

SHANE Meeting

March 12, 2025

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

Notes taken by: Abbey Chambers, Justways Research, connect@JustwaysResearch.com

Attendees: James Campbell (SHANE), Vickie Driver (Oxford Neighborhood Association, DIP-IN), Gaynelle Moore (Marion County Public Health Department), Stephanie Marshall (Brendon Park, Devington Development Task Force), Tamara Franklin (Eskenazi Health), Chris Tolliver (YMCA), Ryan Clayton (Indy Fresh Market), Reigan Lewis (Indy Fresh Market), Cecelia Dodson (Audubon Gardens Neighborhood Association), Greg Garrett (UNEC), Talia Shivers (Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association), Steve Talley (IMPD)

[I was not able to hear everyone's name during the introductions, so not all attendees are listed above.]

James: We'll get started, there are some people who won't be able to come tonight because we're in conflict with the East District Task Force meeting, I forgot about that meeting tonight, we have Steve Talley here from IMPD, let's get started, good evening, welcome, we have a lot of new people, let's go around and introduce ourselves

James: We're going to do our meeting a little differently, I want to have a conversation, we'll talk, if you have a handout, we have the agenda, these are talking points, we want to get to what kind of neighborhood association or neighborhood do we want to have? What would you like your neighborhood to look like? December 25, Sheridan Heights neighborhood was on national news because of a mass shooting, a couple of weeks ago there was another shooting, what does that say about our neighborhood? It has a reputation of being unsafe, what do we want to do about this, we have a lot of things going on in our neighborhood, from my viewpoint there's a couple of things along Catherwood between Meadowlark and 41st Street, there's a whole bunch of cars parked on the street, on the corner of 43rd and Catherwood, there's a guy who thinks that we're a zone for a mechanic's shop, we're not zoned for that, there's a truck that's sitting on Catherwood near Meadowlark, a neighbor informed me that the truck belongs to the son of the resident, he doesn't live there, I'm sure there are things at 41st and Arlington on the south side of the street, what type of neighborhood do we want? We're already dealing with the cars on Meadowlark, these are things we want to talk about tonight

- Woman: we would like a clean neighborhood, we've called the health department we don't get any assistance, it's been 3 or 4 of us, I'm not the only one calling, we want enforced what needs to be done, we have trash, we try to keep our little area clean, it's mostly elderly there, we go out and pick up, we try to keep our yards nice, you have cars pulling up in front of the houses, the driveways are small so they leave their vehicles parked on the sidewalk, you have to walk in the street to go around and that's dangerous, we can't maintain our properties because of the trash, you can see all the cans and bottles thrown up to the house, the health department came out and brought 5 dump trucks out and that wasn't enough, we can't seem to get the assistance we need, we've spoken with them, they know when trash pickup is, there are random shootings at nighttime, we have to get under the bed because we don't know where the bullets are going
- James: We have one resource that we're having trouble with, that's the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services
- Woman: For whoever is involved, it's like they don't care because they don't live in the neighborhood, a lot of people we see in these meetings they only come during election

times because they want our vote, they say they grew up here, but they don't return back to care about it, it doesn't benefit us to come to these meetings and speak about it if they're not going to do anything about it

