



Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

6:30 pm – Social Gathering

7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Firefighters Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Sally Spiers, Linda Hughes, Lynn Pike, Gary Pike, Chris Aiello, Kurt Allen, Lisa Harris, Philip Boer, Tom Schaefer, Nancy Schaefer, Walter Bartz, David Pflugh, Sherri Pflugh, Steve Tegarden, Barb Tegarden, Joan Hall, Penny Hall, Christa Thacker, Jason Myers, Zaidoon Alsaleem, Tim Fox, William Tarr, Anne Moore, Russell Menyhart, Sam Pullen, Steve Commiskey, IMPD Officer Kimberly Evans, IMPD Detective Michael Andresen, IMPD Captain Finch

Sally Spiers called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting were approved.

Presentation – Officer Kimberly Evans, Detective Michael (Dan) Andresen, and Captain Finch, IMPD

The Downtown District sees approximately 2500 robberies per year, significantly fewer than other districts. However, there was an armed robbery two weeks ago. (Sally Spiers was robbed at 9:30 p.m. in the alley behind her home by two males with guns.) IMPD urges all residents to use common sense and to heed a few simple rules, among them the following:

- Put away your electronic devices and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Have your keys in hand and be ready to go.
- Make yourself a tougher target. Do not allow a stranger into your space.
- In the event something happens, be the best witness you can be. An accurate description of suspicious individuals and noting both their direction and mode of travel will aid in their apprehension.
- If you notice something that doesn't seem right but does not constitute an emergency, call 317-327-3811, the IMPD non-emergency number.

Reports

Membership – Sally Spiers

Sally reminded everyone that memberships expire December 31st. Now is the time to renew!

Finance – Sally Spiers

Treasurer Steve Thornton advised Sally that he just paid the premium for the liability insurance and that there is a positive balance in the CANA account.

Nominating Committee – Sarah Andrews, Walter Bartz, Annie Lear

Walter Bartz thanked all who volunteered to be considered for the CANA Board of Directors. Following a brief discussion, a motion to close the nominations was approved.

New Business

Election to CANA Board of Directors

A motion to accept the slate of nominees to the CANA Board of Directors by acclimation was approved. Lisa Cunningham, Tim Fox, Linda Hughes, David Plugh, Tom Schaefer, and Christa Thacker will join continuing Board members Sarah Andrews, Pauline Moffat, Sally Spiers, and Doug Steen. One vacancy remains.

CERT Classes – Sherri Pflugh

Sherri Plugh urged all to take advantage of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes offered through the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area IndyCERT program. CERT members are trained to respond to emergency situations and provide support to first responders.

IndyBlue

Several members expressed their displeasure with the proposed installation of a new IPL pole on the south side of Ninth Street just east of East Street for the purpose of supplying the power necessary for a planned IndyBlue charging station at that location. Members were skeptical when Steve Commiskey of IndyBlue maintained that no one associated with the charging station knew that Ninth street lies within the residential core. A motion to send a letter to IHPC protesting the placement of the IPL pole on Ninth Street was unanimously approved.

Zaidoon Alsaleem asked about insurance coverage for IndyBlue cars. Steve Commiskey advised that the company carries the minimum coverage required by the State of Indiana.

Old Business

There was no old business, other than to remind all that CANA meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Absent the need for a January meeting, the next meeting is February 23, 2016.

Sally Spiers declared the meeting adjourned shortly after 8:00 p.m.