

AGENDA
Historic Irvington Committee
Irvington Neighborhood Plan
May 27, 2004

Facilitator: Paul Diebold

Attendance:

Members: Paul Diebold, Emily Mack, Karen Martin, Jennifer Ruby, Gary Weir

Handouts / Visuals at this Meeting:

4/21/04 Historic Irvington Meeting Notes

Chart summarizing identified goals, objectives, and task to date

Discussion:

1. Committee member introduced themselves.
2. Paul Diebold reviewed the 4/21/04 meeting minutes and asked for approval.
3. Paul Diebold reminded the committee that at the last meeting, goals, objectives and tasks had been identified for the “Remember” and “Educate” categories. He stated at this meeting the committee should review and complete the “Preserve/Protect” and “Promote” categories.
4. Diebold stated that this would be the last meeting of this committee and that the information gathered by this committee would be passed along to the steering committee for incorporation into the neighborhood plan. There is an expectation that some of the goals and objectives provided by this committee may overlap those of other committees.

Preserve / Protect

5. Diebold stated that there is currently an issue with a historic log cabin building located at 310 N Arlington. The owner has applied for a wrecking permit. Per city processes, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the neighborhood association has been contacted. The permit will not be issued for five working days. This will allow HLF and Irvington to contact the owner and try to negotiate to stop the wrecking of the building.

Promote

6. The committee noted that various not-for-profit organizations conduct neighborhood clean-ups each year and that these efforts should be coordinated. The different groups should be relied upon to build the volunteer base for these efforts.
7. The committee noted that Keep Indianapolis Beautiful has grants to support neighborhood clean ups.
8. Consideration should be given to utilizing a block captain network to organize more regular or seasonal clean-up efforts.
9. The committee discussed better dissemination of information to organizations and individual property owners. It was suggested that a web site or e-newsletter could help with this. Also, the possibility of a print newsletter was considered. Bill Brooks, local neighborhood newsletter publisher, to be contacted to find out about costs, etc. The committee noted that coordination of publicity costs and marketing would create a better value for local merchants and not-for-profit groups.

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10. It was noted that Irvington needs to better utilize the East Side Indianapolis Star section – building a relationship with the reporters.
11. A committee member inquired about the possibility of obtaining a grant to prepare an improved architectural brochure for Irvington.
12. The committee discussed revitalizing an existing walking tour signage system. The system originally designed in the 1980's and called the "Hysterical Irvington Jogging Tour", could be expanded and its existence better communicated.
13. It was noted that the neighborhood should also look into "awards," not just grants, to fund projects.
14. The committee discussed neighborhood signs. It was noted that it would be more pleasing to the eye to coordinate neighborhood signs and historic Irvington plaques placed on individual buildings.
15. Including a distinctive image on street signs was considered.
16. The committee discussed banner signs. It was noted they should be implemented on Washington from Ritter to Arlington and on the circles and parkways in the neighborhood.
17. Historic National Road Badge Signs were discussed. It was stated that there are none currently in Irvington because originally there were a limited number available and because this stretch of Washington St is a city street; not a state road. The committee expressed interest in asking the City-County Council to install badge signs in Irvington.
18. The committee discussed the installation of scenic byway signs off nearby interstates that would point travelers in the direction of US 40 and Irvington.
19. The committee noted that while all the discussion has been important, their top five goals are as follows:
 - REMEMBER: Compile Historic Images
 - PROTECT: Development of National Register Nominations for surrounding neighborhoods.
 - SUSTAIN: Existing buildings and preservation efforts.
 - IDENTIFY: Create and install signage and gateways.

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