



Packard Area Planning Alliance **Business Meeting Agenda**

March 2, 2023 | 7:00 pm
GE Club - 1030 Swinney Ave, Bldg #23

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Introductions- introductions were made

Guest Speaker: City of Fort Wayne Code and Compliance- Chris Blauvelt and Erich Rommel, presentation with Q&A

Chris Blauvelt joined us as Deputy Director. He has been with Code for 12 years. He has been in his role for 5 months. He provided some information on how this City dept operates.

5 Ordinances are enforced:

Vehicles parked on grass on private property.

Vehicles not operable

Tall grass/weed

Commercial property min standards

Residential minimum housing standards

Code Compliance is ramping up to start the tall grass/weed program. They have 11 officers throughout the City and are on call 24/7. In total they have a staff of 25 and work with many other City and County agencies.

Chris shared that any calls to a Commercial property are complaint driven only.

He talked a bit about the process after a complaint is made and verified advised that the property owner has 60 days to make repairs or get a plan. If that does not happen, a hearing is scheduled.

Code and Compliance cannot make anyone fix property, they can only fine the property owner. Trends: Compliance is on the up. Code officers can initiate a case on vehicles on grass, and residential min housing standards if they spot a violation.

If citizens are not satisfied with the existing code or desire a change/improvement, that would have to flow through City Council.

All costs not recovered on non owner occupied property becomes a tax lien.

Code officers do not share who has a complaint. If an interior inspection is done, a landlord may know who a complainant is since it would be their tenant.

Demolitions are posted in hearing agendas. Call as soon as you see demolition order sign. We understand historical preservation and housing shortage and want to work to save houses.

When asked, Chris stated he would be open to hearing a proposal to have all PAPA neighborhoods handled by the same Code and Compliance officer so that we can tackle all issues as a whole group.

Agenda Approval- agenda approved

Secretary's Report & Minutes Approval [2 minutes]-

February minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nFEmqNPIJUCrYzl6duKmKgSnNj-AOQWM/edit>

Treasurer's Report [2 minutes] - \$2246.41. Dues are due!

Committee Reports

- Historic Preservation [Steve McCord, Erika Stuller]- no updates
- Marketing & Communications [Sierah Barnhart]- no updates

Old Business

- PAPA Plan updates-
 - o Feedback/vote on projects
 - o We are finally getting to the point of Plan adoption!!! Presenting to Plan Commission on April 10. They will vote on the Plan the following week. If anyone wants to speak in favor of the plan join us at Citizen Square on April 10, 530pm City Council chamber. Please send any letters of support by March 28. We have been meeting with the neighborhood Presidents to discuss the Plan and garner feedback. We have also been getting their feedback on prioritizing projects we can start work on as it relates to the Plan. In November we gathered feedback from the community as well. Some ideas that have emerged are painted crosswalks, park wayfinding, cabinet wraps, LED Sign markers, and street post banners. City Council has allocated \$20K to begin projects and build momentum. Official

neighborhood reps were given 2 votes to choose the preferred projects of these.

Dan and Josh will contact those neighborhoods which were not present tonight.

Dan also reminded us our grant deadlines for Fortify and Neighborhood Grants.

New Business

- Donation to Connecting 4 Campaign
 - tabled, not enough dues paying members
- Bluffton Road Bridge update
 - see PDF uploaded to our working group on Facebook
- Future meeting schedule
 - More limited meeting schedule so we can spend time working on projects instead of meeting. More info will be shared soon.

Next Month: April we will be joined by Alec Johnson for Packard Park updates!

Good of the Order

Dan S: Cleanup coming up at WK for PAPA in early Spring, possibly first week of April then August and October.

Wendy Stein- Friends of Foster Park advocates for survey to be completed on Foster Park walking trail

Holly is now working for Just Neighbors, they have a food truck available for fundraising events

Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm

Attendees:

Lyndsay Perez

Ben Ruhl

Sierah Barnhart

Rebecca Gremaux

Holly Munoz

Melissa Kurten

Terri Stump

Steve McCord

Josh Campbell

Dan Baisden

Andy Kurzen

Kevin Brooks

Steve Hardy, HH

Sharon Baker HH

Olivia White