

**UNWA Town Hall Meeting
Recreation Development Discussion
October 14, 2004**

Facilitator: Meresa Creekmore-Armor, Director of Community Development, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

Members: Cassandra Garner, Phyllis Hackett, Daphne Williamson, two unnamed individuals.

Other Members: Ben Jackson, City of Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation.

Discussion on October 14, 2004 :

Points drafted and issues mentioned. There is no prioritization in the listing.

Riverside Park Amenities

- ◆ Construct one (1) additional entrance/exit at Riverside Park.
- ◆ Provide a source of water at Riverside Park.
- ◆ Provide bathroom facilities, designed to minimize vandalism.
- ◆ Prevent vehicles from leaving dedicated roads.

Programs and Events

- ◆ More advertising for Indy Parks programs and classes as Watkins Park as the focus – By what means?
- ◆ Increase variety of programs – possibly through a survey.
- ◆ Increase the number of musicians, other attractions at neighborhood parks.
- ◆ Construct a shelter or utilize an area with shade (trees) that could house food booths for such festivals as RibFest.
- ◆ Increase equipment and the number of classes related to computers.
- ◆ Sustain programs by increasing donated materials and staff.
- ◆ Blend more education with recreation, primarily through schools and churches (list schools and churches).

Other

- ◆ Map cultural and historic landmarks in regards to cultural tourism.
- ◆ Connect parks together as a catalyst for economic growth.
- ◆ Increase public transportation routes to increase park use.
- ◆ Increase Indy Parks funding for more resources and staff.
- ◆ Develop standards for achievement and conduct for participants in Indy Parks.
- ◆ Increase the public/private partnerships.

Notes taken by Tim Hayes, Department of Metropolitan Development, City of Indianapolis