

## September 12<sup>th</sup> BRAG Minutes:

**Update on the 6 GINI action groups:** Lisa reported that she and Charlene Hederick have had 2 meetings with each action group. The pedestrian access group is accomplishing the most of the six groups. Joe has invited all Crime Watch coordinators to the crime watch working group that will be held on September 18 at 5:30 pm at Crestview.

She mentioned the October 27<sup>th</sup> charrette with Ball State that will be helpful to all groups to get a clearer picture of their visions for our area. A celebration party is being planned in early 2008 to celebrate the results of each working group and to let the BRAG community know about the Quality of Life plan that the groups, Charlene, and Lisa are working toward.

### **Planning our October 13<sup>th</sup> beautification party:**

- How many volunteers? We will need 50.
- Free refreshments? No refreshments seem to be necessary. BRAG still has water left over from earlier beautification.
- When to start? 9 am
- Finalizing what we'll be doing: mulching trees and beds; weeding the perennial beds; replacing dead plants in the perennial beds; trash clean-up

Efforts to plant trees this Fall along Fall Creek Parkway will be delayed until next spring because of continuing construction at the south entrance of Skiles Test Nature Park. David Gorden has volunteered to develop plans that include plants that won't interfere with the new sewer system.

**New business developments:** PowerKidz opens soon. Larry continues to work with Brian Pahud and Donna Carr to help them fill up their new malls. Starbucks still on hold. Julie Catton will escort Pam Matthews of Kroger around our area on October 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the BRAG area and to see the competition among grocery stores in the area.

**Updated BRAG website:** Kas reported that her son Nick completed the BRAG website overhaul. Now it's ready for copy from BRAG folks. We agreed that Larry would supply copy to Kas who would forward it to the website administrator. Anyone is welcome to submit copy to Larry.

**Crime watch update:** Peter Courtney reported that he is working with Catherine Moore to install crime watch signs at certain intersections to let everyone know that there is a business crime watch system in the BRAG area. Movable Feast continues to take donations for the police substation. Peter is

exploring the possibility of a wireless connection at the substation. He is also developing plans for more and bigger signage around the substation.

Joe reported that there have been increased break-ins of cars at Castleton Mall and Keystone at the Crossing. Do not leave items visible in cars for thieves to try to get to.

Joe introduced Ann Rinker who is BRAG's liaison with Carl Brizzi's office. Her number is 327.6115.

#### Farmers Market update

- Flu clinic sponsored by Community North on October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you presents for vendors will be delivered on October 13<sup>th</sup> to thank them for their presence at the first year operations.
- Plans for 2008: Vendors will be given surveys to find out which location they think would work best. Jane and Larry are pursuing details of the new 2008 locations, expanded numbers of vendors, expanded dates of operation, and sponsorship categories.
- Vendors have already indicated informally that they want more signage, a less linear arrangement of vendors (more of a U-shape), and high visibility onto Binford Boulevard.

#### Community Fair on September 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to Howard Nixon and George Kennedy for representing BRAG at this event. Mayor Peterson visited them and complimented BRAG for all of its work in its short existence.

KIBI application re developing a pocket park and community garden at Church of the Saviour: Jane reported that she met with Phil Schaefer and Rev. Adkins to discuss the possibility of developing a park on church property that BRAG residents and businesses could also enjoy. The application will be made by the Church with BRAG support. KIBI will let the Church know its decision later this Fall.

LISC reception on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Artsgarden 5:45 - 7:15 pm. Robert Rubin, Chair of LISC will be participating.