- James: We want to zoom in on some specific things that can be done, the last thing on the agenda is what we're going to do, there are things all of us can do, I know what's going on in my area, I need eyes and ears in areas where I don't live, this is just the first meeting, when we meet next month, we need to zoom in on some of this stuff but people need to be there, we want them to talk to you directly, that's the point behind the neighborhood association, tonight we want to talk about what do we want to be?
- Woman: I also want to zoom in on speeding, I'm sure IMPD can confirm the multiplicity of traffic accidents, we've had several people speeding down Arlington, someone drove through the front window and shattered it, our young kids are witness to these things, they run out, it's unacceptable behavior, I don't know why they think Arlington is some kind of speedway at all hours of the night, it's a hazard, we can't pick up and move, it can cause someone to lose their life, those cars will end up in our houses, I'm speaking from my area and what has happened and what I've seen on my street
- James: What everybody is saying everybody else is experiencing, we're all seeing some of the same things
- Woman: We've talked about speed bumps, some of these are trucks delivering for some of the big companies that are driving down the neighborhood, I'm talking about Kroger trucks that are speeding down our streets
- James: We're having the same problems on Meadowlark Drive, we tried to get speedbumps and we got turned down, but I saw two other areas in town that have speed bumps and our area is worse, it's about who you know, Keith Graves is the city-county councilor for this area, he's the key contact and he'll be here next month, you have all these people here from all these offices, leave a message with him about Arlington
- Man: Will he respond?
- James: Yes, if he wants to keep his office, I want to verbalize everybody's issues
- Woman: The light at 38th and Arlington, it's 4 minutes going north and south, they get four minutes going east and west
- James: That's still being looked at by DPW, Arlington and Sheridan are the same issue, the Purple Line bus goes through there, but the department is still looking at it
- Man: When we're going to east and west, we have to wait a long time, my biggest complaint and what I'd like to see here is we need to do something about the speeding and running stop signs [there was a mention of Lawrence police that I could not hear clearly]
- James: I don't know why Lawrence police would be in that area, I can attest to the running stop-signs
- Man: We need to get the police on them
- James: We have a good relationship with IMPD East District, but they have limited resources, most of their resources are out east where all the violent crimes are, they used to have cars sit in our area for speeding and stuff, but we don't see it much anymore
- Man: They should be patrolling
- Woman: But do you agree that if you don't start dealing with a problem when it's small it will grow
- Steve Talley: There is a flyer from IMPD, there are email addresses and phone numbers for the commander at East District, I've lived at 5444 E. 40th since 1967, I know all this is going on, please if you say you have this issue, email those to me and to Commander Leepper and the Sergeant Harper and we will address those issues, please send that information, those are quality of life issues, we have four officers that do nothing but

address quality of life issues, they don't take runs or 911 calls, please get that information to us

James: Next, what resources do we have? Steve Talley talked about IMPD, they will be here next month, it took a lot of work, conversations, things done behind the scenes for this facility to be in the boundaries of our neighborhood, Eskenazi kept neighborhood associations involved, we knew about the building, signs, colors, they kept us involved because they wanted community input, this facility is supposed to be one of the best in the world as far as what we have

- Tamara: I don't specifically work in this facility, I work at the hospital downtown, I've been part of Wishard/Eskenazi for 27 years, this facility was something that we wanted to keep the neighborhood engaged in the process of building it, it's been less than a year, Grande Campus, it has several services, it's 2 floors, there's an elevator, the first floor has the BABE Store for pregnant moms, dental health, pharmacy, imaging for breast health, rehabilitation services, Eskenazi Health mental health center, WIC, the Marion County Public Health Department is a sister organization, on the second floor we have chiropractic services, primary care, OBGYN, optometry/optical, podiatry, Café Soleil has snacks, healthy foods, it's open Monday-Friday 8am-3pm
- Woman: They have a pharmacy, they can fill prescriptions, why if they have this pharmacy here and they have the capability to get your medications why are they having another company deliver it, if you can come here and pick it up, what was the point of that?
- Tamara: I don't know but I can get the answer for you
- James: This is being taped, these questions are coming up, I will be reviewing the minutes so we can address all the questions

James: In addition to Eskenazi a lot of work was done behind the scenes to bring Indy Fresh Market within our boundaries, we have the manager of the market, Ryan Clayton, he's the manager, and Reigan Lewis who is the marketing rep, give us a word or two about Indy Fresh Market

- Reigan: It's a local grocery store, fresh produce, café style deli, hot meals, we always have sandwiches available, we're happy to serve the community, we've lowered our prices, we've heard that the prices were too high, many people have come through and bought carts full of groceries, we have certain things that some stores don't have, I know a lady that came last week that said it was some sort of meat we had that she normally had to go to Chicago to get it and we had it, stop by, 5160 E. 38th Street
- Ryan: I'm happy to be here and be part of Indy Fresh, I started in October as a consultant, we noticed that the prices were high, we noticed there was a lot of work for us to do as far as getting engaged, making sure items were on sale, I used to live out here in the 90s, I was a manager for Kroger for 35 years, I ran the store in Devington, I know a lot about the community, it's good to be part of Indy Fresh Market, we've lowered the prices to our last tier of lowering that we can do, we have to get customers into the store, we need you to support the store, it's very nice, state of the art equipment, I can tell you about equipment and a whole lot of things, Cook did not spare any expense when building the store, we have items on sale, we have over 400 items in the store with everyday low prices, you can see the date the item is going off sale so you can stock up, we're competing with Kroger and Meijer, we're a single-standing store, Kroger and Meijer can get their items in bulk, we can't do that but we're still trying to compete with those prices, hats off to Cook and Goodwill, we want you to shop with us because we can't test how good we are as managers without customers, the store is maybe averaging 200 transactions per day, that's not a lot, we've had focus groups with people who don't know

it's there, we keep the store nice, clean, fresh, and full, come by and show us you appreciate the store being there, the store is there for you to use, we appreciate you coming by and shopping, we're training our associates to say hello and invite you to come back in and shop, we're trying to test what we're doing in the community

