Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
Riverside Civic League, Inc. March 2, 2017
Monthly meetings held the 1st Thursday each month 6-8pm

6:00 Introduction – President Phyllis Forney-Tate

6:05 Guest Speakers

Riverside Family Center – Tony – 317-326-6616
- Renovations from Citizens donations, New HVAC system coming, Senior aerobics ($1), free exercise in gym at night 5:30-6:30 week nights.
- Q&A
  - Q: Are there or could there be programs such as unions doing skills training for kids? A: If unions and others want to participate in this way, then yes, as a goal is to diversify into other areas other than the predominant sports.
  - Q: Concern about cost for pool access ($3/day per child, $4/day adult) for those who don’t have funds. – A: Phyllis asked if RCL could lobby monthly passes, etc., could he support this? A: Tony responded yes, he would support.
  - Q: Update on Herron potential use of Center (Tyrone Chandler)? A: Tony stated that no formal proposal has been submitted yet. Phyllis F. stated that she was made aware that contract negotiations are being made, but Robin Knopp stated that nothing has been set out for in writing yet at this point. Request that Riverside representative be in direct. Enrollment at 190 currently. Working on further breakdown, but right now 50% are coming from IPS areas, about 40% are coming from this surrounding area.
    - Eight items from last meeting that were communicated to Herron read by Aleks Gifford. These are available
    - Q: Phyllis H asked why DPW made the decision to hire Ratio for the park plan? Councillor Osili stated that he did not know.
    - Q: Can the controller direct all funds from rental to be used only with Riverside Park? Councillor Osili is going to follow up with the controller.
    - Q: Should all this being put on paper be re-distributed for review by people involved when meeting again? Yes, it should be and RCL will work to do so.
  - Q: Are the corporations that have been resources for Avon parks, etc. going to be approached as part of the plan for Riverside Park during and after the Riverside Park Master Plan by the Indy Parks Foundation? A: Phyllis Forney said that yes it is. Engaging solutions,
  - Q: Michael Sahir asked if there are any other entities interested in this facility after the current renovations? Had heard that the International School was interested in utilizing the facilities. A: Phyllis F-T stated that she is not aware of any at this time.
• Request for Meeting Minutes to be distributed electronically. RCL to restart uploading to website (discoverriverside.org) and bring several copies to next meeting for those without internet.
• Request from Tyrone Chandler

IMPD – Sgt. Matt Grimes – 317-326-6616
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• Events/Fliers -
• Q:

Prosecutor's Office – Teah Averett – 317-327-6675, Teah.Averett@indy.gov; Drew Wignall – 317-327-6652, Andrew.wignall@indy.gov
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7:15 Riverside Park Plan Master Plan
• Debbie Wilson & John Jackson with Engaging Solutions (Working only on Riverside Park Master Plan)
• Q: How did they go about selections for Community Steering Committee. A: Goal was to have community drive ideas and decisions. Went through quality of life plan to select committee members.
• Q: How did process go through quality of life plan, as there was never any approach to the governance board for the plan (Aleks G.) A: Lashawnda Crowe Storm had worked with the quality of life plan and presented names that she thought would be good to engage.
• Q: What are the boundaries of the Riverside Park Plan? A: south of 39th street, east of cold springs, west of Riverside Drive, north of 18th street, including Kuntz.
• Q: Feedback from someone is that the three meetings spread out (from now, to May, to August) is too far apart. A: have worked to engage people like Phyllis FT, Michael Sahir, etc. Also have steering committee representatives who will be bringing information back. In between people can fill out a comment card, use the website, use email addresses, and use the phone numbers of those involved to stay engaged.
• How much was the contract for Ration Architects and for Engaging Solutions A: total allotment is 300k, 100k to Ratio, 40k to Engaging Solutions, Lashawnda Crowe Storm 40k, Groundwork Indy ~30k, ...
• Communications? Through quality of life
QOL Housing – Fred McDowell, Co-Chair

- Have been engaging with Code Enforcement to get a list of those properties dealing with current code violations and try to work with them. Have meeting coming up next Thursday, 6-8pm (2nd Thursday each month), at Flanner House, if you want to get engaged. Code enforcement will be there and if you or a neighbor have been cited by code enforcement and need to know how to work through it. Previous efforts of committee have worked with creation of a housing plan, etc.

- KIB Great Indy Cleanup

Herron High School – Robin Nopp and Katy Dorsey, assistant head of high school – Katie Dorsey: kdorsey@herronhighschool.org; Robin Knoprknop@herronhighschool.org
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- No official presentation, but answered questions brought up during other topics.

6:25 KIB (Keep Indianapolis Beautiful) Great Indy Cleanup – April 8th is the Date This Year

- RCL is asking/seeking residents to be block captains for their blocks. Currently have two main ones (Mrs. Burhannon on 21st street, Valerie on Riverside, Mr. ? on 25th Street) – Role of a block captain is to try and organize the houses on their block to keep their area clean. KIB will donate flowers, gloves, trash bags, etc. to the block captain to distribute and be utilized for taking pride in their street and making it beautiful.

- A few good men is available to help with cleanups (can’t be block captains), and would like to

- April 8th there will be one on Riverside and different blocks around School 44.

- Robin Knopp asked how Herron students can get involved – Stay in touch with Phyllis FT and Phyllis H.

- Request for help cleaning up tires, etc.

6:27 16 Tech – Laura Miller (communications for 16 Tech)

- Q: When will buildings etc. be getting moving? A: Are working on getting contracts finalized, etc. in order for things to get moving on infrastructure and buildings.

- Q: What needs to be done to prepare our children to be able to get these jobs? A: Laura - In the pipeline to deal with, but nothing finalized yet and need to sign more businesses to be able to provide better direction on this. A: Aleks G. - QOL will be working on this as we move forward. A: Laura – There will be a community investment fund established that should contribute about $250k back into the community each year for projects such as this.
• **Q: Status on Superfund Issue?**  
  **A: Do know it is on the radar of the new Governor and he will be speaking to the EPA soon about it. There is anticipation that it will be moving towards local control.**

6:40 **Riverside Happenings –**

8:32 pm **Meeting Adjourned – Motion by Phyllis, 2nd by Aleks**

7:55 **Reports**

- **Membership Chair (Peggy filling in for Zoe)**
  - Dues - $60
  - Attendance – 32
- **Treasurer (Betty Burhannon)**
  - $498.
  - $1231.03
- **Secretary (Jeremy Littell)**
  - Brief overview of previous meeting

- **Housing (Aleksandr Gifford)**
  - Briefly discussed housing

8:07

Adjourned by Phyllis Forney Tate; Closing Prayer by Aleks Gifford