

SHANE Meeting

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Location: Eskenazi Health Grande Campus, 6002 E. 38th Street

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Attendees: [A list of attendees was not recorded by the notetaker.]

[These notes are based off a recording of the meeting. The recording started as a presenter was wrapping up comments saying that the city passed a new policy that says that snow removal must take place on residential streets when the snow gets above four inches.

James: Talking about having resources and looking at how we can make our neighborhood look better, we have resources available to us

Lisa Jones, Eskenazi Health: I'm a community weaver here at this clinic, my job is to go into the community I do outreach, different things, people come up and say they need help, maybe they need rental assistance or utilities assistance, different things, I find resources and weave the resources with people that need them, I can send my contact information to Mr. Campbell

James: We also have, again, resources from the Avondale Meadows YMCA

Chris Tolliver, YMCA: I put information on the table, our YMCA Community Day is on the 26th, it's a free day to the Y, come check out the YMCA, other information is on the table

James: We have someone from the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD)

Gaynelle Moore, MCPHD: You all kept me busy with the different complaints, there's a report on the table, I was able to almost resolve 17 cases last month just for this area

Sonja Buckner-Marion, MCPHD: I know this season is cleanup season, these are our guys and they come out and do cleanup, he'll explain what they do

Antione Callicott, MCPHD, Environmental Control: We have a tool loaning program, we partner with different communities on their cleanups and beautification, we have another program where we help out elderly people who can't cut their grass and things of that nature, it's on our website, people can go and sign up, I have cards, you can email me, I'll get you the website, get in contact with any of the numbers there, we can assist with different areas, reach out, I'll go out and see what we need to do, we'll do it free of charge

[Crosstalk, inaudible talking]

Sonja: I have something else, we have a group we started, it's the Marion County Coalition on Aging (MCCOA), they're doing lunch and learns, had our first at Olivet, our next one will be on April 30 at CICOA, 8440 Woodfield Crossing, this one is on brain health, we'll be talking about dementia, the Alzheimer's Association found that dementia is related sometimes to hearing loss, we're doing one every fourth Wednesday of the month, this is the one we're doing in April, I sent you the flyer, we'd really like if anybody would like to come out, I can send it to you again, you have to register, I think we're limited to 50 people, we'll be doing these throughout the community, as you drive down 38th Street, I know you've noticed the structure going up, that's our health department lab, it used to be in the basement of our building at 3838 N. Rural, now they'll have enough space to do some of the things that we would have to farm out, like when

COVID hit, we had to pay a large amount of money to get our tests because we couldn't do them in our basement, there are also vital records, birth and death certificates, they're moving them to our new building, also Bellflower Clinic is over at 720 W. 10th Street where Eskenazi is, when they got flooded, they moved there and they realized it was a better space for them, they'll keep them over there, our ambulance bay, which is now at 41st and Lafayette Road, they will be moving into that area too, we're excited, I know our lab people are excited, we're excited because we'll have enough space in that building where you can host some of your meetings, if our other spaces aren't available, we'll have another space to host neighborhood meetings, they'll have a day when you can come out and you get to sign a beam that they'll put in the building, then you know as long as that building is there, your name is there

- James: What's the date and time for the lunch and learn?
- Sonja: April 30 from Noon-1pm, it's a lunch and learn, I'll resend the flyer so you can send it to anyone who might be interested incoming
- James: Woodfield Crossing is off of Keystone
- Sonja: You turn left at the light
- James: What's the completion date on the new building?
- Sonja: It will be finished in the fall of 2026, that's when we'll start on some of our other projects
- James: Questions? [No]

Woman: I would like Miss Rachelle to speak about Meals on Wheels

Rachelle: Thank you, you may see the sign, I didn't bring a lot of flyers, it's Meals on Wheels

- Woman: We have some elderly in our area that are confined
- Woman: You just have to have Medicaid and Medicare, don't need a prescription
- Woman: They home deliver meals to people with Indiana Medicaid, Pathways, weekly deliveries of nutritious meals, call (317) 723-2048

Man: Regarding the lunch, will there be transportation?

