

West Central Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2019, 7:00pm

Call To Order – 7:02pm, 31 attendees

Old Business

- 801 W. Berry Update
 - Currently having plans hand-drawn by a designer
- Swinney Park Foot Bridge
 - historicbridges.org
 - aka “Mechanic Street Bridge”
 - Jim Crouse – Indiana Historic Bridge Association
 - He’s been reaching out to various leaders, including Tom Henry, in an attempt to find the funding or support to see the bridge restored
- Block Party
 - Saturday August 24, 11am-2pm at Moody Park
 - Games, food, prizes
- Home Tour Update – Tyler Bowers
 - September 7 & 8, 11am-5pm
 - 12 tour stops plus Swinney Homestead
 - Presale tickets are \$13 through Thursday before the tour, then \$15 the weekend of
 - 58 art vendors, 9 live acts, and 5 local food vendors
 - 7 homes new to the tour
 - 3 in-progress homes
 - 1 business
 - A free trolley will be making a loop through 5 pick up/drop off spots
 - Volunteers needed
 - We have 134 spots total, with 24 still available
 - Shifts are no longer than 3 hours
 - Volunteers get a free ticket and invite to the pre-tour party
 - Pre-Tour Party
 - Friday, September 6 from 6-8:30pm
 - The Phoenix on Broadway
 - Purple Mountain Cheesecake, the Dash In, and wine
 - Live music and outdoor seating
 - Arts Fest
 - Booths are \$45 for 2 days
 - Only a handful of booths left
 - Sponsorships & Income
 - The best year for sponsorships in the history of the tour
 - Totaling \$19,350

- 100% of all ticket sales will go toward the Moody Park Improvement Fund
 - 2020 Home Tour
 - If you or someone you know is interested in putting your home on the tour next year, let Tyler know
 - Always looking for people to help on the committee as well

Reports

- Treasurer – Approximately \$182,000 in the bank

New Business

- Neighborhood News
 - 807 Wilt Street – renovation
 - 901 Wilt Street – renovation
 - 1133 Garden Street – renovation
- St. Joe Nurse’s Building Tour
 - A small group from the board was invited for a tour on August 8
 - The building has water service, electrical service, and heat
 - There are 4 floors and a large auditorium in the basement
 - The dorm was originally on the demo list, but has since been removed
 - There are a few groups interested in the building now
 - Lutheran Hospital is willing to give up some parking in the parking garage to whoever repurposes the building
 - Approximately 40,000 square feet
- Trinity English Lutheran
 - This Wednesday’s Day of Caring site for their staff is Moody Park – focusing on the playground equipment and painting
 - Fridays in September – free concerts at noon
 - Fright Night, 3-5pm – family friendly, bobbing for apples, spooky organ music

Guest Speakers – Pastor Paul & Dennis Robinson, St. John’s Lutheran Church

- History
 - They had a school at their church until it closed in 2010
 - Smith Academy for Excellence has been using the space since 2012
 - In 2012, they sold 2 of their buildings on Broadway to ARCH – now home to Sassie Cakes and The Hedge
- 1006 Broadway
 - Plans for 2 upstairs apartments and a coffee shop
 - Grants from the Lutheran Foundation to help with the coffee shop
 - The “Third Place” – a place other than home and work where people go to find connections with others
 - It will include a meeting room for neighborhood meetings
 - Exhibit art from local artists

- Work with St. Francis so artists and musicians can display art and perform
- Open for game nights, trivia, book clubs, etc.
- Will be leased out to be run by the guy who ran Blue Mountain Coffee on the Landing – will include a limited menu
- Hoping to open in October
- Community activities
 - Wednesday night dinners for the community at 5:15pm
 - Hosted informational meetings in 2016/2017 about Electric Works
 - Back to school day with a carnival, fix-it fair, parking for art on Broadway, Tincaps day, etc
 - St. John's volunteers have filled 24% of the volunteer slots for the Home & Garden Tour for this year
- Fix-It Fair - Saturday, October 19, 2010
 - International Fix-It Day
 - Volunteer to use your talents to build up community and neighborhood
 - People bring in their broken items and volunteers will assist in repairing them at no cost
 - Presentation on using less-than-stellar vegetables to make a meal
 - Presentation on using native plants in your landscaping
- Ideas on how they could work with WCNA
 - Moody Park enhancements
 - Place-making
 - Build a bike hub
 - Welcome packets for new residents
- Home Tour Breakfast
 - 9:45-10:30am on Sunday
 - Free breakfast

Upcoming Events

- August 24 – West Central Block Party, 11am-2pm
- August 31 – Clean Up Day, 8-11:30am, corner of Wilt and Van Buren
- September 7-8 – Home & Garden Tour
- October 29 – Tire & TV Day, 8-11:30am, corner of Wilt and Van Buren
- December 16 – Christmas Party, 7-9pm

Concluded – 8:22pm