

CANA Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26, 2016  
6:30pm Social, 7pm Meeting  
Allen Chapel AME Fellowship Hall 11th & Broadway St

Attendees: Sally Spiers, Doug Steen, Sheri Pflugh, David Pflugh, Tim Fox, Barb Tegarden, Steve Tegarden, Walter Bartz, Penny Hall, John Hall, John Mendoza, Danielle Littlejohn (Circa), Sam Pullen, Jim Anthony, Gary Pike, Lynn Pike, Linda Hughes, Nancy Schaefer, Don Hanlin, Laura Arnold, Tom Schaefer, Kathy Davis, John Davis, Charlesfontaine Macon, Clay Miller, Sarah Andrews, Scott Williams

Sally Spiers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Sally Spiers highlighted that we do not have refreshments tonight and encouraged neighbors to sign up and volunteer to bring refreshments to future monthly meetings.
2. Approval of Minutes - November 24, 2015
  - a. A request for an addition to the November meeting minutes was made by Tom Schaefer:
  - b. *Residents that border the Mass Ave entertainment establishments are reporting increasing late night activity that is not "residential family friendly", and requested more attention from IMPD foot patrols. IMPD responded that they are more involved with Meridian Street South of the Circle bar activity and our issues are minor in comparison. They also cautioned us that if they increased their presence it could hurt business for our Mass Ave Establishments. Residents should contact IMPD to report inappropriate activity.*
    - i. Tom Schaefer motioned for approval, Gary Pike seconded the motion.
  - c. Spelling corrections were also requested by David Pflugh, including the spelling of his last name and his wife's name, "Sheri"
    - i. Sally Spiers motioned for the approval of the minutes with the amendments
    - ii. Gary Pike seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
3. Reports
  - a. IMPD – Kimberly Evans
    - i. Kimberly was not in attendance; however, Sally Spiers encouraged people to report any safety or crime concerns to IMPD
  - b. Phoenix Theatre – Bryan Fonseca
    - i. Bryan was unable to attend due to rehearsals, but Sally Spiers discussed the move to Illinois Street due to the need for additional space and parking.
    - ii. The transition could take up to a year
    - iii. BrewHaHa will still take place this year

- iv. Sally Spiers encouraged neighbors to reach out to the Phoenix contacts directly if there are any questions
  - v. Sally Spiers reported that a developer is interested in the Phoenix property for potentially three “high end” condos.
- c. Membership
  - i. There were 18 members prior to tonight’s meeting, and many more have signed up at the meeting.
  - ii. Membership must be renewed annually
  - iii. Sally Spiers encouraged attendees at the meeting to renew and highlighted the benefits of membership, including voting rights, money that helps serve the neighborhood, etc.
- d. Finance
  - i. Doug Steen, Treasurer, reported that as of 12.31.15, the balance was \$23,768
- e. Urban Design Committee
  - i. Tom Schaefer had nothing to report
- f. CANA Calendar
  - i. Sally Spiers provided an update regarding the photo quality issue that created delays in producing the calendar in time to create it prior to 2016.
  - ii. The Board decided to keep the project, but it will become a 16-month calendar from Sept 2016 through Dec 2016, likely still priced at \$20.
  - iii. Sally Spiers encouraged neighbors to submit additional photos, as we need at least four more
- g. Foundation Update
  - i. Clay Miller, VP of the Foundation, announced that the Association Board and Foundation Board would be holding a joint meeting next month to discuss priorities and goals. Clay encouraged neighbors to email him, Annie or any of the Board members if there are topics of interest.
  - ii. Clay Miller also announced that donations were low last year, and he reinforced the fact that donations are still needed. Contributions are tax deductible, and donators will receive a Chatham Arch sign for a large enough donation.
- h. Firefighters’ Union
  - i. Scott Williams announced that the construction is a greater project than anticipated. He did not realize that the sidewalks and other external and internal challenges would result from the construction. Safety is key, and he appreciates neighbors’ patience.
  - ii. The alley project was delayed. Permit acquisition caused the delay, but they finally have them and the work has been started. Old bricks on the outside and new bricks in the middle is the plan for this alley as well, like the one recently done behind the Phoenix Theatre. Curbs will be replaced as well.

