The plan was recently approved by the HPC
- 814 West Jefferson – House under renovation, with a new front porch
- 1337 West Wayne – House under renovation, including converting apartments back to single-family home, and a new carriage house

**Unfinished Business**

- Committee Updates
  - Membership – There will be a door prize at the end of the meeting. We may start sending out postcards less frequently
  - Washington/Jefferson Gateway Project – The Board is currently drafting a letter to the city to express our ideas for the area
  - Alley Maintenance – Nothing to report at the moment
  - Brick Streets – College from Jones to Wall will have some work done (specifically the underpass). Charlotte thinks that as GE work gets underway, we'll see even more work done to improve the existing brick streets.
  - Crime Task Force – A house on the south part of Rockhill was evicted and condemned after suspected crime. There was a recent police raid on Stophlet as well.
  - Historic Boundaries – The committee is hoping to protect Area 5 with a conservation district, and expanding the local historic boundaries into more parts of Area 3.

**Officers' Reports**

- Secretary
- Treasurer – total assets of approximately \$150,000
- Membership – we currently have approximately 38 members for 2017

**Speaker** – Frank Suarez and Amy Hartzog, City of Fort Wayne Public Works

- Soul of the Community – A 2010 study conducted by the Knight Foundation discussing why people love where they live, and what draws people into certain cities
  - Millennials are walking more and driving less

- New pedestrian infrastructure – countdown crosswalks, sidewalks, piano crosswalks, visible crossing areas, and ADA ramps
- New bicycle infrastructure – 7.2 miles of bike lanes, 350 bike racks, 400 signs, 96 miles of trail, and 8.5 miles of bike sharrows. 98,000 people live within .5 mile of a trail
- New community infrastructure – bus bike racks, downtown bike hub, Lincoln employee bike hub
- 3,772 people per square mile in a 1 mile radius of downtown
- 21,929 people work in downtown
- Encouraging people who live near and work downtown to walk or bike to work at least once per week during the warmer months
- Open Streets Event
  - Sunday July 9th, 11am-3pm, free and fun for the whole family
  - Close streets to motor vehicles and open them up for people powered movement, encouraging people to use the streets in a new and different way
  - Build community, promote physical activity, tie neighborhoods together
  - Stretches from the river south to Williams Street along Calhoun
  - The route may change each year to reach new neighborhoods
  - Activities: miniature golf course along the route, Parkview helmet giveaways, Summit City Bike safety checks, Sweetwater Sound will be playing music by CS3, Middle Waves interactive events, the Police and Firefighters will be there with their vehicles, Fort Wayne Derby Girls demonstrations, Tour Fort Wayne Segway testing, Turnstone wheelchair basketball and rugby, restaurants will be open, and area businesses will have events and giveaways
  - The Knight Foundation has donated \$30,000 to the event
  - West Central will have the opportunity to set up a table at the event
  - The event will be officially announced at a press conference in the upcoming weeks

### **New Business**

- Last Sunday, there were gunshots during the night on Jackson. The police said it was just a random person driving through random neighborhoods shooting their gun out their car window, into the air. No one was injured.
- Business of the Month – Reboot will be at our May association meeting to talk about their business for 5 minutes, then will be available afterwards to talk to people
- Great American Cleanup
  - Saturday May 20, 8am
  - Meet in parking lot at Wellspring
  - We need all the volunteers we can get to walk through the neighborhood and pick up trash
- Wellspring Miles for Meals

- Fundraiser walk to raise money for Wellspring
- Saturday May 20 at Foster Park
- Register online at [wellspring.com](http://wellspring.com)
- Door prize - \$15 Hoppy Gnome gift card (donated by TriCore Logic), 2 bottles of Two EEs wine

**Concluded - 8:02pm**