



# Packard Area Planning Alliance **Business Meeting Agenda**

**February 3, 2022 | 7:00 pm**

Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 825 8254 4450

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

Introductions- introductions were made, glad to see many faces and even some new ones tonight!

Special Guest: MLK Club

Chris Elliot and Bennie Edwards of the MLK Club joined us this evening! The group explained their efforts to rename Calhoun St after Martin Luther King Jr. The reasons for this are numerous and related to the history of John Calhoun which includes many negative aspects. The group feels that the time is ripe to honor Dr. King with the renaming of our very busy corridor on Calhoun. The group has previously met with Mayor Henry to further the efforts. The group is seeking input from surrounding neighborhoods and support in their efforts.

The group must have 60% property owners on Calhoun who are agreeable to change the street name and have those property owners sign their petition. The petition must be signed on paper. Signature collection will begin once the weather breaks.

-The group also would like to collect citizen signatures to show support for the effort as well.

From PAPA they also seek support going forward (ie letters, social media, helping obtain signatures etc)

CONTACT INFO:

Phone number: 260-760-6867 (Bennie Edwards, President MLK Club)

<https://www.mlkclubfw.com/>

<https://renamecalhounstreetfw.org/>

Agenda Approval- Charlie Fritz noted that we would be unable to discuss any recap from the Bluffton Street Bridge meeting as that meeting has been postponed another week. Agenda was then approved.

Secretary's Report & Minutes Approval- The minutes for the January meeting had been previously distributed electronically. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report- Rebecca reported only one new expenditure. For the PAPA community input sessions refreshments were purchased for \$55.44. Our current balance is \$2590.91. A reminder that our 2022 Dues are due! We have only received dues from three member neighborhoods at this point.

We reviewed our budget from 2021 and showed the group how income and expenses were allocated. We reminded the group that we voted in October to duplicate this budget for 2022.

Note: we have one outstanding expenditure. We need to get with Wunderkammer and issue check for the renderings that they obtained. We voted to support this in October.

## Committee Reports

- Historic Preservation [Nathan Hubartt]- no updates
- Marketing & Communications [Sierah Barnhart]- more info has been added to our website, community calendar updated, more resources, check it out at:
  - Charlie requested that we add the bylaws to the website
  - Rebecca commented that the website looks great!

## Old Business

- Packard Plan Updates
  - Citizen Input Opportunities: Dan and Josh reported to us that we had really good turnout and all 18 neighborhoods were represented. Nearly all of the 2000 door hangers were distributed. There were quite a few survey results submitted online. Next steps will be to actually draft the plan and the steering committee will then review. We hope to finalize and get approval from the neighborhoods in the Spring. We aim for adoption of the plan in Summer.
    - Before the Plan is adopted other City departments will also give feedback and suggestions to make sure the finalized Plan is feasible.
- Wunderkammer Patronicity Grant

- o Cornelia reported that the grant has been approved and will be launched Feb 18! A press release will come out when the grant is live. A gala will be held on 2/18 to raise funds. Please share this on multiple channels as you see info.
- Bluffton Road Bridge- Feb 2 meeting recap.
  - o This meeting was postponed, no updates at this time.
- Legacy sidewalk bill (introduced by Russ Jehl)
  - o Jim Sack has spoken with Councilman Jehl who feels hopefully that this will pass but that there may be additional amendments. The proposal is currently on hold. Next week it will come before the subcommittee again. Jim has reiterated his support for the bill. Jim also expressed his support to Stephanie Crandall. Geoff Paddock has expressed his support (in line with PAPA and SWAP). We are looking forward to a resolution soon.
    - Tom expressed his frustration with filling out the City's request of our neighborhood priorities for another year and noting annual SIDEWALKS and ALLEYS. Many others echoed this sentiment. We wish to make it clear that some of our greatest needs are the most basic. In order to continue on to higher level projects and improvements in our area we desperately need the most basic needs addressed first.
    - Dan Baisden shared that his group has requested copies of these neighborhood surveys so that they can be aware of requests as well.

## New Business

- Tree Canopy Growth Fund - Kody Tinnel shared his new project with us. There is a major opportunity to plant a lot more trees on private property (versus public right of way street trees). Kody's efforts include finding private party locations to plant these trees, securing a mode of funding the planting, and drumming up volunteer labor to get the trees planted. The fund will be managed by the Community Foundation of Fort Wayne. Year 1 goals are to spread the word about this effort and also launch a couple pilot projects to raise awareness and get this project off the ground. Kody notes that they are very much still building this program; if you have any partnership opportunities please reach out to Kody.

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Adjournment: 8:18pm

Members Present:

Sierah Barnhart

Lyndsay Perez

Steve McCord

Rebecca Gremaux

Charlie Fritz

Cornelia Schulz

Jim Sack

Arline Nation

Andy Kurzen

Tom Tiernon

Bethany Ballard

Zoe Auer- FW City Council

Terri Stumpf

Dan Baisden

Kody Tinnel

Josh Campbell

Jane Casey