

## Warfleigh Neighborhood Association – Annual Meeting - March 14, 2023

- Welcome, call to order, and opening remarks
  - Hiple/Denson
  - Called to order by motion and approved
- Neighborhood 2022 – 2023 Achievements & Highlights
  - Hiple
    - Received 10k grant for neighborhood signs, which have been installed
    - Prioritized communication
      - Initiated an email newsletter
      - Created social media accounts
      - Planned bi-monthly social meetups
      - Created Block Steward program
    - Warfleigh resident Michael Welling appointed by Governor – MSPC
    - Established/re-established relations with key strategic partners
      - Midtown Indy, DPW, & adjacent neighborhood associations
    - Website development
- Guest Speakers
  - District 7 Councilor Barth –
    - Redistricting – now the district cuts across 63<sup>rd</sup> street. Everyone north of there will vote for District 2, south of there is District 7.
      - It will be effective in May for the primary
      - Councilor Barth is unopposed at present.
      - 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans will be running for District 7, including Brienne Delaney who is present at the meeting
    - Reckless driving/street racing – spiked during the pandemic
      - Barth has worked on the enforcement side, getting overtime budgeting dollars
      - Also has worked with DPW about investing in infrastructure in a way that signals to people to drive appropriately. Passed an update to the Complete Streets Ordinance, which requires that road constructions/improvements need to be thinking of all users of the roads
    - Has been a large budget increase for public safety
      - There has been a large push to invest in mental health treatment

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- Now we're testing using multidisciplinary teams that include clinicians leading the team
  
- Adam Barnes – ED of Holliday Park Foundation
  - The public/private relationship exists with IndyParks to go above and beyond what the parks department can do
  - Governed by a board, with two full-time staff
  - The foundation has raised somewhere over \$15M over 30+ years
  - The events and employment opportunities can be found at <https://www.hollidaypark.org/>
  - Upcoming:
    - Outdoor classroom will be dedicated to Susan Bayh; slated to break ground in the next month or so
    - Meridian Arch Connector project
      - Original goal of a pedestrian pathway under the Meridian Street bridge is changing because of DPW adding a signal at that intersection
    - Playground renovation has received a grant from the Lilly Foundation that will be used for this. Going through the design process now, budgeting, etc.
    - Ice Rink: went well in its first year, and it'll return this year.
  
- Brandon Herget - DPW Director
  - Priority areas and project updates:
    - 96k potholes fills just this year alone – nearly 2k tons of asphalt dropped
    - DPW budget increased for strip patching this year
    - \$1.1B 5-year capital infrastructure plan has been implemented
      - Federal funds; INDOT funds have contributed which will strengthen the local projects
    - Meridian Street from White River north to 96<sup>th</sup> street – set to be completed by December of this year.
      - 64<sup>th</sup> and Arden Drive will have new signals and signage, with signal upgrades at several intersections going north from there
        - Impact: 1 lane of traffic will be maintained throughout construction.
        - Construction will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Broad Ripple Ave construction. Delayed due to finds in utility work. Set to resume the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April.
      - April 4<sup>th</sup> is potential date to close traffic, which would put the target for substantial completion by August.

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- Westfield over the canal – existing bridge will be removed. Contractor can only work from February 4, 2024 for 100 days to complete the project.
  - IndyGo intends to fulfill commitment to do a traffic study but may wait until after Broad Ripple Avenue reopens for greater accuracy.
  - Question about sidewalks: hopefully the capital plan will allow us to budget for sidewalk improvement over the next five years
- Annual Voting
  - Slate Review – Class A&B Directors
  - New Board Candidate Introductions
    - Courtney Sahn
      - Involved in residential real estate and wants to get involved in the neighborhood
    - Brad Coffing
      - Lived here since 2011 with wife and 2 small kids
      - Does economic, housing research
  - Existing Board introductions
    - Lynn Levy – longtime board member, encouraged by the momentum of the current board, lived here since 1985.
    - Keith “Griff” Griffiths - lived here since 2005, interested in keeping the neighborhood nice, friendly and safe
  - Virtual and in-person ballot collection
- Jerry, resident at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Washington, had a couple of questions about zoning, particularly the Chase Bank
- Call to Adjourn