- Sonja: We don't provide transportation, I think most of the ones we're having are on the bus line

James: Mr. Greg Garrett from UNCE

Greg, UNCE: I'll be very quick, a little bit of a celebratory mood, we obtained a grant with a partnership from Goodwill from the Meridian Foundation, UNCE received \$10,000 of that grant, \$6,000 will go to G7 for community outreach and marketing, that money will go to the neighborhood organizations here to boost their membership and have resources to conform the community, to have signage, yard signs, flyers, whatever you need to update social media, that money has been delivered to the designed, I'm excited to see what they're going to do with it, I think it either hasn't been done before or if it has it's been a long time, I'm also working with a few organizations about some upcoming project, Horizon Bank and PNC Bank will partner to establish financial literacy classes, we're in the initial stages of setting that up, our goal is to be able to get the information out to you about the classes, we're also in talks of starting our first-time homebuyer courses again, if you remember Bill from Horizon, he'll come back and help us with that and we'll have another lender fair, we just finished our business plan last week, like I said before, we're still looking for community feedback as far as where you would like the CDC to go moving forward, Pastor Shobe is putting together a group he covers a lot of the empty storefronts along 38th Street, there may be other properties we can look at for redevelopment or get an idea about what you would like to see in those spots and then look at phase two which would be a feasibility study, I know this is a lot, but we've come a long way, look at how many

people are here tonight, if there's anything you need from the CDC, let me know, if we can't provide a resource, I'll look one up for you, Horizon Bank will tentatively be done by late all or early winter this year, but I won't know a strict timeline until they get back with me, they are supposed to be giving me a timeline hopefully before the end of this month

- Man: Is that the bank at 38th and Arlington?
- Greg: Yes, where the pizza place used to be
- Man: [Asks a question about Devington Plaza—it was difficult to hear his exact wording]
- Greg: The question was has there been any updates on the rehabilitation of Devington, to answer him, no, the original buyer, Sky Soar, has not come back with a new plan, but we're in a 90-day window when they can't come back to the city with a new plan, I think it'll be around June 1, as far as the Task Force is concerned, we're doing listening sessions, we talked with LISC to find some funding to do a feasibility study, we had a really good conversation that night, the sad news is that we had a cleanup scheduled for the 12th, but it was canceled because the property owner didn't want us cleaning up his property
- Sonja: Since he didn't want us to clean it up, what are you guys going to do to enforce him cleaning it up?
- Greg: Everything that you talked about with the health department, Business and Neighborhood Services (BNS), we want to make sure we call when we see trash, tractor-trailers you have to call IMPD for that, hopefully I can get together with the police to have those trucks removed, if there's anything wrong with the buildings, call the city and let them know, that call to cancel the cleanup was made by Stephanie Marshall who runs the Task Force, there are other organizations in G7 who are having cleanups throughout the spring and summer, there's still time to plan a cleanup if you want to do one
- Rachele: In reference to neighbors calling, they can call the health department and BNS?
- Greg: If you call the MAC (Mayor's Action Center) it will eventually get to BNS and the health department, if they're in violation they'll start getting fines, we want to make it as untenable as possible for them to hold onto it, right now it's still the same guy in NYC who owns it
- James: There's been some dumping over there and the owners hired an individual to patrol the area to minimize the amount of dumping
- Greg: The dumping was stuff the city doesn't pick up
- James: Devington is up in the air right now, I'm on the task force, at this point we're looking for buyers and there's some movement on it, but we're still shifting things around and trying to get it solidified
- Greg: It's going to be a long process
- James: the thing we're adamant about is we don't want 500 units of housing, we want it to be a destination where people can go and do things, we know if there's that much housing up there, we know what's going to happen in four or five years
- Rachele: After this hearing that they lost they really haven't been in communication?
- James: The owners is not involved, it's the buyer that withdrew the proposal, the owner is just sitting and waiting for someone to do something, the problem with the owner is that they jacked the price up
- Greg: The tax assessed value is \$1.68 million, the owner wants over \$3 million to buy it

James: Mr. Talley came in, where are the officers today?

- Steve: We just left another meeting, I thought he would be here, he might have gotten a call, the only thing I have, and I will leave the information on the table, we have a blood drive on the 18th, there's a QR code, the Task Force meeting is tomorrow (April 9) at 6:00

at 201 N. Shadeland Avenue, BNS will be the main speaker for that hour, they'll be there to answer questions for the entire hour, the next thing I have is all the contact information for the entire IMPD East District, it's best to send an email so they can research it and get back with you

- James: Two opportunities for you to interact with the officers in our area, they have the once per month
- Steve: Always the second Wednesday at 6:00
- James: No, Coffee with a Cop, is that monthly?
- Steve: No, that's only when we get an invitation
- James: I'll send the flyers out, there's an opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with police officers in the area, spend some time with them, Coffee with a Cop and the Task Force meeting, and the commander is at the Task Force meeting

James: Anyone else have business?

- Woman: [Asked a question about the apartments on Emerson—it was difficult to hear the exact wording]
- James: Once again, we have out-of-state owners, these are between 38th Street and 39th Street, the owners are in Utah, same problem as the other place, we've been working with the owners and the CEO of Cook Medical, we're trying to get some work done, if you go a little further north about two blocks, there was Roselawn Apartments, they finally took those down, I didn't know there was a park back there, they've got those apartments down now, along Emerson from 38th to basically 42nd, it's a problem, my understanding is that it's the same owners out west, they're out-of-state owners, they don't care, the city is leveling fines and all kinds of things on them, but it's not getting any movement
- Greg: The apartments across Emerson on 39th Street have fire damage, so if you focus on getting the city to tear those down, that would take care a lot of problems in that area, that should be on our target list
- James: We had a demolition order for those
- Brian, Kingdom Apostolic Ministries (KAM): I know our community is in talks, we're trying to raise more money, I'm with KAM's social justice arm and nonprofit arm, we're in talks trying to raise more money, we're trying to get New Market Tax Credits, to get the full amount for those apartments, but it's been a long process, I hope to move on that next year
- Woman: Why do we always have to wait until we have a fire or a death before we can get anything done? we put these politicians who want to shake your hand and want your vote on election day, we don't see them any other time, it's always "We're in talks," in the meantime we're losing our community, our property values are going down, it's ridiculous, it takes years and years, they always say they're waiting on more money, what's really the issue and what price are we paying for that?
- Brian: We've been taking action with those apartments
- Woman: You're talking about you by yourself, but we have people we vote in specifically to help with this and that, but yet so much is being run down, things that need to be torn down
- Brian: I was a the Devington Communities Association, I talked to Ron Gibson, he's on the church side of that issue, we're still trying to get money, I'm glad that the lady from MCPHD spoke about cleaning up and being able to come together, I'll take that back to our people and we'll put something together, even though it's slow we can make it look presentable
- Woman: I agree with you but how much money does it take for some rakes, shovels, and trash bags and ask for some volunteers, you can make the outside look presentable

- Brian: That's what I'm saying
- Woman: Why do you need to talk to them, you have a room full of volunteers, you don't always have to have a meeting, we can help ourselves, all it takes is a group to get out there with some brooms, shovels, and we can begin to beautify things
- Woman: As opposed to waiting, we'll get out there, people are driving down throwing stuff all the time, it's going to take us to also help ourselves
- James: We talk about helping ourselves, it begins right here, in conjunction with SHANE, there are neighborhood associations working together, we're in our infancy, it starts right here, what are you willing to do? That's what we're here tonight to find out, we know the problem and the resources, we're here, it's our responsibility to do this, there are organizations across the city that are moving mountains
- Woman: Why can't we?
- James: United, we work together, I don't like to meet to meet, it's a waste of time, we should be reporting on what we're doing, that's movement, we see the problems, you all brought visitors, new residents, let's begin with me, that's what we want to deal with for a few minutes
- Ron Mills: That's fine and well, but at the end of the day, I've been in the power structure, I know how that operates, you need a politician who is willing to do something, we have things around here that only happen in our area, I've talked about School 53, there's a bunch of trash up there, on top of that the building is there, it's personal to me because I started school in that school in 4th grade, I've been over here since 1970, so my father was on Campbell, I moved back into the house, renovated it, I'm still here, 55 years, I know everything that's going on, I'm also a retired police officer from IMPD, 31 years, you can't tell me nothing that's going on over here, we know in certain areas you don't have buildings like school 53 sitting there, there's certain things you don't have, you don't have abandoned apartment buildings, they just let it sit there, it's ridiculous, we need someone who is the mayor or deputy mayor, get some legislation, we need things to be solved, but they don't worry about solving them because it's not in their neighborhood, we talk about the same stuff every meeting, I don't just come to meetings to come to meetings, I'm going to bring up school 53 at every meeting
- Woman: We want answers
- Ron Mills: There's a water leak at 42nd and Drexel, I know it's been about 2-and-a-half years, I drive 42nd Street every day, it's an underground water leak, How does the water company allow that to happen? How does that resident that lives there allow that? that is ridiculous, Who does that?
- Man: It's been longer than that
- Ron Mills: He says three years, I'm speaking from what I know, nobody gets treated like that except for us
- James: We have to find a way to stop being treated that way, it's up to us to do it, the city council, we have the councilor from the 9th District, Keith Graves, he's here
- Ron Mills: Good, then he heard everything I said
- Woman: I don't care if he's here or not because we're not getting anything accomplished, if he ain't here to help us, don't hurt us
- Keith Graves, District 9: My area goes from Post Road to Emerson, I'm super excited to see you all here, thank you for having me here, a lot has been said, so much emotion, I think that's what's necessary, this energy we're going to use to channel to get something done in our community, I'm on the public safety committee with the council, you should probably have the best perch to say that in the 6 years that I've been on the council this community has transformed visibly, it's been millions of dollars invested into 38th Street, the drainage on 38th Street has been fixed

