Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
Riverside Civic League, Inc. April 6th, 2017
Monthly meetings held the 1st Thursday each month 6-8pm

Introduction – President Phyllis Forney-Tate

Guest Speakers

Riverside Family Center – Tony – 317-326-6616
• No presentation

IMPD – Sgt. Matt Grimes – 317-326-6616
• Events/Fliers – What to do Active Shooter Event
• IMPD Northwest District Community Day - May 18th @ Watkins Park!

Prosecutor’s Office – Teah Averett – 317-327-6675, Teah.Averett@indy.gov; Drew Wignall – 317-327-6652, Andrew.wignall@indy.gov
• Drew Wignall – Crime Report Handout; cases that have come from the northwest district. Feel free to call if you have any questions on any cases.
• Can call Drew to sign up for Landlord training or to have a burglary prevention class at your church, etc.

Hoosier Environmental Council - Endra Frank – Project looking at distribution of environmental problems across Indianapolis.
• Goal is to create ways to have land use plan that supports good environmental practices that improve environmental issues in neighborhoods.
• Drafting letter to allow neighborhoods to sign on for support of the project. Will be forwarded to Phyllis F. for RCL consideration once completed.
• For more details email Endra or Paula, or visit website listed on handout.
• Gathering general level recommendations of how the land use plan can help to address environmental issues in neighborhoods.
• Peoples plan academy in September will get down to parcel/property level detail of concerns.

• Drew

Great Indy Clean Up – Phyllis Boyd and Fred McDowell
• Meet at Riverside School 44 @ 7-7:30 for check in, 7:30-8 for coffee and donuts, 8:30 for first wave of volunteers. Rain or shine.

President – Phyllis Forney-Tate; 317-600-7825, Vice President – Aleks Gifford; 317-362-3959
• Lunch from 12:00-12:30pm
• Dumpsters at 21st Street Garden, on Riverside, Alley off of 26th near Harding, etc.
• Will have seeds to give away
• Packer truck coming through Monday to pick up at staged sites that they will be notified of on Saturday.
• 1735 S. West Street - Tox Drop (Paints, Electronics, etc.) – Hours online, but will also post on Nextdoor.

KIB - Cheria with KIB presented for adopt-a-block program and had signup sheets for block captains.
• Benefits are free gloves, trash bags, free trees for planting. Have flower distribution for those that score well on two inspections each year and get a 1 or 2.
• Just started an Adopt a School program.
• Adopt a Median program available as well (can get signs)

Riverside Regional Park Plan Master Plan
• Citizens Steering Committee Meeting tomorrow (technical committee meeting typically happens the day before).
• Remaining Public Community Open House May 4th, and August 10th, 5:00-8:00pm, Riverside Park Family Center, 2420 E Riverside Drive.
• Key to being part of the process and being heard is participation.
• Survey handout – Fill out and return.
• Phyllis F. encouraged those in attendance to visit other parks (smaller and similar size) to be able to see other things that can be, that are not here currently.

EPA Superfund Issue – Alek’s Gifford
• EPA and IDEM still moving forward in deferral process and evaluation of local oversight option.
• www.idem.gov/site0153.html
• The QOL is still holding that the 17 requests are what was requested by the Riverside Neighborhood and those who responded during the original comment period.
• With respect to potential vapor intrusion, it has been requested through Vop Osili that the City be performing tests on City Owned properties (largest landowner) so that we can begin mapping out where there are issues.
• Marion County will come out and test your wells.
• Governors office has allotted $1M per year to begin working on this issue. Funds can be use

Herron Riverside High School - Robin
• Open gym tomorrow night at
• Handout with Hard Data (203 applicants for 200 spots). 50 are from the Riverside Area.
• Have proposed temporary classrooms here at the Riverside Family Center – Handout with everything proposed, concerns taken at previous meetings have been incorporated. Please take one and share it with your neighbors.
• Handout – Current employment opportunities, which will be updated as they move forward and are adding classes, etc.

Riverside Happenings –
• Compilation of list of shut-ins so that we can work with them and see what ways can help them.
• What activities/programs do we want to see at the Family Center:
  o Partnership with Gridiron to do computer coding classes
  o Walking trails within the park (besides just the
  o Computer Classes (all ages)
  o Invite someone from Indy Parks to speak to the Civic League on how to get more
  o Vop stated that 2nd Helpings has more capacity than they have demand right now for delivery of prepared meals, but need a location to deliver to. Could work with Family Center to set something up?
  o After School Study/Tutoring, SAT Prep, etc.
  o Tai Chi
  o Yoga
  o Soccer
  o
• Introduction of those in attendance and where they live.

Reports – No reports presented due to running out of time
• Membership Chair (Peggy filling in for Zoe)
  o Dues - $
• Treasurer (Betty Burhannon)
  o $
  o $
• Secretary (Jeremy Littell)
  o No Time
• Housing (Aleksandr Gifford)
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• Project Liason (Peggy Gamlin)

Adjourned by Phyllis Forney Tate;