# Holliday Park Overview & Update



# About Holliday Park

- **One of three environmental education mission-based parks in Indy Parks**
  - **94 acres**
  - **Open green space and gardens**
  - **3+ miles of hiking trails**
  - **White River**
  - **Playground**
  - **Nature Center & Outdoor Learning Lab**
  - **Ruins**
- **4 Full Time Staff**
- **350,000 Visitors Annually**
  - **17,000 Environmental Education Program Participants**
    - **6,000 School/Scout/Outreach**
  - **50,000 Nature Center Visitors (self-guided)**



# About the Holliday Park Foundation

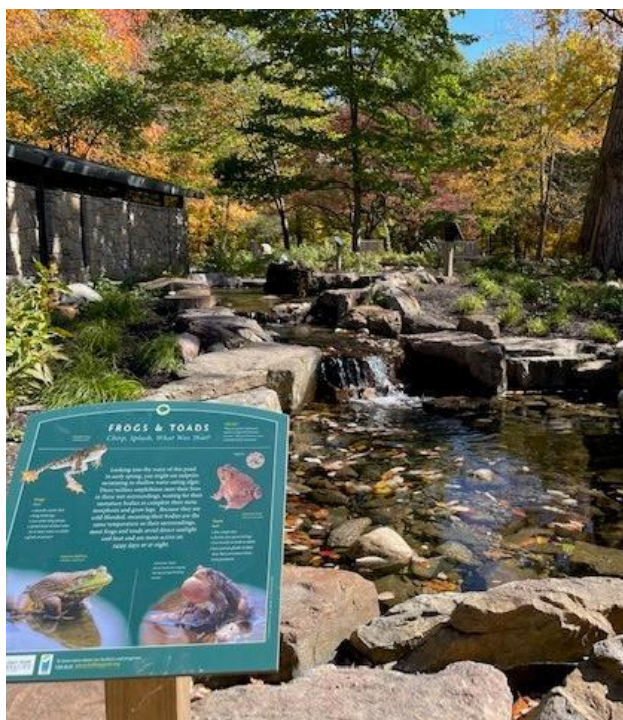
- Incorporated in 1990
- **Mission:** The Holliday Park Foundation is committed to preserving, enhancing, and maintaining Holliday Park as a place for community, recreation, and the study of nature.
- **Vision:** To ensure a safe, clean, green and accessible park for all.
- **Core Values:**
  - We foster **COMMUNITY** by connecting individuals, local organizations, and communities with each other and Holliday Park, ensuring the Park is inclusive and welcoming to all.
  - We provide opportunities for outdoor **RECREATION** through direct, hands-on experiences and by creating and maintaining vibrant public spaces.
  - We promote the importance of **NATURE** through careful stewardship of resources and support of environmental education programs that spark personal relationships with the natural world.
- Two Full Time Staff
- 26 Member Board of Directors
- Name change from 'Friends of Holliday Park' to 'Holliday Park Foundation' in April 2020.

# A Concerned Group of Neighbors

- 1980's- Park had fallen into a state of disrepair and abuse
- Neighbors started a grassroots campaign to advocate for park safety and improvements
- 1990- Friends of Holliday Park was incorporated
- After a two-year fundraising campaign the original playground was dedicated in 1992







## Capital Projects:

- 1992/2006: Playground
- 2000: Nature Center
- 2008-present: Trails
- 2015: Habitat Hall
- 2016: Ruins Renovation
- 2020: Playground Pavilion and Restrooms
- 2021: Outdoor Learning Lab

In total, the Holliday Park Foundation has raised over \$15M to support Holliday Park



# Holliday Park Happenings: Programs & Events

- Spring School Field Trips in Full Swing
- Summer Day Camp Registration Ongoing
- Holliday Park Trail Run: Hit the Trail and Help the Park this Friday and Saturday!
- Spring/Summer Family Programs:
  - Friday Night Campfires
  - Wildflower Hikes
  - Creature Feature
  - Bilingual Naturalist Programs
- Rock the Ruins Summer Concert Series





# Holliday Park Happenings: Projects

- Susan Bayh Outdoor Classroom
- Meridian Arch Connector:  
Evolving Scope
- Playground Renovation
- Ice Rink 2023





# Join Our Team!

- **Full Time Positions:**
  - Assistant Park Manager
  - Naturalist
- **Seasonal Positions:**
  - Environmental Education Day Camp Counselors
    - May 22-July 28
    - Sign On and Referral Bonuses Available

[Indy.Gov/Activity/Parks-Job-Opportunities](https://www.indy.gov/activity/parks-job-opportunities)

- **Volunteers Always Welcome!**
  - Garden and Grow
  - Naturalist
  - Office
  - Special Events



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