



Packard Area Planning Alliance

Business Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Wunderkammer- 3402 Fairfield Ave

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

Introductions

Special Guest: Shawnee Library <15 Minutes>

- ACPL: Susan Baier, Tonya Frandle, Marra Honeywell
 - Tonya advised that they are returning to in person programming in March as well as expanding hours into the evening. Shawnee is currently hiring for Summer, looking for applicants, especially teens 16-19.
 - Susan shared some info on the Master Plan. The Plan is currently in draft mode and was created with help of consultants and includes lots of community input. The final plan will be approved in April. The survey had 1200+ responses and there were 5 open houses. There will be another board meeting March 9 for additional feedback. There are two options to spark conversation (not concrete plans):
 - Option A- close Shawnee, expand Waynedale and Hessen Cassel
 - Option B- Shawnee and Hessen close. Waynedale remodel. Superbranch of 30000 sq ft built in SE area

ACPL Statements: The Shawnee branch is well used and loved however the building is structurally problematic. There are also accessibility and water issues. The building is 50 years old with water that comes thru the walls. There are also heating and cooling issues. Consultants have advised it does not seem a wise option to spend public dollars on this existing building. The goal is not to remove a library from this area but to better serve the community. The ACPL would like to invest in a transformative project that will serve generations to come. You may send further feedback trustees@acpl.info librarydirector@acpl.info

Special Guest: Shan Gunawardena, Director of Public Works, CoFW and Geoff Paddock, 5th District Councilman <15 Minutes>

**Please excuse councilman Paddock who is running late due to other obligations. We will hear from him later in the evening.

- Infrastructure Improvement Project Funding Request Program

Shan Gunawardena: Annually we send out a letter to neighborhoods requesting neighborhood needs. Some projects we can get done that same year while others will take several years. Prior to 2014 there were very limited funds to address these issues. CIP budget has recently been investing 20-30 million in these projects which has allowed for substantial improvement. Different parts of the city have different needs. In this part of the city our greatest needs are sidewalks and alleys. Since 2018 \$19.2 million received from LIT. \$8.9 million new sidewalks with \$3.4M being spent on in legacy neighborhood, \$6.8M on alleys, \$3.8M sidewalks reconstruction/rehab

-How will we implement the recent sidewalk bill that passed?

We are required to prioritize \$ in legacy areas in areas that have high pedestrian traffic (schools, churches, libraries etc) and then expand that a couple blocks at a time. We will start there.

-Q&A:

Dan Swartz: Is there an element of the cost share program that will prioritize projects? For example can Ready funds be matched?

A: Yes. That is an approved project in this area surrounding Packard Park.

Jim: Is there a list that exists showing condition of infrastructure?

A: Repairs are most often complaint driven versus a grading system since that is not cost effective. Issues can be emailed to Nick.Jarrell@cityoffortwayne.org

Charlie: I would like to see more feedback on the surveys we have turned in. Can we improve communication?

A: We are working on that.

Arline: could residents be trained to rate sidewalks?

A: I can advise that a sidewalk trip hazard is a difference of 1/4" to 1/2" in the levelness of a sidewalk which makes it out of compliance with ADA standards. These sidewalks can be reported for repair/replacement.

Arline: How much \$ do we spend paving culdesacs in suburban neighborhoods?

A: We try to spend the same amount on infrastructure improvements in each district

Sierah: Does the City consider the value of using alleys versus value of culdesac?

A: yes

Rebecca: Does the City consider congested off street parking as an impetus to redo alleys?

A: yes

~~~After our guest speakers wrapped up we transitioned to our regular business meeting~~

Agenda Approval- approved

Secretary's Report & Minutes Approval- minutes were accepted with no changes and approved

Treasurer's Report- \$2940.91 is our current balance

- Dues need to be paid, 7 members are paid: WWPN, HOMA, South Wayne, Southwood Park, Foster Park, West Rudisill and Harrison Hill

Committee Reports

- Historic Preservation- Steve McCord and Erica Stuller will now co chair this committee. They are hoping to meet in the new future to discuss priorities for this year. Next meeting TBD.
- Marketing & Communications [Sierah Barnhart]- Bylaws will be added to the website soon, several other updates have been made.

Old Business

- Packard Plan Updates- Dan and Josh were hoping to have a rough draft mid April for Presidents to review. We will have another meeting in May/June and will need stock photos from our community. In July we hope to start the neighborhood adoption process. They will also work with City Council and Dept Heads.
  - Charlie suggested we run a contest to gather more photos from the committee. This idea was not opposed.
  - Lyndsay will create a shared Google folder to house photos. Dan Swartz & Dan Baisden need access
- Wunderkammer Patronicity Grant-
  - Patronicity grant is live, we have received a generous gift. Indiana housing community development association. 2/18 launched. \$4800 had been raised as of 3/3. \$40K was then donated today. Clause that they won't match \$10K per individual. March 10, Bahn Mi will host a fundraising opportunity off menu item with proceeds going to this grant. WK show. March 26, 100th yr of SS exhibition and Bravas foodtruck with 10% match. 7 murals minimum, landscaping, etc on Fairfield.
- Bluffton Road Bridge- Feb meeting recap has been posted on our FB page
  - survey results have been shared on our FB page
- Legacy neighborhoods sidewalk bill
  - Kody shared that we have to always keep in mind the density, age and population of our area. Spending on repairs should reflect these factors.

New Business

- No new business from PAPA
- Geoff Paddock updates: We understand that we want to see more infrastructure improvements. I am pleased that Russ Jehl's sidewalk bill has been moved forward. I also voted for the LIT in order to support alley and sidewalks. Packard Park is also high on my radar and I would like to see a bond issue to cover Franke as well as other parks. There is an order to demolish meeting for Broadway Joe's coming up soon. I want to continue open discussion on ACPL Master Plan. I am pleased with the

discussion on Bluffton Rd bridge. The ARPA \$51M funds are still being analyzed and I am looking for opportunities to spread that funding into our community. Money must be spent by 2027. Reappropriation is happening now; district 5 looks to be changing. Bipartisan infrastructure bill currently a topic which may lead to freight and passenger rail improvements. Geoff is working to see if he can speak with Buttigieg.

- There is a brick alley off Fox that needs to be brought to Shan's attention. Geoff please make sure to help us preserve this brick alley.

Good of the Order

WWPN will host Porch Fest on June 4, 11-5

Harrison Hill Home and Garden June 11

Street light improvements from Petit to Rudisill have been approved

Adjournment: 8:32 pm

Attendees:

Andy Kurzen

Shan Gunawardena/CoFW

Iris Sorrel ACPL/Southwood Park

Jim Sack

Melissa Rinehart

Kody Tinnel

Eric Long, foster park

Anne? foster park

Charlie Fritz

Josh Campbell

DAn Baisden

Dan Swartz

Sierah Barnhart

Bethany Ballard

Terri Stumpf

Rebecca Gremaux

Tonya Frenzel ACPL

Susan Baier ACPL

Arlene Nation

Geoff Paddock

Lyndsay Perez