

Meeting Notes 03/08/2021

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Start 1809

End 2003

Tom: Moody Park update:

It has been a year plus between conversations with WCNA and the city and parks department over plans with Moody park. (Covid played a large role) Moody park comity met on zoom and had a great turnout of around 12 people from both our team and the parks department.

Parks Dept. has seeming caught up with their backlog and are our team is looking for some forward movement with the combined team of the parks department.

WCNA is at a good place with the parks department to have a great engagement opportunity with the neighborhood! Either in person or possibly an online survey. The Parks department suggested a third way to reach out, (possible cook-out at the park) Moody park committee looking to add a third venue to reach the neighborhood.

Kevin Biggs at the last Moody park meeting confirmed Electric Works interest in Moody as a catalyst for Inner connecting egress and regress with Electric Works to the neighborhood via connected private spaces that would be publicly accessible. (walkways and bikeways)

Connecting Moody with Sweeney and McCuollgha parks through these privet owned but publicly accessible pedestrian and bike trails. Biggs to get design team back involved in electric works planning Moody Park with WCNA and (SW FT. Wayne)

The idea was brought up that Moody should be looked at more with urban planning rather than just park planning, as it is a central connection point to Electric work, SW Ft. Wayne, 3 other parks, and the greenway. "the ideas of park planning and urban development."

Possible neighborhood cookouts to bring people in to feel a part of the plans were brought up again.

Tyler met with Mayor Henry at mayors night in two years ago and recommended a dog park "an amenity" to Moody. The parks department wanted this to be a "pocket park". Thinking master plan and linking parks what amenities would each park have when linked. Need to revisit this idea with the parks department. Moody Park board to take into consideration.

Traffic patterns with the new parking garage, where will traffic enters Electric Works. Brandon and Ben talked to Kevin Wednesday about this and seems to be a forefront issue that needs to be thought of once again in a master plan with the WCNA board and Parks Department as Moody Park will be in a direct line?

Every organization realized Moody Park was more than first thought. (Good or bad?)

Cell towers:

Earlier thoughts were Cell-Co did not have to follow any IN rules (i.e. historic/neighborhood) now Cell-Co has to follow 106 laws (historic preservation and preservation of historic resources). Cell-Co now has to make and bring plans for historic preservation. Bringing these plans now allows advisors to step forward from Historic areas and look at plans. Though Cell-Co flooding offices with this information too fast to review each one.

Proposed, Cell-co got ok from city to put towers on any park strip, yet aesthetics for historic resources does not jive. (reference 106 laws) Tom Cain drawing up letters to fight these plans ("in any park strip"), Tom needs Tyler and Brandon's approval to send a letter(s), as Cell-Co's engineers fired back to our first letter. With Cell-Co's statement, "this is where they are needed and coverage will not work if moved from these places". Kreeger has let us know there is yet another sight that has popped up in West Central.

General feeling Cell-co is abusing power. Northside neighborhood received the same notices and shared with surrounding neighborhoods. In doing so they gained the '07 support and others to stop or hold Cell-Co accountable to showing plans or 106 reviews if applicable.

State wanting to take power away from neighborhoods to block cell towers and placement. The city is skittish to take action against Verizon/Cell-Co does not want to create any suites, yet the city council to try and block at the statehouse to keep rights in the neighborhoods.

Cell-Co building these towers to rent Verizon but no one is offering anything different. There was a thought it might be time to have a meeting with the city council and Geoff Paddock or should we contact Verizon directly? *Reference downtown Starbucks and old Michelin building. Contacting the CEO of Starbucks to talk to him about saving the building. (Should we do the same with Verizon? Would this help?)

Officer notes:

Secretary: Tweaked January's minutes on the LHS portion. Brandon to get with Ryan on February's notes and E-mail out for approval. All I's passed with one change (LHS) for January's minutes.

Treasure: E-mailed out financial could not get printed for meeting. Assured us all fees and donations were recorded from the membership drive. "All is good" All I's passed February's financial report.

