



Packard Area Planning Alliance Business Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order- the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Introductions were made amongst those who joined the call.

Agenda Approval- The agenda was reviewed and a motion was made to add an item to the agenda regarding the Bluffton Rd bridge. Changes to the agenda were accepted and motion passed.

Secretary's Report & Minutes Approval- The minutes from our last meeting in October 2021 were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report- Rebecca reported that we have not had any new expenditures and that our current balance is \$2646.35. Dues should be paid by February and mailed to Rebecca Gremaux.

Committee Reports

- **Historic Preservation** [Nathan Hubartt]- no updates at this time. The group needs to reconvene to establish their schedule for 2022. Nate will contact past members to get something on the books. Invitation is open for all neighborhoods.
- **Marketing & Communications** [Sierah Barnhart]- Sierah has created a FB event for the PAPA Community public engagement sessions, please share thru your neighborhood facebook pages as well.
- **Old Business**
- **Packard Plan Updates**
 - **Citizen Input Opportunities**
 - Josh and Dan have been walking some area neighborhoods to place door hangers to spread the word for the community input meetings next week. Light refreshments will be provided as well as a chance to win local gift cards from our area as well.

- Letter of Support- Wunderkammer is participating in a Patronicity Grant. They are raising \$50K thru crowd fundraising to be matched by state dollars. The application will be submitted by 5pm on 1/7, Fundraising period is 60 days, will run from 1/28-3/26. They are doing this to further leverage the Knight Foundation funds. The funding is for creative placemaking (murals, beautification, landscape, etc). Projects could potentially start in June. Celebratory community wide event planned in mid October. WK has also been working with Fairfield corridor properties, renderings will be provided.
 - update on renderings by Jeffery Tompkins: renderings have been finalized and should be interpreted as long term inspiration for what is possible.

New Business

- Councilman Jehl- sidewalks! Councilman Jehl related to PAPA information about a sidewalk bill he is working on to assist the repair/creation of sidewalks in the urban core/legacy neighborhoods. Fort Wayne's history with this issue has placed the cost of replacement sidewalk largely on the homeowner. Other city programs have not achieved necessary levels of repair. For this reason we have many miles of sidewalks/alleyways that have reached the end of their lives resulting in many deteriorated walking paths. This proposal is a \$1M ask each year and money should be allocated as follows: One third is to be spent on neighborhoods, two thirds of the funds are to be spent on the Riverfront project. Additionally, money must be spent on urban core neighborhoods where the need is greatest. Councilman Jehl is currently seeking support for the bill and in addition the needed votes at Council. A copy of the bill will be available on 1/8/22. It will be introduced 1/11. It will be discussed 1/18.
 - James Sack motioned that we support the bill. Kody seconded. During discussion, Sierah advised that she would like to see a copy of the bill before formally supporting. Many others expressed their desire to support the bill. After discussion, Jim withdrew his motion.
 - A new motion was then made: Sierah will await the bill to be presented, Sierah will review and if it matches what we have been told, she will write a letter of support to be reviewed by our group and submitted. If this does not match what we have been told she will let us know. This motion passed.
- Introduction of new officers and their leadership goals
 - Sierah Barnhart has joined us as our new president. She aims to lead our organization with transparency. She looks forward to working together to accomplish the goals of our new PAPA plan.
 - Bethany Ballard: echoed these sentiments and looks forward to carrying forward the Plan and getting us across the finish line. Bethany wants us to

be conscious of where we are putting our resources and energy and make sure we are working on those things together and not losing people along the way.

- State of the affairs from each neighborhood representative
 - Charlie/WWPN: 201 W Creighton is for sale- is anyone aware of any restrictions on youth respite homes in our area? We are looking for any feedback that other neighborhoods might have on the pros and cons that this would bring. Our home tour was cancelled, our officer elections will happen in February.
 - Kody/Foster Park: Kody's term will end on June 30 and he will step down from his role as President. Spring and Summer event planning will start soon. Current issues are Foster Park reopening and Bluffton Rd bridge.
 - Tom/Oakdale: Christmas Tree sale went very well and they sold out of inventory. Oakdale will also have a leadership retreat soon to focus their intentions and hope to expand committees.
 - Cornelia/Harrison Hill: a new pergola has been constructed along with new benches and landscaping! We are still planning a home tour.
 - Jim/West Rudisill: Bluffton Rd Bridge meetings are happening and we have given our input for lighting, trees, sidewalks, etc. Twenty flowering cherry trees have been planted as a result. Next steps include working with Redeemer and Harrison Hill for some updates at Harrison/Rudisill. Many new flowering trees have also been planted to carry beautification to Calhoun. Several new utility box wraps have been created and will be installed. There are also updates coming to park at corner of Fairfield/Rudisill.
 - Dawn/Fairfield Terrace: a home will be built by Habitat for Humanity. We are continuing our work on sidewalks and flooding.
 - Creighton Home: pocket parks work continues. We will also have our native plant sale again. Trash pickup continues to be an issue.
 - Arline/Hoagland Masterson: We are seeing that HoMa is now part of the downtown housing market. There are extensive renovations happening as well. Pigtales will be removed to be replaced with a dog park and plaza seating.
 - Bethany/Fairfield: Elections happened in October. Holly Munoz continues as President. Things are pretty quiet.
 - Sierah/Southwood Park: elections happening now, hoping to have some new spots filled. Planning to continue yard sales and dumpster day. Not many changes.

Bluffton Road Bridge: Creager Smith reported that the project is being reviewed to determine its impact on any historic properties as it is federally funded. The Bridge is located within Fort Wayne Park and Boulevard District and adjacent to Foster Park. PAPA has elected to participate as a consulting party.

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- ATC presentation for engaging volunteers and organizing volunteer networks:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13C-73RPOHAYE43oh6dbddN08kQ5lQpGG/view?usp=sharing>

Arline: trash pickup is even more behind because Red River has been unable to play catch up on Saturdays due to recent holidays. She also shared details on pending court cases and how we are working to avoid going without trash service at all.

Adjournment: 8:30pm

Attendance:

Jim

sierah

Arline

Rebecca

Bethany

Russ Jehl

Dan and Josh

Nathan

Creager

Kody

Lyndsay

Tom

Dawn

Charlie

Cornelia

Dawn