



Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, January 29, 2012

6:30 pm – Social Gathering

7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Firefighters Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Colleen and Gary Agee, Walt Bartz, Tyson & Gwen Chastain, Jen Clady, Brad Coomer, Kathy Curtis, Tom Elkas, Gail Emerich, Faith Felder, Don Hanlin, Hope Harsin, Linda Hughes, Dan Johnson, Ann Luther, Clay Miller, Ann Moore Gary Pike, Sally Spiers, Steve Tegarden, Steve Thornton, Chuck Turner

Sally Spiers welcomed the evening's special guests, Steve Talley, IMPD East District Crime Watch Coordinator, IMPD East District Commander James Waters, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Daphne Whitmire. Chatham Arch lies in two IMPD districts – Tony Brown's (Downtown) and Commander Waters'(East.)

- Commander Waters' goal is to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods from downtown to Washington Square Mall. To that end, IMPD is partnering with the Latino Project and social service agencies to build relationships. They secured grant money to implement the Strategies for Youth initiative, which targets youth/teen violence. Waters pointed out that residents know the neighborhood better than the police and urged those who notice someone/something out of place to call "911." (Per Steve Talley, "calling "911" is always the right thing to do.") IMPD is working with the Marion County Prosecutor, specifically the Community Prosecution Division, to combat graffiti. Residents should take photos if possible and e-mail them to him (james.waters@indy.gov) or Steve Talley (steve.talley@indy.gov). Photos are sent to gang experts for analysis, and the graffiti itself will be covered up promptly.
- As part of the Community Prosecution Division whose focus is property crimes, DPA Daphne Whitmire targets repeat offenders and teaches prevention. Among her prevention tips: keep your lights on; do not leave valuables (including your garage door opener) in your car; choose shrubs that will grow or can be trimmed to no more than 2' tall and keep trees trimmed below 6' if possible; watch who comes into the neighborhood; record the serial numbers of electronic equipment; mark/engrave property. She

distributed kits for marking and recording and would be happy to do a special meeting on protecting and registering property.

Minutes

Minutes of the October and November 2012 meetings were approved.

Old business

There was no old business.

New business

- Proposed change to bylaws: There will be a vote on a proposal to compress the schedule to five meetings per year from ten at the February meeting.
- Volunteer opportunities:
 - Deliver the *Urban Times*. Great way to meet your neighbors! Think about it and call Sally to sign up.
 - Help keep the northern “entrance to the neighborhood,” the median at 10th and north College, beautiful. Summer projects include mowing, weeding, trimming, and trash-collecting. Other seasons’ opportunities are less involved. Call Sally to claim your month.
 - Party planners needed to help with the annual Block Party. Sign up now!

Reports

- New officers: Sally Spiers, President; Doug Steen and Jen Clady, Co-Vice-Presidents; Steve Thornton, Treasurer; Linda Hughes, Secretary
- Membership – Gary Agee: As of this date, there are 25 members.
- Finance – Steve Thornton: Income for 2012 (through 12/31/12) \$2940. Bank balance as of 11/30/12 \$39,298.85. Money from membership dues is a BIG revenue source.
- Urban Design Committee – Steve Thornton: The Committee has met three times with Millhaus Development about a proposal for the former Mitchell & Scott property in the 600 block of North college – five stories with 236 apartments, underground parking, and a pool. Parking is a concern. The developers are to return to IHPC on 02/06/13 with refinements. No TIF \$ or tax credits.
- CANA Foundation – Brad Coomer:
 - Finances: A (balanced) budget was approved. The year-end appeal brought in \$600.00
 - Alley between St. Clair and Massachusetts: The project had to be re-bid due to the need for ADA compliance. Multiple bids pretty much exhausted city money; therefore, the Foundation will fund the project. The use of both historic and new brick will result in a huge savings; however, the estimated cost of the project is still \$70,000. (Make your tax-deductible deduction now.) After UDC, CANA, and IHPC staff, the plan will be presented to the full IHPC for approval. This alley is a

precedent-setting project that will serve as the master plan for future alley improvements.

- CANA Board: Sandra Fontana resigned due to work conflicts. Gary Pike will replace her and chair the Urban Design Committee.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 26: Social gathering 6:30; Business meeting 7:00
Clay Miller will present the historic plan for CANA and Mass. Ave.