Membership: Now at 166 members, we have more households than ever 86! Households have now taken the place of the seniors as the leading membership sector of the neighborhood. WCNA now has more businesses than ever on our roster to support our neighborhood. Next drive to start at Cindy and Greg's house, with Tyler leading to cover south of Jefferson. Date to be set. Connie to take on adding to the E-mail list all new members from both drives. WE MUST GET E-MAILS!!

Question asked: have we polled the neighborhood in how is the best to reach our neighbors? One answer was to get google analytics involved. Our neighbors are desperate to talk to us on membership drive we need more time as everyone wanted to talk with us, as we have not found the best way to reach out. A question to ask next membership drive?

LHD expansion: Letters sent out. 50% is needed on the 28 historic properties in question for the process, should not be a problem. This brought up the question again of the best way to reach out and how to reach out to city property owners on the matter. (Lightly reprised the best way to contact and reach out to our neighbors, renters, and membership drive.)

Great home and garden tour start. Had 12 people in attendance. Tyler and Greg lead the meeting and decided to do a hybrid tour. Embracing technology next meeting March 23rd. Greg putting together committees for the next meeting, "Looking at subcommittees".

The majority of the committee should move the art fair back to Wayne St. *Not voted on.

Connie suggested in time expanding to more things than just the art fair during the tour.

We have to look at the art fair philosophically. What do we (WCNA) want it to be? There is a big pull to have it back to Wayne St. It was asked why can't we make it great on Wayne St. on Berry? The question was asked, where is the plan to grow the event. Looking to take to the association to start making it a bigger neighborhood action.

Cindy: 7 food trucks for both days two might join, not every truck wants to stay for the bands at night. Salsa band to close Saturday night. Andy's band to close Sunday night. Looking for stage placement and power. Getting a tent for bands. Eric looking to buy a 20x20 tent with sides.

LDH: Toured by Tyler and Brandon. Possible finalist for Pharm. The second floor and up are 75% done. Ambulances to enter and exit on Main St. not going into the neighborhood. There will be a curb going in to direct them. Sightlines look good from the roof for Jackson st. August to be the month for barriers to come down and landscaping to start. Beef up park on corner mayors wife. Section four member on board. Sam Hartman.

Electric Works: Kevin biggs on Wednesday's meeting " all things on what happens all north of the tracts. Looking to build 1k parking garage 4 stories wrapping with townhomes to hide parking. In and out on Broadway right after the viaduct before Taylor St., The question was asked, what happens to the houses in the way of the new entrance off Broadway? What does moving them look like? This was discussed and seemed to be the best way to save some. "Looking for empty lots to place moved homes.

Mike Anderson saved three houses in this area over the last month. (Placement if moving, going back to empty lots)

Pushed for three things renderings, traffic patterns, and entrance routes for the garage? Parking in the neighborhood permit parking?

Electric works having a hard time with the city pulling together funds, now working with the county for funds. County has different thoughts on how the parking garage should look /work.

Biggest topic overall traffic flow and patterns. Mike Anderson met with Kevin biggs and talked about traffic flow for electric works. Mike reports this is going to be a big long fight to change Electric works plans. WCNA would be losing all properties on the East side on Jackson St. and 5 on Union St. with the current plan. Many ideas were brought up by the board on how to re-route so it does not cut through the back west side of the neighborhood and Moody Park, with entrances off of Taylor, Broadway, and an alternate west side entrance other than cutting through off of Sweeny and Jefferson.

Concerns on Electric Works main construction off Broadway: What are the plans to get people and equipment in and out. Regular communication egress and regress for construction traffic and parking. We need maps and communication on when roads will be shut down along with temporary traffic signals.

Kelly Benton: Setting up a dropbox account for the neighborhood for access to set up as WNCA.
Bringing back easter egg hunt when 2021 or 2022. Approval for 2021 and for \$150.00 All I's shooting for
the 4th Time to start 10 am.