

Minutes for BRAG --Binford Redevelopment and Growth
Board Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2009

Attendees : Jane Lommel, Karen Kryah, Eileen Herr, Mike Baldwin, Scott Motter, Joe Komenda, George Kennedy, Lisa Angrick, Ray Brinkmeyer

Absent: Larry Riggle, Peter Courtney

1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held January 28, 2009 at the new Kroger at 71st and Graham Rd. The meeting is scheduled from 4:30-5 pm. The meeting will be followed by the Grand Opening for Kroger at that location from 5 – 7 pm. At the BRAG annual meeting various groups within BRAG can have table displays for their groups. In addition items like maps and other BRAG information will be provided to attendees.

Set up for the BRAG meeting will be at 4 pm.

2. Kroger Grand Opening

The Kroger Grand Opening will have food and drink samples. The store will be open to look through but not to buy anything. The Kroger official ribbon cutting will be at ca. 6 pm and dignitaries from the city and local area will attend.

3. Shadeland Ave.

A meeting of business owners along Binford from Community North to 71st will meet at some time in the future. Purpose is to see if there is a common purpose among that group.

4. Performing Arts

A discussion of possible performing arts events coming to the BRAG area was discussed. The location would be the new BRAG meeting place – the Lutheran church on 75th. Many possibilities for family entertainment. Volunteer(s) for leading this effort from the neighborhood are welcome.

5. Crime Watch

Continued alertness for illegal activities in the neighborhood is encouraged

6. Rezoning Variances

A variance is being requested for to increase the size of the signage at 71st and Shadeland in front of a doctor's office. The hearing will be Feb 10. So far a number of groups are opposed to a larger sign.

7. Pedestrian Access

This group has applied for a grant to do an area assessment for sidewalks and bike paths connecting various neighborhoods in BRAG and especially concentrating on 71st and Binford. The group will hopefully hear shortly.

8. Parks

Friends of Skiles Test Nature Park received a LISC grant for \$4500 for park improvements and amenities. Also, Indy Parks approved the landscaping plan presented by Friends of Skiles Test Nature Park.

9. Beautification

April 18 is scheduled as the BRAG beautification day. Plan to be there. Details to follow