- [There was lots of crosstalk here. Mr. Mills emphasized that he was not talking about water on 38th Street but on 42nd Street. He said all they do is put a cone out.]
- Keith: We have a way now, I've shared it with President Campbell, to get immediate attention through DPW (Department of Public Works)
- Ron Mills: But why doesn't the water company take care of that?
- Keith: We have to take care of this ourselves, there's a way that we can get our concerns recognized, we have the Mayors Action Center, these are our streets, our communities, DPW doesn't drive down our streets, the city council doesn't drive those streets, the only way we know is if we tell them, the president and I meet, you can also put it on the Request Indy app and you can call the MAC
- Woman: You're representing our area, why don't you drive back there?
- Keith: I represent 40,000 residents, you think I should drive down these streets?
- Woman: Yes, it doesn't make a difference what you've done, I want to know what you're going to do
- Keith: I appreciate your passion, but I don't know if it's realistic what you're asking
- Woman: It's realistic, how can you represent something that you don't know what's going on there?
- Keith: I love you for sharing what's going on, share it with me, share with the president, Request Indy, MAC
- Ron Mills: You have things that's been there forever, School 53, the school that's been empty on 36th and LaSalle, I can name stuff all day long
- [Lots of crosstalk here. Keith Graves was speaking, but I could not make out what he was saying.]
- James: Whoa, whoa, whoa, all we have to do is talk and converse, let's focus
- Keith: I appreciate this
- James: There are other things people want to ask and talk about
- Keith: We're getting somewhere, how do I find out about that's happening in your community? Mr. Saahir, he lets me know, I've been on his street to do four different projects and we're working on a fifth, I'll come to your community, I don't know about it unless you tell me, I can't go up and down each and every street
- Ron Mills: 42nd and Drexel needs working on tonight
- [Lots of crosstalk]
- James: Once again, ask questions and talk one at a time
- Woman: [Made a comment having to do with videos, I think she wanted to know how she could send video footage from her home cameras]
- Keith: You don't have to send a video, just send a description through Request Indy or send it to President Campbell of SHANE
- Woman: Can you give us your information tonight?
- Keith: Absolutely, you can also find me on the city council's website, my phone number and email address are very available, I grew up in this community too, I'm almost 60, so I've been around for a long time too
- Woman: Thank you for being here, you tell us to call the MAC, we have a pit bull running loose, we call the police, they tell us to call animal control, do they do that in another community? Our kids can't go outside because of this loose dog
- Keith: I'll give you my number (317) 560-4554, you can call me anytime, leave me a voicemail, I'll get back with you, text it to me, I send it to my team, we're working on duplicating this success, this was a bank desert, we have two banks now, this was a food desert, now we've got a grocery, we were a healthcare desert, I was here to help select a carpet color in this building, I know about these projects, we're trying to duplicate this success in Devington, we're trying to build something that you can be proud of, I'm extremely involved with Devington, I'm working with KAM, we've got the

buildings on 38th and 39th and Emerson knocked down, we'll get 53 knocked down, I've been over there with Mr. Singh who owns it, now he has the buildings on Keystone, I'm deeply embedded in this community

