

**Warfleigh Neighborhood Association
2020 Public Meeting
Zoom Meeting**

Tuesday, April 13th ,6:30 pm

Meeting Called by:
Steve Brining

Board Members:
Steve Brining, Laura Rogers, Lynn Levy, Tammy Sajdyk, Michael Johnson, Lynn Dimond

Other public attendees: Jim Polito, Megan Sullivan, Liz Pinnick, Margo Enright, Melissa Hummel, Kristi Rubino, Megan Sullivan, Chartley Bondurant, Gloria (?)

1. Welcome – Steve Brining
2. Committee Reports
3. Ongoing business
 - a. **Painting levee wall update (Lynn Dimond, Lynn Levy)**
 - i. Have spoken to Big Car, DPW
 - ii. Discussed condition of wall, what can be put on it
 - iii. Can't do anything until control shifts to DPW/ City of Indianapolis
 - iv. Only the street-level retaining walls along Riverview Drive (in between Central Ave and Broadway St. and near Meridian St. West Drive)
 - b. **IndyGo charging station at 64th and College (Steve Brining)**
 - i. Reminder: IndyGo bought the old Fifth Third Bank building to refurbish the property to allow for Red Line electric bus charging
 - ii. Jim Polito raised concerns about how neighbor residents can get informed about neighborhood-related activities that the WNA are involved with
 - c. **Flood wall certification update reminder – fall 2021 estimated completion (from Jim Polito)**
 - i. He gets updates from Mike Massone of DPW about once per quarter; next “check in” by Jim will be in May or June
 - ii. Activity is moving slowly, but progress is on track
 - iii. Timelines for floodwall recertification and redrawn flood maps: currently expected to be completed in Fall/Winter 2021-2022
 - iv. Much of the re-examination and maintenance has to be done for sections of the project first started back in 1996
 - v. Important question to ask: how will City ensure flood gates that were recently stolen won't be stolen again (and further delay progress)?
 - vi. Address any other questions to Jim Polito in advance of his quarterly update with Mike Massone
 - d. **Neighborhood sign update (Lynn Levy)**
 - i. We're continuing to solicit for quotes that are more affordable
 - ii. \$7,000 to \$9,000 recent total cost estimates to fabricate, permit and install 6 signs

4. New business/ action items

a. KIB tree planting along Central Avenue update

- i. Has begun this week along Central Ave, between 64th Street and Riverview Drive
- ii. 22 dogwoods, 22 redbud trees
- iii. Attendee Gloria (?) mentioned a neighbor located on this stretch wished for better communication in case they didn't want trees in front of their home

a. Annual meeting options | May or Fall

- i. Still trying to determine best date and location; hoping to get attendees in person
- ii. Considering meeting outdoors possibly at Opti-Park and asking everyone to bring their own chairs
- iii. Board and Volunteer opportunities
 - 1. Question was asked if WNA sends any "Welcome" info to new residents after move-in, to help them feel more welcome/gain their involvement
 - 2. WNA doesn't currently do this
 - 3. Suggestions given about getting donations from local businesses (e.g. Fresh Thyme, BRICS) to include in a welcome packet such as coupons, etc.
 - 4. Suggested that resident realtors could take on this effort
 - 5. Packets would include neighborhood branding and promotions for local businesses along with a welcome gift and information about WNA
 - 6. A draft intro letter is available for inclusion in such a "Welcome" kit
 - 7. Does BRVA has something similar that we can leverage?
 - 8. Gloria (?) and Melissa Hummel expressed interest in serving on a Welcome Committee

b. MSPC (Meridian Street Preservation Commission) neighborhood representative spot available

- i. There is still an opening for the state mandated Warfleigh representative to this group.
- ii. Please contact Steve Brining for more information and if interested

c. Discussion about what will happen with development after flood insurance requirement goes away.

- i. Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC) and possible demolition review process
- ii. IHPC is exploring historic designation for MKNA currently
- iii. Megan Sullivan shared a link related to this: <https://citybase-cms-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/68f4332ed0d345bfadafb0271c09dc7f.pdf> .
- iv. Want to spur discussion about what might happen when restrictions are removed on what can be done with existing homes
- v. Historic maps created don't have much authority (e.g. wouldn't stop homes from getting knocked down)
- vi. Discussion occurred on how existing laws, regulations and code would or wouldn't protect interested residents from developers or others who might build structures that don't fit the historical/existing look of the neighborhood

- vii. Would the Cottage Home historic neighborhood be an example to look to for what we might want to do/and not do?
- viii. Link to official Indianapolis historic conservation districts:
<https://www.indy.gov/activity/historic-conservation-districts>
- ix. Suggestion: would Megan Sullivan be willing to reach out to MKNA for insight that could help us begin to research and brainstorm on this issue?
- x. May want to hold the next public meeting sooner to address this in a more timely fashion.
- xi. If anyone has more interest on this topic, please contact Steve Brining or Megan Sullivan

d. Other Topics:

- i. Would DPW/the City (through the new floodwall TIF) cover maintenance items along the levee, such as trash receptacles to decrease the amount of litter along the levee trail (similar to those along the Monon Trail)?
 - 1. Probably wouldn't be allowed, due to FEMA guidelines preventing anything from being installed/placed on top of the levee
 - 2. Alternative could be to consider placing receptacles at access points to (but not on) the levee trail
 - 3. Laura Rogers and/or Jim Polito volunteered to look into this
5. Review Meeting
6. Set Agenda for next public board meeting – typical schedule would be in June but may meeting sooner. Virtual vs in person and location to be determined
7. **Adjourn:** meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm