

**Warfleigh Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom**

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm

Board Members present:

Libby Hiple, Laura Rogers, Lynn Levy, Lynn Dimond, Tammy Sajdyk, Sara White Freeman, Griff Griffiths

Board members absent: Steve Brining, Chuck Flynn

Public attendees: Jim Polito, Gloria Griesinger, Skip Bartz

1. **Meeting called to order** – motion made by Lynn Levy, seconded by Laura Rogers and Lynn Dimond

2. Committee Reports

a. **Communications** – Lynn Dimond

- i. Goal is to keep everyone informed and connected
- ii. Currently have over 150 neighbors signed up to receive the Mail Chimp communications
- iii. Goal is to have 200 Mail Chimp subscribers by the June 12 Board Meeting
- iv. To get involved, use the “contact” form on the website (www.warfleigh.com) or email Lynn directly at ldimond58@gmail.com

b. **Outreach** – Sara White Freeman

- i. Majority of work so far is helping other committees circulate their information to the neighborhood although future events will hopefully be coming soon.
- ii. Block Steward Program Update
 - (a) Neighborhood is divided into 10 Zones
 - (b) Currently have at least 1 block steward for each zone but some zones are quite large so would love to recruit more.
 - (c) All neighbors should have received 2 communications so far – first is an announcement with their Block Steward’s contact information and the second is a flyer for the neighborhood party hosted by Wasmuth Realty Group on Sunday, June 5. There will be music, food trucks and all neighbors are welcome. WNA will have a table set up at the party for everyone to meet board members, learn about committees and how to get more involved.
 - (d) For more information on the Block Steward program, contact Erin Wessels, Block Steward Coordinator at evrzal@hotmail.com

c. **Beautification** – Lynn Levy

- i. This committee’s work is related to anything that enhances the appearance of our neighborhood such as trash cleanup, graffiti mitigation, etc.
- ii. Currently a committee of 5 but would love to have anyone interested join. Feel free to contact through the website to get involved.
- iii. First committee meeting will be within the next 2 weeks.

d. **Infrastructure** – Laura Rogers

- i. Committee focus is condition of streets, sidewalks, lighting, levee maintenance.

ii. Laura will be recruiting members to assist in completing the sidewalk survey that was done a couple of years ago so that it can be submitted to the City of Indianapolis for further improvements beyond those that we done as a result of the first submission.

e. **Development** – Tammy Sajdyk

i. Committee focus is fund generation whether through grants, donations, etc.

ii. Tammy is currently investigating 2 grants offered by the City of Indianapolis. One would be targeted to the neighborhood signs that have been on the wish list for several years and the other would be to consider traffic calming measures at the intersection of 64th & Riverview. Once it's determined whether or not Warfleigh qualifies for either of these, Tammy will work to gather the necessary information required for application. Neighborhood input will be sought on the traffic calming measures if that grant is a possibility.

iii. Right now this committee is composed solely of Tammy so anyone interested in helping should reach out via the website or directly to Tammy at tsajdyk@iu.edu

3. Meridian Arch Project Update – Libby Hiple

- a. DPW grant was funded right before the COVID lockdown. This grant was targeted to connectivity of adjacent neighborhoods including Broad Ripple and the soon to be constructed River Walk, Marrott Park, Warfleigh and Arden.
- b. Holliday Park Foundation has confirmed that, even with the delay and its proximity to the funding deadline, the money is still available.
- c. In the meantime, DPW has funded a resurfacing project for Meridian Street from the bridge over White River just south of 64th Street to 96th Street.
- d. While it is not part of the resurfacing project, the #1 priority element to be added to the project is a traffic signal at 64th & Meridian. The decision as to whether this will be added to the project is expected to be made in late September/early October. DPW will hold public meetings in advance of the decision and good representation from the surrounding neighborhoods (including Warfleigh) will help achieve a positive ruling. WNA will keep the neighborhood posted on these meetings as they are scheduled to ensure good attendance.
- e. Holliday Park Foundation is also approaching the Lilly Foundation for additional funding. One of their high priorities is bringing communities together and this project is a natural for that focus. Additional meetings to discuss greater connectivity will be held at the Holliday Park Nature Center and WNA will publicize them on all of our social media platforms and the website as they are scheduled.

4. Kessler Bridge project – Skip Bartz

- a. Skip asked whether anyone knew if it will still be possible to cross under Kessler by foot once the bridge reconstruction is complete.
- b. Lynn Levy stated that she remembered that this was not a part of the project but committed to investigating further and reaching back out to Skip with her findings.

5. College Avenue Bridge Reconstruction Project Traffic Issues – Gloria Griesinger

- a. Gloria brought attendees up to speed on the efforts she and Steve Brining have made to bring awareness and publicity to this issue. Steve had been filming the traffic on Laverock from CVS to the intersection of 62nd & Park.
- b. Unsafe driving, ignoring stop signs, harm to animals along the canal, deterioration of streets not meant for the amount or type of traffic they are now receiving are just some of the problems the project and the fact that the detour is too far away from the actual construction site are causing.
- b. Unfortunately, there is nothing but finger pointing between DPW and Citizens regarding who is responsible for dealing with the situation.
- c. Gloria asked that more neighbors report how the traffic being caused by those ignoring the detours is affecting them so that more complaints are filed.
- d. It was also mentioned that perhaps IMPD could be contacted as it has become a public safety issue with pedestrians being threatened by vehicles.
- e. Gloria stated that more filming is needed at 63rd & Central and 63rd & Broadway.
- f. Gloria also stated that contacting the local news stations is a great way to get publicity for this issue.
- g. Jim Polito suggested that rather than individual requests on the Request Indy app, it would be more effective to flood the appropriate parties with emails. He said this was an effective tool when working on the levee project. However, he added that since this is a project of limited duration and not a permanent configuration, the authorities might not feel a need to address it further.

6. Future meetings in person vs. virtual – Libby Hipple asked people to consider what they would prefer for the future. Refinery 46, while not in our neighborhood, has offered to host in person meetings. Most likely there will be an in-person as well as virtual component. More discussion of this issue will follow in the coming months.

7. Voting Member Meetings – Jim Polito asked for clarification on the Board Meeting schedule and reminded the board that in order to comply with the bylaws, at least 2 of our every other month Board Meetings must be called a “Voting Member Meeting.” Everyone agreed that this was an issue of semantics but that it would be addressed.

8. Meeting adjournment – meeting adjournment was moved by Lynn Levy and seconded by Tammy Sajdyk. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 pm