- Ron Mills: Imagine tearing down School 53, even if there's nothing else there, what about just a park? He owns the building, tear it down
- Keith: It's got a big hole in the gym
- James: You're saying something and I agree with you 100%, I'm thinking a senior citizens center
- Ron Mills: Does anyone know what was on this lot before this health center?
- [People said Value City.]
- Ron Mills: Before that, somebody said Tops, that's how long I've been here
- James: We're talking about problems, issues, let's talk about solutions, I agree with him about School 53, but why can't we organize and put the pressure on somebody, we as a community SHANE neighborhood association speak as one, we have more power than he does, we can advocate the problem and the solution
- Man: [Made a comment about the Mayor, but I didn't understand what he said.]
- Keith: One thing I've recognized is that communities that work together get things done, we need that community voice
- Woman: That's what I was going to ask you, from SHANE, what do you need us to do to assist you to make this thrive, what can we do?
- Keith: Maybe president Campbell and I should come up with specific tasks, I've been coming to these meetings for 5 or 6 years, this is the most people I've ever seen, I'm super excited
- Woman: That's a good idea, if we come up with what we want to get done and see what we need to do to get it done
- James: What can SHANE do? That's the question, the first thing we can do is organize ourselves, we're a loose group here, everyone has issues, we need to organize ourselves, we need block captains, we need committee people, we need something to say that we're going to organize our neighborhood association, then they go through me, and I'll talk to them downtown
- Woman: One thing with all of us coming together, I heard him say it's Psot Road to whatever, we need to get an understanding of who and what is our area, before we do that, it needs to be in writing
- James: We have that
- Woman: We need to get an understanding and be visualized, we need to have a clear understanding so we can move forward, know where we are, who we are, and then have a divine understanding of who we are
- James: We have that
- Woman: Last month was my first time, a lot of other people it's their first time, we're all babies, if we want to move forward, we have to get an understanding
- James: I'll have it in writing at the next meeting
- Woman: We have all that together, whatever we're going to do
- Keith: Each neighborhood association has a map of its boards, bylaws, they're filed with the city, they're official organizations
- Woman: A lot of us are first timers, so a lot of people here are frustrated
- Keith: I want everybody to voice their concerns, I want to hear them
- Woman: If we have a map showing the streets, then we can write on the paper the concerns and where the issues are
- Keith: A good structure is the block captains and they report that to the president
- James: The foundation of a successful neighborhood association are the block captains, I don't know what goes on in each block, I walk my block

- Woman: Once we determine where we start and end, then that's where we can get a better understanding
- James: Sounds good
- Man: Does SHANE have a website?
- James: We have a Facebook page, but not a website, that's a responsibility someone can do
- Woman: I had a question, last time you promised us you'd tell use what was going on on Meadowlark, we're ready to hear
- James: I'll answer her question first, at the next meeting, we will have the bylaws of SHANE and the map
- Keith: Someone mentioned what are some of the things you can do, one thing I've done with Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association, they're part of the G7, what we've done is literally knocked on businesses' doors that were not good neighbors to say "We need you to do better to do good by the community," then we'll follow up, if we don't see change we can apply more legal pressure with BNS and code enforcement and the public health department, with the Brendon Park association, they have Devington in their area, they organized a lot of their people to go down for a hearing to oppose a rezoning effort, that rezoning effort was denied, that's the opportunity of community coming together, they were so excited to get there that somebody found a way to get a bus, people gave a little money, they got themselves down there and fought that rezoning, there are things like gas stations I try to make sure my neighborhood association leaders are aware of, storage facilities are another thing, people don't want those, we fight about those, I wish I could snap my fingers and everything be done, but what we've done in this community, what we've done here, what we're doing with Devington, and at 38th and Franklin, we're bringing some great stuff in this district, District 9 is doing really well, I'm happy to see what's going on along 38th Street, I've been in this community for a long time, I love this community, I'm proud to be able to represent this community, get to know me, I gave you my number
- [Mr. Saahir brought up an issue about dust from a cement factory and it sounded like Keith Graves was already familiar with it.]
- Keith: Thank you for bringing that up, I'll bring that up with IDEM [Indiana Department of Environmental Management] because I've gotten them on that before, it's coming from the other side of the train tracks, I'll get on that because they were supposed to remedy that with water, we need reports from the community because they do it when we send the authorities out there, and then they stop, I have daycare centers that are in the blow-by area of these clouds, we're not gonna have that, I get real angry when I feel like the community I'm in isn't being taken care of, and I'm competitive too, I want my community to look like others around Central Indiana, we're moving a lot, we're doing a lot but we need our community to partner with us
- Man: What about the residents, I've got a problem with residents on each side, dogs, trash, if you throw it away, I pick it up and set it out, it's been hauled away twice
- James: I'm going to have to cut this off because of the time, you can talk one-on-one
- Woman: I went and talked to the people across the street from my house about trash, there's two units, I told them they're responsible for the trash, the trash can is overflowing, so they put the trash on the ground, I talked to them and they haven't done it, they're both responsible for the yard, they've been doing a better job
- James: The best neighbor is a nosy neighbor
- Woman: It is
- James: For a lot of reasons

James: What's been accomplished tonight, I have to end this, we will have the next meeting what you requested, we'll have that information here, you're right, you should have that, that will tell you who we are, what our bylaws are, tell you about our officers and tell you about the physical boundaries of SHANE, if you need anything else, let us know, [I think someone volunteered to work on the website] we'll talk about putting together the website, we need that, we can't move unless people volunteer, we've gotten two committees going tonight, we need to get the block captains going, we have to be as one, thank you for your service, if there's nothing else, than you to our new residents and visitors, thank you for coming, bring somebody with you next time

Meeting adjourned.