

**Warfleigh Neighborhood Association
June 2021 Public Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 8
6:30 pm
via Zoom**

Meeting chaired by Steve Brining

Board Members in attendance:

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

Public attendees: Tricia Lautenbach, Jim Polito, Gloria Griesinger, Erin Wessels, Megan Sullivan, Libby Hiple, Francie Cohen, Michael Welling, Tom Healy, Randy Wasmuth, Teresa Weaver, MaryAnn Wiskerchen, Teresa ??

1. Welcome and introduction of Board Members – SB (Steve Brining)
2. Ongoing business
 - a. Red Line Charging Station proposed stop sign and traffic improvements – SB (Steve Brining)
 - Work is about finished at the new charging station at the former Key Bank building on Northwest corner of 64th & College
 - IndyGo had a public meeting in late Fall 2020 to take comments/questions
 - WNA Board then met with IndyGo and reps from DPW to discuss neighborhood concerns with the following commitments from IndyGo and DPW:
 - Installation of stop sign at 64th & Broadway
 - Lengthened traffic signal at 64th & College, especially for eastbound traffic
 - “No Parking” signs between Broadway and alley between Broadway and College
 - All requested traffic measures still pending, need to go before City-County Council for vote
 - b. Levee Maintenance update – LR (Laura Rogers)
 - Conversations with Mike Massone of DPW regarding lack of frequent mowing on street-side and river side of levee. Mike said rain has set them back
 - Mike confirmed they have correct equipment for mowing
 - Guidelines exist for proper maintenance of the levee
 - Jim Polito of “Save Warfleigh” website reported that the recent update from DPW stated it could be from Fall 2022 to as late as May 2023 before flood map recertification is completed
 - Passive floodgates still need to be tested; other open items also still exist
 - Everything should be completed by City/DPW/Army Corp of Engineers by Dec 2021, then all info should be turned over to FEMA
 - FEMA is the hold up, not the City/DPW/Army Corp of Engineers
 - Suggest contacting office of U.S. Representative Victoria Spartz to push final recertification to occur much sooner

- Jim Polito provides quarterly updates. View the “What’s New” tab on any of the following websites:
 - www.savewarfleigh.org
 - www.finishthefloodwall.org
 - www.warfleigh.org
- c. Welcome Committee report – RW (Randy Wasmuth)
- Randy said an initial draft letter has been created to deliver to all new residents for welcome
 - Planning to partner with BRVA and area businesses to compile a “Welcome” packet to eventually be distributed
 - Also intend to create letter to send to existing residents to generate more neighborhood excitement and awareness
 - Open to ideas and help from others for this initiative
 - Contact Randy by email, phone or text to join the Welcome Committee or to assist with distribution of letters/packets (will also be posted on www.warfleigh.com)
 - 317-258-8631
 - rwasmuth@highgarden.com
- d. Levee art update – LD (Lynn Dimond)
- Artwork would be on the street-level retaining wall, not the upper/decorative walls
 - A committee has been formed and has met a few times to determine scope of project and to reach out to possible advisors or partners
 - Have met with Big Car and reached out to DPW
 - City must take control of levee before any work can begin
- e. Callout for 2021 Sidewalk Survey volunteers (previous was 2019) – SB (Steve Brining)
- Steve showed 2019 survey map and pictures - its focus was mostly along Park Ave and Central Ave
 - Work consists of taking and submitting photos of all locations of deteriorated neighborhood sidewalks in a specified area
 - Intent is to get City to repair/replace these sidewalks
 - Shaving down of raised areas was the city’s response to the first survey
 - Link to 2019 survey
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YOkIUExPp9C0EuE_7i5F-HPiv1LEPuy9/view?usp=sharing
- f. Callout for Block Captains – LD (Lynn Dimond)
- Warfleigh has approximately 1,000 neighbors (according to NextDoor).
 - How do we get more engagement?
 - How to break such a large neighborhood into smaller subsets to get info disseminated more easily and efficiently?
 - Suggestion to include a neighborhood map in the Welcome Packet
 - All agreed to the suggestion to call the positions Block “Stewards” instead of Block “Captains”, as tie to being better “stewards” of the community and in effort to get away from “security or policing” connotation

g. Meridian Arch update – guest from Holliday Park Foundation (Tricia Lautenbach and Libby Hiple)

- Neighborhood connectivity is the main focus of the project
- First phase – multi-modal (walking/biking/etc) trails and construction of gathering space along White River under Meridian St. bridge
 - 6 total phases planned; one includes improvements to Meridian Street walkway along bridge
 - The biking trail would be raised to avoid flooding concerns
- City is supportive but does not have available funding for entire project
- \$500,000 seed money has been committed as a DPW Neighborhood Partnership matching grant
- A YouTube video is available to view to promote the project:
https://youtu.be/Y_eG0I5V0Eo
- Plans have been drawn; engineering studies not yet complete
- Hope to finish fundraising in 2021 and break ground in 2022 depending on fundraising success

h. Guest speaker – Tom Healy on development in Midtown

- Gave history of project to create guidelines for improvements and development in Broad Ripple village commercial district
 - Process started in 2008
 - Envision Broad Ripple Plan created including, among other recommendations
 - Parking garage
 - Small boutique hotel
 - Riverwalk (multi-modal trail to connect Monon Trail to BR Park)
 - EBR plan approved by City in 2012
 - Even though Warfleigh is considered part of BRVA umbrella, EBR plan only included west side of College Ave
 - EBR Plan to be updated – that process starting soon and to be headed up by chair of BRVA LUD committee
- Other upcoming Midtown projects
 - Riverwalk
 - Construction to begin this year
 - Developers of new BR Park Family Center contributing \$144,000 which allows further funding from Nina Mason Pulliam Trust
 - College Ave bridge over Central Canal to be eventually replaced; construction to begin in 2021 or 2022 according to DPW
 - Broad Ripple Ave drainage/reconstruction from College Ave east to Primrose (near Broad Ripple Park entrance)
- City considers their ROI for any projects they fund/subsidize, that then attract private investments and lead to higher property assessed values/property taxes.
- City infrastructure investments and flood map recertification will result in even more interest in living/buying in Warfleigh
- City has created new “Infill Housing Guidelines” to help promote density while retaining neighborhood character, as well as increasing housing availability and affordability

- Under the city's Transit Oriented Development Guidelines and other documents, property owners within a certain distance of the center of the Red Line may be given more flexibility relative to residential density (but not required)
 - Suggestions for Warfleigh residents to stay apprised of development activity:
 - Attend/stay informed about content of Broad Ripple Village Association Land Use Committee meetings
 - Stay informed on Envision Broad Ripple Plan update process
 - Check in with City-County Councillor Keith Potts
 - Contact Tom Healy at tom@midtownindy.org
3. Confirm date and time of next public meeting (Fresh Thyme or Zoom in 2 months) August 10th, 6:30- 7:30 PM
- Preference from today's attendees to have hybrid future Public meetings both in person and via Zoom
 - Date and time will be posted on www.warfleigh.com, Nextdoor and Facebook

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm