

Binford Redevelopment and Growth, Inc

Minutes

JULY 8, 2009

Meeting held at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 75th Street

1. **New Crime Watch Initiatives** -- Officers Vanarsdall, Jessup, Castor and Hench spoke on the following topics : a) National Night Out – the annual event where neighbors turn their lights on then go outside as a neighborhood action to prevent crime; b) New effort on the north district to stop burglaries including an overtime detail at night; c) monthly e-mail letters with information; d) graffiti detail to clean graffiti up call Officer Castor.
Contact information : Lt. Hench at 327-6112 ; H9798@indy.gov
Rob Reel – prosecutor – if door to door sales people are unwanted ask them to leave your property. If they don't call police. Also put up "No soliciting" signs in your window or in your yard as a warning. No soliciting signs should keep them away.
Alarms – these are good. There are also "screechers" that you can buy and put on windows and doors that make loud noise if the seal is broken.
2. **Business Update:** Kroger is finishing their landscaping in the parking lot; STAFF WORKS is a new business across from Chase Bank; Farmers Market has 45 vendors; July 3rd IN National Guard band played at the church. Attendance about 200 neighbors. New Boy scouts Headquarters is being built at Shadeland and Fall Creek – open 2010
3. **Binford Village Study Focus Groups** – meetings to be held at Divine Savior July 21, 2009 starting at 9 AM to 9 PM to meet with various neighborhood constituencies - residents, business owners, business and community leaders, not-for-profits, local government, etc. to make input on what they would like to see at the 71st and Binford Blvd. intersection is captured. This is part of a joint effort between BRAG Pedestrian group and MPO.
4. **Skiles Test Nature Park update** – Planting occurred at the parking lot on Fall Creek Rd. Landscaping plan by David Gorden was executed in its first phase planting ca. 2000 flowers. About 20 neighbors joined in the effort. STNP Board organized the planting day. Second phase later in the summer to continue the execution of the plan. A grant was given by LISC to conduct a nature art event by professional artists. This is being organized by Jim Walker and will occur in 2010.

A community effort is underway to construct a bridge over Fall Creek to connect the Greenways Trail along Fall Creek at Skiles Test Nature Park with Ft. Harrison State Park. This \$3 million dollar project is well on the way toward meeting this financial goal

5. **Tree Report-** Mike Baldwin presented a report on the 200 trees planted on Binford over the last few years. Overall the trees are doing very well. Only a few need to be replanted due to injury or accident. Some over-mulching which the BRAG Tree Keepers will correct. A BRAG Tree Fund is being established for monies for tree replacement. BRAG Bd. of Directors needs to discuss the role of this fund. This is a requirement of KIB to continue to donate trees.

6. **Leaders Lunch** The next lunch will be at George's Restaurant July 22, 2009 from 11:30 - 1 . Jim Stockman ,VP of Human Resources at Stanley Security Co., will be the speaker.
7. **Binford's Farmers Market** – the market has increased attendance this year. In addition more vendors are also participating this summer.
8. **New BRAG Organization** – The BRAG Board is considering what changes need to occur with regard to the future of the BRAG organization. The 2 major initiatives of the Board are the pedestrian access and parks. That is in addition to the on-going activities to sustain the Farmers Market, new business, beautification, etc. This requires more dollars and more volunteers. The board is looking to find how best to reach these community goals.
9. **Boy Scouts** – the new Boy Scouts headquarters art Shadeland Ave. and Fall Creek Rd. will open in 2010.