

BRAG MONTHLY MEETING

March 12, 2008

Jane Lommel, president , opened the meeting at 7PM at McKenzie Career Center. Approximately 35 neighbors were in attendance.

- 1) The BRAG GINI group will start holding the 6 team meetings on the same night to share resources , efficiencies, and hopefully neighborhood and GINI/LISC support. The pedestrian Access group has \$7,000 in grant money to begin study if the area. Next meeting March 25. Everyone is invited to come and take part in these meetings.
- 2) February 13, 2008 annual BRAG update was at Hillcrest Country Club. Hillcrest generously donated the meeting space and appetizers. Approximately 400 people were in attendance. This was a huge success from the feedback obtained from neighbors and guests. Hillcrest wants to discuss a fundraiser with BRAG for October proceeds to be split 50-50. Larry and Jane will be meeting with Hillcrest. Major Ballard spoke at the event and was there for the entire evening.
- 3) Diana Van Arsdall , 911 expert with the City of Indianapolis, spoke to BRAG concerning BRAG area incidents regarding crime. She emphasized to “ALWAYS CALL POLICE” and “NEVER CONFRONT A CRIMINAL” when suspicious activity occurs. Introduction of Kelly Jessup the new person assigned to the BRAG area in charge of Crimewatch Communications took place. She is with the IMPD Metro North District- Community relations Office (327-6167). A question to her had to do with “ professional” beggars at street corners. She said many of these folks do this for a living and are not poor at all. This is not allowed especially if they harass citizens. Call police if there is a problem.
- 4) Jane and Larry are meeting with community North on their continued support.
- 5) Treasurers Report – Kas Vargo, treasurer, presented the report. Current account has \$19,125. Some of this is specifically allocated to Farmer’s Market, IMPD Sign, Pedestrian Access, and the Skiles Test Service Learning Grant. Further funding is needed to support the various BRAG activities.
- 6) Community North is supporting both the BRAG web page and the Farmers market. Also, Karin Glass made a very important donation to get the BRAG web site functional again. Much thanks to Karin for this critical support.
- 7) On **April 9, 2008**, BRAG will have 4 state representatives representing that BRAG area at a town hall meeting. They will be there to answer your questions. Please watch the website for details of the meeting.

- 8) Rules for BRAG interacting with politicians have been prepared by Dave Kleinschmidt, attorney. These are important because of our 501c3 designation.
- 9) Karen Kryah, chair of the beautification committee, reminded everyone that the next date is Saturday, **April 19, 2008 at 9 am**. We will meet at the parking lot next to Movable Feast on 71st St. just west of Graham Rd. Bring gloves, tools, etc. Kroger donated \$500 for mulch. There will be no traffic control. On April 25 75 students will be lending their support to a cleanup effort.

This will include a very short sign ceremony dedicating the new sign

We are also hoping to have a landscaping plan in time for the April 19 date for the parking lot area at Skiles Test Park.

There will also be a chance to recycle electronic devices at this event. ONLY computer monitors, printers, and hard drives are eligible for pickup.

10) Farmers Market – Looking to hire a Saturday morning manager for the whole spring and summer. Contact Jane Lommel if interested. Must be at least 18.

11) Winnie Ballard would like to hold a financial luncheon for woman in the BRAG area. For details contact Jane or watch the website.

Remember to keep checking the website and your e-mail for upcoming events.