- Woman: I'll tell you what I didn't like, I asked someone where to find something and they didn't understand, why are they working there if they can't understand?
- Ryan: Come see me now, all the associates speak English, all will be able to answer your questions and help you
- Man: What people have to understand about the store and they need to spread, you might have to spend the extra money if you want that store to stay there, it's up to every one of us, the same people here that once it shuts down they'll complain that they don't have a store, they can't compete with Walmart and Meijer, it's up to each and every one of you, I've explained to so many people that if you want to keep this store then you have to shop there or you'll end up at the gas station and paying even more, I'm stating facts, at the end of the day, if we don't support it, they won't survive off of 200 transactions per day, I know well I go in and get a half-gallon of ice cream and I can drive anywhere in town, but I'll pay the extra for that ice cream to get it here so we don't lose the store
- Ryan: I thank you for saying that, but I challenge you to come in the store, we have eggs that are cheaper
- James: That goes back to our original question: What do you want our neighborhood to look like do we want an empty building? [People said no.] We don't want an empty building in our neighborhood, those two facilities, the food market and Eskenazi and the Goodwill medical facility, these are at our front door, they're still hiring at the facility, these are right here in our neighborhood

James: We have a big mess that's been going on at Devington for a long time, we have the president of the Devington Task Force who has some good news about Devington, Ms.

Stephanie Marshall

- Stephanie: I'm not sure how much you know about what's going on at 46th and Arlington, for those who aren't aware, we've gone down to the city for about the 4th time, we have been able to get the petitioner who was going to buy the property and turn it into a mixed-use environment, we've been able to get him to withdraw his petition to turn that into a housing project, that is the easiest hurdle that we can cross at this time, the next phase is to find the investors, the doers, the developer to transition this space into something that can give the community meaning, vitality, resources, bridge some gaps, it don't matter if you put it up, if we don't support it, it'll be another empty building, yes, everything is higher, yes, you may have to stop at this store and that store, but if we don't support the developments that are here, we will have nothing, the conversations we've been having with developers, they say we don't deserve anything, we can't afford it, they won't invest in it, we won't support it, the community will tear it up, loot it, that's how they talk about this community, let's prove them wrong, I am happy to report we had about 40 people go down and support us at the Metropolitan Development meeting, we chartered a bus with Cathedral, we went downtown, we sat there for 30-45 minutes until we were called, we said this doesn't work for us, we were prepared, we had our CDC, Cathedral High School, the next thing is to figure out how we get to our north star or as close as possible, we have some new focus, the developer can come back in 90 days with a better plan, but we hope they come back with the community in time, our goal now is to change the narrative about the corner of 46th and Arlington and about our neighborhoods all together, mark your calendars for April 12, we're going to start having community cleanups, that area can use some love, if we don't support it and keep it up

and be visible about changing that space, the next developer or whoever has the money will do whatever, April 12 from 11am-1pm, if you can only stay 30 minutes, that's fine, bring your kids, grandkids, we'll meet in the parking lot at Devington Plaza, we also want to create a positive vibe in that space, we want to do a health and wellness block party to show that it's safe, and we're safe in numbers, we'll do what we can to change the narrative and come into the space and celebrate what we can, the date of that is TBD, we're looking at May or June, it'll be fun, some music, food trucks, love to have Eskenazi and Indy Fresh Market there, share information, provide services, I think it'll be great for the entrepreneurial small businesses here, if you know of a good food truck or somebody that wants to do some community service in late May or early June, we're putting it together quickly, the last thing is that we're trying to do a quality of life plan for that site, there is no quality of life plan for the Brendon area, we haven't visualized what will make our area successful, the next thing is to work with city planners, urban developers to help us put on paper what the task force said what we want, that's upwards of \$20,000 to start that, we're looking at writing some grants, once the plan is in place, we can certify it with the city and when developers come we can have a data-driven approach

