

**Irvington Neighborhood Plan  
Parks and Open Space Discussion  
April 15, 2004**

**Facilitator:** Kent Knorr; Ellenberger Park Manager

**Attendance:** Jennifer Richardson

**Handouts:**

Irvington Neighborhood Plan Participant Survey

Irvington Neighborhood Survey

Draft Framework for the Committee Report

**Discussion:**

1. Discussion centered on a draft framework for the committee report that includes information taken from February 21 Irvington Town Hall meeting notes, March 18 Parks and Open Space Committee meeting notes, Washington Street Corridor Project, the Pennsy Trail, Ball State University Project, Ellenberger Park 2000 Master Plan Amendment, and Indianapolis-Marion County Park, Open Space Plan Draft.
2. Ellenberger Park discussion:
  - There is a walking tour brochure for Ellenberger Park that is approximately 80% complete. It identifies the trees in the park. It would be good if it could be completed so that people may use it.
  - The park has examples of most of Indiana's native trees.
  - It is said that Disciples of Christ missionaries brought tree seeds from foreign countries to be planted in the park.
  - It would be nice if there could be a connection between the Farmers Market and the Speaker Series. One might bolster the audience for the other.
3. The Irvington Garden Club has had an active and successful tree planting program in the neighborhood. This positive work should continue.
4. It would be nice if there could be a picnic area at the Kile Oak. It would have to be in an area that did not damage the tree in any way.
5. The neighborhood needs to develop a list of sidewalks that need to be replaced and submit it to the proper agencies.
6. The Friends of Irving Circle have a contract to mow Irving Circle this summer.
7. In reviewing a map prepared by staff showing parks and open space resources in the neighborhood, it was pointed out that the current proposal for the Pennsy Trail shows the link between the Pennsy and Ellenberger trails following Kitley and not Arlington.
8. There is an old Delaware burying ground behind the Speedway Station at Washington Street and Emerson Avenue. The community made the owners aware of this when the zoning case for the station was filed. This green space should be added to the map.
9. Arlington is not a pleasant street to walk along. It would be nice if this could be improved with landscaping or other means.

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

10. It was suggested that the draft framework for the committee report be mailed or e-mailed to all committee members so that they can add information before the next meeting. In doing this, they will be providing elements of a draft report that can be reviewed by the committee at the May 20 Parks and Open Space Committee meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Irvington Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Committee will be Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Irvington United Methodist Church.**

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