

Irvington Neighborhood Plan
Economic Development Committee
April 22, 2004

Facilitator: JauNae Hanger

Attendance: Pat Brown, Sabina Calhoun, Craig Heindel, Michael Mace, Dale Harkins, Philip Hooper, Jane Ann Hughes, Jennifer Meehan Mills, Joyce Newland, Christopher Short, Rosemary Spalding, Julia Waggoner

Handouts at this Meeting:

March meeting notes

Irvington neighborhood survey

Framework for goals and objectives

Irvington Economic Development Action Plan - Summary of Goals (Facilitated by Ball State University-Fall, 2002)

Economic Development Committee - Discussion points

Building condition information

Discussion:

- A. The Irvington Neighborhood Survey was distributed.
- B. It was suggested that the survey be placed on the Irvington Neighborhood Plan web site, <http://www.historicirvington.org/>
- C. The survey should be distributed at the Library, National City Bank and the schools.
 - 325-Our Lady of Lourdes
 - 125-Charter School
 - 225-School 57
- D. A return address needs to be added to the survey.
- E. The neighborhood plan web site needs to be linked to other Irvington web sites.
- F. The Speaker Series needs to be advertised in the Indianapolis Star and the Eastside Herald.
- G. The committee discussed the draft combined vision statement:
Irvington is a vibrant, clean, safe and walkable community that is a destination with a unique identity that embodies its historic past.
- H. The vision statement ought to have more statements regarding economic development.
- I. There ought to be some mention of the commercial district.
- J. Should it include a statement stating that the community welcomes businesses?
- K. The vision statement should mention that a good mix of businesses is desirable.
- L. The vision statement needs to state that the commercial area should be family-friendly.

Visit <http://www.historicirvington.org/> for more information regarding the plan.

- M. The fact that the commercial area should provide goods and services to people that live in the neighborhood and others also should be mentioned.
- N. It should state that the commercial area needs to be attractive.
- O. The vision statement can include more than one sentence.
- P. Summary building condition information was distributed and discussed. It was suggested that a chart showing building conditions by land use category would be helpful.
- Q. The Economic Development committee decided to divide into subcommittees to facilitate completion of work on draft goals, objectives, projects and programs. The five subcommittees are:
 - Conditions (combined with General Neighborhood)
 - General Business
 - New Business Development
 - Promotion
 - Revitalization and Restoration
- R. These subcommittees will meet before the May 13 meeting to develop recommendations.

Next Economic Development Committee Meeting:

The next meeting of the Irvington Neighborhood Plan Economic Development Committee will be Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Irvington United Methodist Church.

Notes taken by Bob Wilch, Department of Metropolitan Development, City of Indianapolis