

Binford Redevelopment and Growth, Inc
September 9, 2009

MINUTES

Meeting held at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 75th Street

1. **Crime Watch Initiatives** – Joe Komenda reported that we have a new neighborhood joining BRAG Crime Watch--- Spruce Knoll at Kessler and Binford. Wesley Daniels will be sentenced Sept. 24 at 1:30pm. Information is being obtained from the prosecutors (Rob Reel)_office. Attendance is open to public.
2. **Business Update:** “SHOP BRAG “ is a new initiative to support businesses in the BRAG area. Stickers are available to neighbors to display to encourage shopping locally in the BRAG area. Stickers are \$3 and the money collected will go to develop a BRAG business directory that will list BRAG businesses. Key Bank is selling stickers at their Grand Opening. Shop BRAG ! Hawthorne Plaza at 62nd and Binford will get a new façade. Key Bank had a very good turnout at its Grand Opening including Mayor Ballard. They donated \$2500 to BRAG. Happy Dragon Restaurant will open in the shopping center on the NW corner of 71st and Binford. It has other locations in Indy. Tuesday Morning will move next to Entenmanns at 71st and Binford

Binford Village Study Focus Groups – The BRAG committee INSTEPP is leading a joint effort with MPO to develop a plan to meet neighborhood objectives for better pedestrian access. Planning workshops will occur Sept. 22 (9 am – 3 pm), 26 (9am – 1:30pm), and 29 (6:30-8). Workshops will be held at Entenmann’s at Hawthorne Plaza at 62nd and Binford. This will give everyone an update on where we are and allow them to make input on what they want in the neighborhood.

3. **Children’s Choir** – The Children’s Choir will perform at the Lutheran Church as a BRAG event on Dec. 5 at 7pm. Key Bank is underwriting the event.
4. **Skiles Test Nature Park update** – The second major planting at the park will occur Sept. 26 to include approx. 400 flowers and landscaping the flower beds with rock donated by the State Farm grant. Skiles Test Elementary will be involved as well as an Eagle Scout troop from St. Matthews. All neighbors are invited to come and join the effort. Help beautify your park !!
5. **Beautification Report-** Mike Baldwin and Karen Kryah have organized a beautification Day for Sept. 26. Planting flowers and trees will occur as well as a general cleanup of the area. Meet at Starbuck’s to volunteer at 9 am. We are expecting groups from LN, LC and Brebeuf to participate.

6. **Binford's Farmers Market** – Dick Wolfsie attended the market and did his show from there. Last market is Oct. 24 outside. The market will be inside Nov. 21 and Dec 5 and 12 at the Lutheran Church.
7. **New BRAG Organization** – The BRAG Board is continuing discussions on what changes need to occur with regard to the future of the BRAG organization. The 2 major initiatives of the Board are pedestrian access and parks. That is in addition to the on-going activities to sustain the Farmers Market, new business, crime watch, beautification, etc. This requires more dollars and more volunteers. The board is looking to find how best to reach these community goals.
8. **Crestview Garden** – Crestview elementary school had a great start to their school garden. It was such a success that the school students are starting a Garden Club.
9. **Public Meeting** – The public meeting is scheduled for Oct 14.