



Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association
Tuesday, June 30, 2015
6:30 pm – Social Gathering
7:00 pm – Special Meeting
Firefighters Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue

Sally Spiers called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports:

IMPD: Kimberly Evans

Officer Evans shared Chatham Arch crime stats dating back to May 1, including a few thefts along Mass Ave, June 10th being most recent, and some vehicle break ins. Other than that, no major crime in the area. There have been some street robberies downtown, and IMPD apprehended one suspect at St. Clair and Meridian who had asked someone to use a cell phone and then assaulted the person and stole the phone.

Roger and Donna Neu went door to door with Officer Evans to talk about the neighborhood Crime Watch. They have started a distribution list, and they will share info that Officer Evans provides on recent crime (just crime info, no spam). Neighbors can provide their info to the Neus to be in the loop on distributions.

On the 600 block of Arch St., the city has installed no parking signs, three new in addition to one that existed. Steve Tegarden mentioned that the addition of a "no parking here to corner sign" on Broadway next to Arch is good to curb parking in front of the hydrant there, and he said we need more of these signs because people park too close to the stop signs and intersections. Officer Evans encouraged residents to share when that's happening so IMPD can address it. Dan Johnson observed that people were parking in no parking zones and parkers said that they couldn't see the sign and it might be necessary to post on both sides of the no parking zone. KE noted that they also get complaints about having too many signs as well, so they try to balance that with clarity for drivers.

Russell Menyhart noted that residents may need to be notified of new parking restrictions on Arch because they are so used to parking there.

Officer Evans noted that she has been inundated with questions about traffic and parking questions/concerns. On Tuesday, July 14th, the city's traffic branch task force will meet at 4

p.m. at Central Library on the second floor, and residents can attend to share concerns or questions.

IMPD's Downtown District Community Day will take place on Georgia St. on August 6 from 11 am - 2 pm. Restaurants will have free food, and officers will be there as a thank you to the community for their partnership.

The graffiti abatement unit rolled out this week, and Officer Evans encouraged residents to call the MAC if they notice properties that have been tagged.

Officer Evans is the contact for National Night Out for downtown, taking place Tuesday, August 4, where downtown neighborhoods have block parties with police, fire and EMS to celebrate community partnerships. If we decide to do a party, Office Evans asked that we let her know so police can come by.

Downtown Indy Parking Study - Catherine Esselman

Sally noted that it would be helpful to find out more about the Downtown Indy study that includes Mass Ave and Market East.

Catherine reported that Downtown Indy commissioned Walker to study three areas, including the Mass Ave district. The study should be done around the end of July, and it updates a 2003 study, taking a baseline of then and now. Walker went out at a few times on Saturday night and Tuesday during the day to count parking in the area. There are 76,000 parking spots in downtown Indy, and their study will provide the city with recommendations to guide decisions on solutions and/or stopgaps to ease parking congestion in tight areas. She will share results with us.

Sherri Pflugh asked if the city expressed interest in this, and Catherine confirmed that they were part of the reason this study was commissioned. The Mass Ave area they are studying includes the Avenue and several blocks off of the main corridor into Chatham Arch, which is expanded from the 2003 study.

Firefighters Union Hall Update - Scott Williams

Scott reported that he originally intended to bring a design for a concept that he thought would be going to IHPC on Wednesday. They were approached, as noted in prior meeting, about putting on a third story for the AFL-CIO, which wants to rent the space. They put in paperwork with IHPC, not expecting that it would go through, but it got approval at the last meeting.

However, Scott wanted to bring the design to the neighborhood and get feedback before it moves forward, and he noted that the design is not locked in stone. The union will soon have membership meeting to decide whether they want to expand the building.

Scott said he will share electronic versions of the design with neighbors. The only change to the design and plan is addition to a third story to the west end, nothing to the current building. The materials and concept are the same. He noted that the structure would not be taller than the Beilouny building so should not obstruct views.

IHPC staff will be allowed to pick the color, currently shown as gray in renderings.

Scott noted that originally this site had a flatiron building of three stories that looked similar but went all the way to the point.

He noted that they are not putting retail in, and if the AFL-CIO moves out, they would likely use that as office space and expand museum space or look for another labor org but would not use the building for retail space.