- Woman: How far is that plan being circulated?
- Stephanie: My email address is BrendonParkPresident@gmail.com
- James: Is the website still up?
- Stephanie: Yes, ReconnectDevington.com, we have a Facebook group at Devington Plaza Redevelopment Task Force, we share a lot of information there and on Next Door, we try to hit all the places where you would normally frequent, if you have questions, email me or go to ReconnectDevington.com, we appreciate your support
- Woman: Is Cathedral High School still involved in Devington and putting a sports center there?
- Stephanie: The goal is a number of things, she's talking about a health and wellness center, yes, that's still a thing, that's one of the things we're advocating for, we heard the community talking about having a community center, a health and wellness center, facilities related to youth sports, but we have to get somebody to build it, we can idealize it, we had WDI architecture put it in a visual format, what we need is somebody to help us build these things
- Woman: So that would be for everybody in the community, not just for Cathedral?
- Stephanie: Yes, it will always be for the community, Cathedral has a vested interest because they use Arlington High School, they see a collaborative vision to use the facility

James: Again, what resources do we have, we've talked about a couple, we have Carrington Sanders, he's our Mayor's Neighborhood Association, we'll have him at our next meeting, he's our liaison to the city, he's suppose to be getting in touch with those city agencies about our concerns, I'm going to talk to Councilman Graves about him being here next meeting because he needs to hear from you, you're his constituents, and you need to hear from him

James: Gaynelle Moore is the environmental specialist with Marion County Public Health Department

- Gaynelle: I drive up and down the streets and I write up violations, for example I went down 42nd street, I have 62 blocks, I've been focusing on cars in the driveways and yards that have no tags, the police handle cars in the streets, that's not my jurisdiction, mice are terrible and that's because people have wood piled in their backyard, it also attracts termites, it's little reasons we do certain things, with the cars, we can get chemicals into the ground
- Man: You haven't been in my neighborhood, we have cars in the yards

- Gaynelle: If they're in the yard, I can write them up, they need to put gravel under the car or something, we can't judge people on how many people they have in their home because they're in and out, if you have a neighborhood association that says you can't park in your yard, then yes
- James: I talked with the Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, and he was checking with the city legal people to get a reading on that, that's a question that has not been answered, I hope to have someone from the city next month to give us an answer on that, attorney's office too, based on what we hear we'll have the people here to address those things specifically

James: We have Greg Garrett who is a personal friend and a nice guy

- Greg: Good evening, I'll be brief, I am the interim Executive Director of the community development corporation, our building is here in Eskenazi, we moved here from the Meadows YMCA last year, I replaced Ashely Gurvitz, what we do is long-term planning of the community as a whole, our boundaries are 46th Street to the north, 30th Street to the south, Shadeland to the east, and Fall Creek to the west, but our focus is on how we redevelop the area, in the past we've had a hand bringing in people to the community to discuss how this facility was constructed and what services to bring in, we're working with the Health Equity Zone to do small programs working with Eskenazi things dealing with prenatal care, health and wellness, housing, food accessibility and safety, that's what we've been working on, we also had a hand in the Cook manufacturing facility and the grocery store, what do we do moving forward? CDCs often will build a building and then nothing happens, I want to build a program to bring life to the community and also create programs and information systems that help you as a community, we had a first-time homebuyer program, we had about 300 people trying to get their evictions expunged, I need to know what the community wants so we can find grants or donors to create programs based on what you see, I want to build things that are long-term and that will always benefit you, we don't have a community resource center, we have to be resilient and create resources that will help sustain us on our own, we had a homeowner-occupied repair, we had grant funding, if you qualify, you can get \$15,000 worth of repair, we have to be creative on how we can get other resources and other financial institutions to help shore up the costs of these programs, I want to hear from you on what ideas you have, I live in this area, what will this area turn into in 40 years from now, what do we have to invest in this community and what do we want to do to create a future for this area, please feel free to contact me, or come see us, we're right down the hall

James: One thing I'm doing as neighborhood president is that we have several associations and we formed a coalition of neighborhood associations called the G7, we meet and deal with some of the common issues across the board from this area here all the way to the east, three of the presidents are here tonight, Vickie Driver from Oxford Neighborhood Association, Talia Shivers from Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association, and Cecelia Dodson from Audubon Gardens Neighborhood Association, we're working together to deal with our common problems, those that participated in National Night Out last year, that was evidence of seven neighborhood associations working together to put on an excellent, very successful National Night Out last year, it ended about a half hour beforehand because the rain came down like the dickens but the saxophone player kept playing and people danced, we're working on National Night Out 2025, we want to make it bigger and better and have it at Washington Park, the neighborhoods are working together, how do we engage our neighbors, we talked about flyers, we have those here, we talked about block captains, they're the ears and eyes of their block, the block captains come together and they can tell us issues in their area, I don't know what's going on on other

blocks unless somebody tells me, if you're going to be successful it has to start at the grassroots level within your block, I had an issue with loud music, I called the police, the curfew for loud music 11pm, you have to take responsibility for your area, last year we had roll calls, we had 35 police cars in front of my house, they had roll call, they had them in different places, the point is to get their attention, we can do that, there are a lot of things we can do, also think about signs for our neighborhood, "Welcome to Sheridan Heights Neighborhood," we'll talk about how to get those, also t-shirts, we'll talk about a lot of things we can do, Stephanie talked about a party in Devington

