



Packard Area Planning Alliance Business Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021 | 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911960030?pwd=bzBtLytrSUtPYWt5TVgxSXdcVFXZz09>

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Communication Charter- we reviewed the Charter we created at our Retreat in 2019. Above all we value healthy and product communication with one another! Please review the charter to review our guidelines to make sure we start the year off on the right foot:

Introductions- All members have previously met so we skipped introductions tonight.

Agenda Approval- Arline requested that we add Chapter 72 ordinance to the New Business in our agenda. Jim requested that we add lead pipe replacement.

Secretary's Report & Minutes Approval- Lyndsay briefly recapped our minutes from Nov 2020. The minutes were accepted with no changes or additions.

Treasurer's Report- We have received annual 2021 dues of \$50 from 4 neighborhoods for a new balance of \$2654.35. Dues can be dropped off or mailed to Rebecca.

Committee Reports [2 minutes each]

- **Historic Preservation** [Nathan Hubartt]- met on Jan 11, a nice group of folks joined via Zoom. We discussed the historic preservation components of the new Packard Plan that is being developed. Next meeting is March 16 to review feedback to the Plan and create action steps to support the Plan's goals and policies. There was also a separate discussion with Indiana Landmarks to gather as much input as to what PAPA does in regards to historic preservation and we offered suggestions to Indiana Landmarks of how we might collaborate in the future and where there is a need for more education.
- **Marketing & Communications** [Sierah Barnhart]- no meetings have been held in 2021. Sierah requested that if there is any specific feedback on the website please reach out to her. Sierah is working on developing a fundraiser and a tshirt design to support PAPA. Sierah is also exploring the old idea of the Lime Cooley as the official drink of our area. The Committee is actively seeking more members.

Old Business

- **New Packard Plan**- we are in the drafting phase of goals, policies, and action steps based on the data from our survey and information gathering last year.

These finalized items will then be presented to the Community in the Spring for further input. The Plan is moving along well especially considering the Covid challenges we have faced. Our goal is to adopt the Plan by the end of 2021.

- Packard Park Updates- The Master Plan for the Park has been adopted. We are currently awaiting further info and rendering from the Parks dept. We now have a 5 member advisory committee assembled that will work more closely with the Parks dept. The most urgent need is a grant writer. Please spread the word!

New Business

- 2021 Budget- For the last few years we have not had a formal budget. We have now created a more formal and extensive document to start the process of laying a basic budgetary foundation for the coming years when we hope to grow our impact. We shared a basic budget template with the group and the need for it and its specific structure was discussed. We opted to table the topic and gather some more information to discuss again at our next business meeting.
- Committees- We propose scaling back our committees to those that are well staffed and have leadership in place for 2021. Kody shared a document with our group that might show how we move forward with our Committees this year especially with many of our group heavily involved in the creation of the new Packard Plan. We talked about combining some of our current committees to share resources where there is overlap. Those committees that are not on our current list will go into hibernation until there is a need to bring those forward again. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the new structure of our committees. The motion passed.
- 2021 Priorities Survey- All Presidents received this survey to take back to their Boards to discover the most critical needs of our member neighborhoods and advocate for these items with the City. We will circulate this survey annually. We ask that the survey be returned by March 1 if possible.
- Improper Signage- Sierah updated us that Geoff Paddock confirmed that there is now a point person at the CoFW to address the issue of over large illegal signs (especially those advertising “We Buy Houses”) on properties. We discussed follow up on the issue and how the ordinance applies and is enforced.
- Indiana House Bill 1164- Jim Sack updated us about this proposed bill from the telecommunications companies to gain access without regulation to the parkstrips in front of residential homes to put up 45’ tall poles. Jim travelled to Statehouse to speak against it and reported there were many others present for the same reason. There is currently a petition change.org/saynoto1164

You may also speak to your local representative- Phil Giaquinta or Justin Busch.

Kody will send an opposition letter on behalf of PAPA.

- Chapter 72 ordinance- This ordinance deals with parking on grass. Residential properties can be fined (\$100-\$150 per occurrence) for having a vehicle parked on grass currently. Commercial properties are currently allowed to have vehicles park on the grass with no repercussions. Geoff Paddock, Sharon Tucker and Tom Friestroffer are currently working on this ordinance. PAPA neighborhoods supported HoMa position that commercial properties should also be subject to fines as this is a blighting influence on the surrounding neighborhood.
- Lead pipe replacement- All of PAPA has lead pipe running from curb to house. The replacement in our area will begin this year with Oakdale and Fairfield. Jim Sack advised that if a homeowner cannot afford the ~\$1000-\$2000 cost to replace the pipe there is a payment program at 7% interest. Jim has challenged this high percentage rate for our neighbors that may be in a lower economic bracket especially. Jim will find out if the upgrade is mandatory or not and follow up with our group.

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-Jim moves to purchase a “commendation plaque” to thank Carolyn Devoe for her neighborhood work over the years. The idea was well received and Jim will look into how to carry this forward.

-Charlie shared information about an individual who is looking to open a “food truck park” in our 07 area. Charlie can provide contact between our various neighborhoods that might be interested in this idea.

-Holly thinks the 2 month break for PAPA was too long! :)

-Tom reminded us that we need to get City Council members here to participate in our meetings. We are disappointed in some of the recent votes that Council has made that contradict our current PAPA Plan. We want to ensure this does not happen with the new Plan we are working on now for months and hope to adopt at the end of year. We prefer that Council takes an active learning stance now. Kody will work to extend formal invitations to Council Members to ask that they attend future PAPA meetings.

-Kody relayed that the Southside Centennial Celebration will take place this year. Please keep an eye or ear out for how PAPA or our neighborhoods might support this event.

Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Members Present:

✓ Creighton Home

✗ Broad River

✓ Fairfield

✓ Fairfield Terrace/ Belmont

✗ Fairmont

✓ Foster Park

✓ Harrison Hill

✓ Hoagland Masterson

✓ Oakdale

✓ South Wayne

✗ Illsley

✗ Poplar

✓ Southwood Park

✓ West Rudisill

✓ Williams Woodland Park

✗ Woodhurst

✓ CoFW