

WIDC Board Meeting Minutes

July 17th, 2017 (7-17-17)

In attendance: Jennifer, May, Kimberly, Lisa, Nadine, Curt, Kelly, Rick, and Mary Jo

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Adoption of Minutes of May Board Meeting Minutes. Curt made a motion to accept the May Board Meeting Minutes and Nadine seconded.

Executive Director's Report

- 34 People (20 from the neighborhood) attended the first Valley meeting. During the meeting the participants broke into four committees: Housing, Infrastructure, Green Space/Walkability, Commercial development. All groups had homework and will come back next Thursday to report out. Bob Wilch and Tom Healy, our consultants, discussed a visual choice survey which could lead to building a pattern book, which is a guideline to housing developers on a communities wants and needs in terms of housing. Women from Two Chicks and a Hammer are interested in buying and rehabbing several homes in the area.
- Lisa took Deputy Mayor Bennett on driving tour of the neighborhood and reported a very positive meeting.
 - He shared that the TIF will be closed by 2022
 - Discussed Morris Street plan. Hoping to build Morris Street plan from Harding to the creek in 2019
 - Discussed trail head near Dairy Queen
 - Looked at potential rehab for the old Assumption School. But in order to make it financially viable would have to include the parcels on Harding that WIDC owns. WIDC will not be pursuing this. TIF funds could not be used to demolish.
 - Discussed encouraging the owner of West Side Auto to locate his garages and junk yard to another location
 - Looked at and discussed commercial development on Oliver which could be market rate housing
 - Drove to Edison and looked and discussed the likelihood of a trailhead there
 - There is a vacant lot next to Billie's. There have been inquiries into the property. We will be looking at what type of housing we could put there that would provide a small revenue stream.
 - According to Deputy Mayor Bennett there is enough TIF money for the projects listed above
- Lisa met with head of the Code Enforcement for the City also known as Dept. Business and Neighborhood Service. They took a similar drive. Discussed needs of the community and a home that is currently doing a junkyard type business.
- Attended Vacant and Deteriorated Properties Training Academy – Learned about what they are doing in other cities as it relates to deteriorated houses. There are very few here in West Indy.
- Met with Ambrose – More of an introduction, they have no plans at this time. They are doing their due diligence and working on an agreement by the end of the year. They will be at the next Valley vision plan meetings

- Met with Ann-Marie Taylor from INRC regarding the lack of preparation, organization, and follow through of the Public Allies during the Community Event.
- Met with Lilly to discuss their interaction and outreach with West Indy – Lilly has hired a Six Sigma to look at how Lilly is interacting and reaching out to the community.

Finance Report

- Morris Street – inflated by about \$10,000 because some of July rents were entered in June. Additionally, WIDC made a little money on William Penn this month.

Treasurer's Report - Curt made a motion to accept the report pending audit, Kelly seconded.

Old Business

- Discussion about what Lisa should bring to the board as it relates to businesses coming to the neighborhood and/or changing their services. Discussion also included how that information is reported in the board minutes.
- Retreat
 - Survey Results – Lisa gave a quick report rather than print the report to save paper. Overall responses were positive. Most responders had positive responses to topics, format, location, food, facility, break and visual aids. Future topics could include more in-depth on diversity and neighborhood crime.

New Business

- Will discuss by-laws committee at next board meeting. Luke and Josh along with Kimberly are interested in being on the committee
- National Night Out – Bob Longdon, with the Rhodius Park Crime Watch will be awarded Crime Fighter of the Year for SouthWest District on August 1st at Shelter 1 by school #49, 5:30 pm.
- Nadine will be starting WINC (West Indianapolis Neighborhood Community) 2.0 Neighborhood Committee. It will be focused near the local neighborhood around Morris Street and Belmont. First meeting will be in September.
- Rick shared that the time is right for him to resign the Board of Directors. Rick has provided many years of leadership on the Board of Directors and several as President of the Board.
- Executive Committee meeting minutes is missing the back page. Lisa will send out the minutes again to the full board.

No board or executive committee meetings in August.

September Executive Committee meeting is set for Monday, September 18th at 2pm at the library.

The board meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 6pm.

Adjourned: 7:45