- iii. Artwork has been started on the East end; there will be a public piece of art, and Scott Williams said he imagines a two-year window would be realistic.
- iv. Power line pole changes are up to IPL, not the Firefighters' Union members.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. 2016 CANA Budget

- i. Sally Spiers announced that the Board has approved the budget for presentation to the neighborhood members
- ii. Doug Steen's update included the following details:
  - 1. Revenue – the budget reflects flat revenue from what was achieved last year in regards to events and membership
  - 2. The home tour is off of the plans for 2016
  - 3. Wine party was updated based on what was realized last year.
  - 4. Deviations in 2015 actuals from the budget are partly due to the home tour fundraiser not happening and less than anticipated revenue from the Block Party.
  - 5. Insurance expense created a deviation because it was prepaid in 2015 for 2016.
  - 6. Expenses are relatively flat in the budget for 2016.
  - 7. The \$15k expense that depleted 2015's cash flow was due to the street sign project which was approved separately from the annual budget.
- iii. Laura Arnold questioned the cost of the street signs, specifically why the Foundation did not cover the expenses. Clay Miller clarified that the Association and Foundation split the cost of the signs. Clay Miller also explained that the Foundation funds exist due to an endowment that was left by a neighbor; however, the Foundation is only allowed to spend money on the earnings from the endowment, not the principle amount. Clay also informed the neighbors that ongoing projects that can cost more than \$100,000 include revamping the alleys in Chatham Arch, and that is close to the current balance.
- iv. Motion to approve budget was made by Gary Pike, and several seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

##### b. CANA Website

- i. Sally Spiers announced that the website crashed in November. The software used to create/maintain it is now obsolete; so, the proposal is to work with IU students to create a new site. We are looking for a basic presence that would help direct people where they can go for more information.
- ii. Sally Spiers also announced that a goal is to go more electronic with our neighborhood documents and records, dues payment and donations, and the history of our neighborhood as well.

- iii. Sarah Andrews asked the group what their current need/use of the website is:
      - 1. Tom Schaefer went there to find a map
      - 2. Sheri Pflugh would like to see the neighborhood documents posted there.
      - 3. Gary Pike believes it should be a repository of documents as well, but perhaps Facebook would be a better option for events, etc.
      - 4. Barb Tegarden asked what other neighborhoods are doing.
      - 5. Gary Pike highlighted that maintaining the site takes a full-time job.
      - 6. Clay Miller pointed out that it's a branding opportunity to the external world and could increase our property value.
    - iv. Proposal for a private facebook group to have a central place to get and disseminate information was made by Penny Hall.
    - v. Sally Spiers announced that we will continue to explore options.
  - c. Laura Arnold announced/proposed that we need a plan or system to ensure that sidewalks are cleared, even though it is the responsibility of homeowners.
    - i. Sheri Pflugh noted that clearing sidewalks is a city ordinance.
    - ii. Laura Arnold requested a motion to approve the establishment of a system
    - iii. Steve Tegarden proposed delegating the issue for discussion to the Board.
    - iv. Laura Arnold amended the proposal to delegate the responsibility to the Board. Steve Tegarden seconded, and all were in favor.
  - d. Laura Arnold also announced that cars are idling near Park 10 frequently. She plans to advocate for an anti-idling ordinance, and plans to seek support from the board. She put forth the proposal.
  - e. Sally Spiers introduced Pastor Charlesfontaine Macon, who has offered the Allen Chapel AME to host CANA Neighborhood Meetings while the Firefighter's Union is under construction.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Sheri Pflugh announced that she has been continuing to deal with the Blue Indy situation; there is much opposition to the planned location of the Blue Indy station in Chatham Arch, on a residential street, where the cars only have an option to drive into the heart of the neighborhood. Blue Indy did not anticipate the level of opposition, but they are bringing their case to a public hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30. IHPC does not have say over Blue Indy to the same degree they do other projects because the city declared that Blue Indy was exempt from certain approvals.
- b. The Board had submitted a letter expressing their opposition but proposing an alternative location.
- c. Steve Tegarden suggested that Sheri Pflugh resubmit the letters, and she agreed.

6. Jim Anthony won the free membership drawing, and he donated it back to the neighborhood.
7. The Pflugs offered to donate refreshments for next meeting.
8. Adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next Membership Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016 - Allen Chapel AME Fellowship Hall,  
637 E 11th St

Submitted by Sarah Andrews, CANA Secretary