- Woman: I agree with you, I want to have a block party
- James: That's fine, if you have it, we'll come and support you
- Woman: Is there a newsletter, do we have a website? Those are things we need to know about
- Woman: As soon as we clean up our street, people throw it right back out
- James: We used to have a newsletter for our neighborhood association years ago, we had a brochure, we can send a letter to get new residents, we can send a letter to residents that are being a problem, this is what shows what we want our neighborhood to look like
- Woman: What possessed him to put this rehab house down there off of 39th?
- Cecelia: You all got notices about that [a few people said they didn't and someone said the house has been there for years]
- Cecelia: The question was what made them put that there, it's because they evidently filed for whatever so they could do it
- Woman: I've been there several times, a lot of them are handicapped, it's a group home
- Woman: I don't think it's always true that we received something, when certain things happen then certain people start to move in, maybe they start with handicapped, but then other people start getting put in these facilities, that's what we're talking about, there were people stealing packages, when we become victims of certain things
- James: Text me the address
- Woman: There are child molesters
- James: See, we're sharing information
- Woman: It starts as one thing and then it turns into something totally different
- [Lots of crosstalk]
- James: We can't all talk at the same time
- Cecilia: The multiuse thing you brought up about Devington is a good example, if they get it zoned for multiuse, then they can put anything in there, we have to pay attention to these things, we get these notices and we need to pay attention to them and address them, when they have the hearings, we need to go, once they get the zoning changed or whatever, then they can do what they want, we have got to start paying attention to what's going on in our community, we need people to go down to the city-county council to represent our neighborhood, my neighborhood has two people, one lady that is 90 years old and me, we'll sit all morning, when it gets to us, they continue it and we go back next month, but we have to do that, and we don't and that's why things happen
- Woman: A lot of this I would have participated but the last time my husband and I were there it was [inaudible] and then it went away, then it goes back to what my neighbor said, it was a handicapped facility and then it changed and certain things started occurring

James: We were meeting at Zion Hope and moved here because it's more centralized, my dream is that we outgrow this conference room and we have to go back to meeting there

James: The last question I want you to think about is What am I willing to do? we'll talk about it next time, consider being a block captain, do you think this meeting tonight was beneficial? [many people said yes], we'll continue it next month, we want to conclude this meeting next month with some commitments, we have a lot of possible issues, strangers in the neighborhood, cars, all these things can be done, we have a viable active neighborhood association, we can confront problems as a neighborhood association, not as individuals, we're still fighting the potholes on Sheridan between 38th to 39th Street, there's a lot of thing going on behind the scenes, this is where you get the information, we have to be united, but everybody has to take a piece of the pie, I like the idea of a newsletter [there was a conversation here about a business site or something that I could not hear, there was a lot of crosstalk. Then a man brought up an issue and James said everyone has to take responsibility.]

- Woman: I think we should have t-shirts that say SHANE and walk the neighborhood so then people know that we're part of a neighborhood association
- James: That's an excellent idea, but people need to take responsibly, there are a lot of ideas, but I need people to come next month and say what they will do

James: I thank everybody for coming, next month we'll meet on April 8th at 6:00 right here, we have dues of \$50 per year per family, make a check out to SHANE, the PO box is on the agenda, I challenge you all to bring somebody next month, Vickie Driver will close us out with a prayer

- Vickie: Oxford Neighborhood Association will meet April 7th, if you've traveled down 38th Street going west, you'll know that there's a new complex, a new laboratory at 38th and Meadows Drive, we'll have people at the meeting talking about that, it'll be where you get your birth and death certificates, and other things, the meeting will be at 4012 N. Rural at 6:00pm, Citizens Energy will be there to talk about the piping and gas lines and who's responsible if something bursts, we would like to see everybody at as many meetings as you can, I know you may get tired of meetings but that's how you get information, I got so much today from this meeting, you get different information from all the meetings, now let's clear our minds and pray

James: This meeting will be on Tuesday of next month and talk about what do you want your neighborhood to look like

Meeting adjourned.