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# **March Board Meeting Notes**

#### Fort Wayne 2-way Conversion/Super Stop Project

Austin Gibble, a Project Manager with IndyGo, joined the meeting to outline the project and answer any questions. Here's an overview of what was learned:

- Fort Wayne will be converted to a 2-way (Alabama to Pennsylvania, previously it was only going to be to Delaware). Likely to happen in Sept/Oct and take about 3 weeks.
- Some street parking will be removed near St. Clair and a widened curb cut will happen near Pennsylvania
- The board requested assistance with repairing the bricks at the triangle median and Austin will communicate with DPW to see if that is possible
- Additionally, IndyGo stops along Delaware will be consolidated to two
  "Super Stops" with enhanced accessability and amenities. This project
  also involves resurfacing Delaware St. A detailed presentation is
  available online.

### **Beautification Committee Update**

- The neighborhood has filed an application to adopt the triangle median at St. Clair/Fort Wayne/Alabama. More information to come about how to support this project once the approval comes through.
- Neighborhood spring clean-up date is set for Saturday, April 10 8:30-10:30. More details will be sent closer to time, but in the meantime, save the date!

### **Hospitality Committee Update**

- The innaugural meeting of the Hospitality Committee took place on Feb 12 where ideas for 2021 community engagement were discussed. All plans will be evaluated in step with state safety guidelines.
- Sign-ups for summer porch (or backyard) parties will be announced soon. BYOB will be encouraged and food offerings eliminated both for health & safety and ease of hosting.
- Other ideas discussed include a book club and hosted events at local businesses, such as happy hours at bars & restaurants or meet-ups at art galleries.
- The first event will be an ice cream social on May 23, tentatively scheduled to happen at the corner of 10th & Alabama. More details to come.

### **Treasurer's Report**

 Membership grew in 2020 and that trend appears to be continuing. A separate update on membership will be sent in a couple weeks.

- The board will visit local businesses with the goal of increasing those memberships.
- There is an effort underway to consolidate bank accounts and ensure current board members are listed on accounts. Also, all required tax/business entity filings were completed.

#### **Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC)**

- Updates were shared following a meeting with a representative from INRC about resources available.
- Multiple programs and workshops are planned for this year with the opportunity to earn grant money for neighborhood improvement. These programs are available to any member of the community, not just board members.
- To learn more about the INRC and the next big program, Indianapolis Community Building Initiative (ICBI), <u>visit their website</u>. If you have interested in participating, <u>contact the board</u>.

# **INDOT / North Split Updates**

These are relevant highlights from recent INDOT communications:

- You may have heard some hammering the past couple nights. Alabama Street will close nightly from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge demolition work on the I-65 bridge over Alabama Street. Work is expected to be complete on or after Tuesday, March 9, weather dependent. While Alabama Street is closed to traffic between 11th and 12th streets, local northbound and southbound traffic should use Central and Fort Wayne avenues as the detour route around the temporary closures.
- INDOT will utilize a "zipper merge" for many upcoming lane closures.
   Learn more about how a zipper merge helps keep traffic moving here on their website.
- There are multiple resources for staying updated on the North Split project:

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## **Save The Date**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 10 8:30-10:30am
- Neighborhood Meeting (Zoom) Tuesday, May 4
- Ice Cream Social Sunday, May 23 Time TBD

## **Board Meetings Schedule**

As a reminder, the St. Joseph Board will meet monthly on first Tuesdays via Zoom. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6. For any issues or concerns you'd like discussed, please email the board prior to the meeting. Email: <a href="mailto:stjoeboard@gmail.com">stjoeboard@gmail.com</a>

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