The ALF-CIO does not have a heavy social calendar and has only 5 employees with 2 on the road, so the parking implication would be modest, and they would be accommodated by the new parking lot across the street.

Scott also shared that they expect parking lot work to start on Monday, and the space will be bricked in with power by August 13. They won't be finished with plantings yet, but Fringe will be

the first event, hence the deadline. The Fringe event will include a stage with band, and it will be done by 10pm.

As for the rest of the construction, Scott said the credit union will not start before August 15th, but he expects a September groundbreaking is more likely. They have plans for the plaza, but this will probably not be part of the initial building construction.

Street Signs - Annie Lear

Annie shared an image of the new street signs on her iPad. The signs, which are hunter green and white, have been approved by DPW. They will be in uppercase and lowercase because of a recent study on readability, and the entire sign will be reflective. All new signs will have block number on them.

The signs have been ordered through a funding partnership with CANA and CANF along with a Mass Ave CDC grant.

Along with the street signs, we will install five entry signs that are 11X14 at key entry points for the neighborhood. All installation should be done in next 6-8 weeks.

To help raise funds for the project, CANF is selling Chatham Arch window signs for a \$50 donation for 10X10 and \$30 for smaller signs.

Sherri Pflugh expressed her support for the project because the neighborhood wants and needs the distinction.

Wine Tasting Party - Sally Spiers

Mark your calendar for Oct. 10 for a party at the Mass Ave Wine Shop. This will be a fundraiser for CANA with more details forthcoming.

Chatham Arch Calendar - Sally Spiers

CANA is soliciting photos of what you love about Chatham Arch for fundraising calendar. Send submissions to chathamarchcalendar@gmail.com.

If your picture is chosen, you get a free calendar. They will be sold for \$25, and we hope to have them no later than the Nov. meeting.

MAC Liaison - Paul Ross

Mr. Ross came to the meeting to discuss concerns about new BlueIndy charging stations coming to the Mass Ave area. Last week he was asked about contacts for Mass Ave area folks to reach out to. We are going to have someone come to the next meeting to talk about the issue.

Some neighbors have expressed that it would have been nice to have BlueIndy address questions with neighbors before installing the new charging stations.

Mr. Ross noted that he has also been involved with some related to signage and traffic flows. In particular, he is looking at College next to Circa, where people can't see to turn on College. DPW is looking at this to ensure we don't have accidents there.

Clay asked if there will be info distributed before next meeting about where charging stations would be located? Barb noted they are installing several by Nestle Inn that will do away with 6 parking spots.

CANF appointments

Sally noted that CANA has four appointments to CANF board. Steve Thornton, Clay Miller, Lynn Pike and Sheri Pflugh have been appointed. Brad Luther and Kevin Brown are stepping down, and Sally thanked them for their service.

Sally also thanked John Hall who has agreed to maintain the median at 10th and College.

Anyone who wants to help him can be in touch. She also thanked Doug Steen and Linda Hughes, who will be working with Tom Hanify to administer the community garden following Sarah Anderson's upcoming move. Sally noted that, with Sarah's move, we will also need more Urban Times deliverers. Sheri and David Pflugh agreed to help.

Parking Committee

Sally reported that CANA has reactivated the committee in light of many activities impacting parking in the area. The group had an organizational meeting and are now collecting data on specific problem areas and times. They will try to balance the needs of Mass Ave area and the neighborhood. Russell Menyhart asked the committee's goals, and Sally said the first goal is to identify specifically what the problems are, collect the data necessary, and then work to define suggestions and solutions (such as permit parking or a parking garage, etc.) to propose to the neighborhood and city. Barb Tegarden noted that it's also important to get a census of who has parking that they don't use. The committee will continue to report out on progress and will aim to align with the results of the Downtown Indy study.

Other Business

Chatham Arch will not have an official July 4th party at Chatham Commons because Fringe will have a party. Afterward, neighbors can gather at Chatham Commons.

Clay Miller noted that July 11th, Indiana Landmarks will have its annual treasure hunt in their parking lot, and many Old Northside homes will have garage sales as well.

Respectfully submitted
Sarah K. Anderson, CANA Secretary