

February 3, 2010 BRAG Board Minutes

Member present—Jane Lommel, Larry Riggle, George Kennedy, Mike Baldwin, Joe Komenda, Eileen Herr, Kas Vargo, Alison McConnell, Karen Kryah, Ray Brinkmeyer, Peter Courtney

1. **Introduction of Alison McConnell**—the board offered a warm welcome to Alison, our new BRAG Development Director. She asked for the board's input on ideas she's drafting on how to introduce BRAG to the community. Jane will send out a press release announcing Alison's hire. The board will help Alison determine the top businesses in the area to visit.
2. **Next Leadership Luncheon**—scheduled for February 23rd at 11:30 AM at George's. Eric Hench is the guest speaker and a special invitation has been extended to all 17 BRAG bank managers.
3. **Management of Funding**—another meeting is scheduled for February 4th with CICF to see if they will consider managing funding for the INSTEPP trail project.
4. **Pedestrian Access**—We need at least one more bid before selecting an engineering company for the sidewalk project. We are waiting for drawings from Schneider that were promised in November. INSTEPP has submitted the project to finish trails from Allisonville Road to Shadeland Ave to a national funding grant. We will learn in September if we've been awarded the money, which would be available in 2013.
5. **INDOT**—wants to have a CAC meeting with the full BRAG board before March 15th to discuss the 71st and 75th Street corridors to we are fully aware of the rebuilding plans and schedules.
6. **Treasurer's Report**—\$26,500 received from LISC for both the Development Director and technical assistance costs. To date we have received \$3200 in sponsorships donations.
7. **"How BRAG Works" manual**—Kas and Bryan Orander are working to develop a manual. Kas will send us sections to work on as she would like this to be ready for the BRAG Advisory Committee meeting.
8. **Crime Watch**—no changes, although Joe alerted us that Lt. Hench is no longer with the IMPD.
9. **Farmer's Market**—2010 contracts are on-line for vendors and we're seeing increased interest from schools, community gardeners, new vendors, etc. Becky will manage the 2010 Farmer's Market once again.
10. **Town Hall Meeting**—on February 10th BRAG will host a non-partisan Town Hall meeting with three councilmen. Larry will moderate. The suggestion was made that after a general discussion that part of the meeting be geared for attendees to meet with their representatives to ask more specific questions.
11. **Meeting with Community Hospital**—Jane visited with Dan Hodgkins to discuss funding and the possibility of a 3 year sustaining grant.
12. **Next Board Meeting**—Wednesday, March 10th at 7 PM at Divine Savior Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Herr

BRAG Secretary