

June 9 2010 BRAG Board Minutes

Members Present—Alison, Jane, Larry, George, Mike, Joe, Eileen, Erik, and Kas

In celebration of our 5th year anniversary, we met at Kas' home for a potluck dinner and a tour of her beautiful gardens. Our thanks to Kas and Greg for opening up their home to us.

- 1) **INSTEPP**—Karen and Erik will meet this Friday with IndyGo to insure that all groups are moving in the same direction. A “connectivity meeting” was also held recently with Boy Scouts of America and Community Hospital to coordinate efforts for grant appeals.
- 2) **Litter on the Blvd**--Community Service Workers are being utilized once a week to pick up litter along Binford. On average they are collecting (30) 39 gallon bags/week of trash!! Thanks to Larry for collecting these bags each week and disposing of them.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report**—Currently we have over \$70,000 in the checking account. Approximately \$19,000 has come in so far with the membership campaign. \$4300 has been raised to date for the pedestrian access project (\$500 from the Devonshire VIII garage sale and \$300 from Blaine's music event at George's). The Farmer's Market is generating more money this year and banners are being made to remind market patrons of the importance of becoming a BRAG member.
- 4) **Appeal for Support of a Zoning Variance**—Dr. Eric Frazer, Chris Hordon, and Kerry Harnett presented Dr. Frazer's plans to open a veterinarian office at the site of the former Cord Camera. This would be a second office site to his Hamilton Crossing Animal Hospital in Westfield. Currently that space is zoned for C-3 and Dr. Frazer would need to appeal for C-4 status. Animals may need to stay overnight following surgery, but no long term boarding would be done. We discussed landscaping and fencing needs, signage, and having the variance follow the owner, not the building. We agreed to talk with other business owners on the southwest corner to determine their reaction to this variance proposal.
- 5) **Realtor Partners to BRAG**—Steve Sergi has worked to develop a new BRAG membership option specifically for realtors. Those who participate would have special yard signs for houses marketed in our area that mention BRAG, and promotional materials that list the many advantages of living in this neighborhood. He has a meeting scheduled for July 14th at 10 AM for Lawrence Twp/Washington Twp realtors to educate them about BRAG and ask them to become supporting realtor members.
- 6) **Membership Flier Display**—Alison has been working with Meyer Plastic to acquire standing plastic boards (approximately 9" x 12") that would hold membership fliers and be distributed to local businesses so that people have easy access to introductory information about BRAG and a membership forms.

Next Meeting--July 14th at 7 PM at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, our next quarterly community meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Herr

BRAG Secretary