

SHANE Meeting

May 13, 2025

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

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Attendees: James Campbell (SHANE President), Regina Blakey (SHANE Vice President), Shirley Thomas (SHANE Secretary), Pamela Plummer, Barbara Stuart, Paul Bryant, Tanya, Rochelle Williams, Ron Archer, Lisa Jones (Community Weaver, Eskenazi Health), Carrington Sanders (Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate), LaKeisha Jackson (State Senator, District 34), Lee and Kim Powell, Alma Trawick (Keystone-Millersville Neighborhood Association), Cecelia Dodson (Audubon Gardens Neighborhood Association), Caldonia and Grover Jackson, Reigan Lewis (Indy Fresh Market), Michial Mumford (Indy Fresh Market), Pat Freeman, Ron Mills, Chris Tolliver, Roman Williams-Ervin (IMPD), Lilith Hutchinson, Gaynelle Moore (Marion County Public Health Department), Vickie Driver (Oxford Neighborhood Association, Dip-IN), Leonard LaTonya Hiser, Lovie King, Rosemary Munn

James: Good evening, we'll get started, we want to respect everybody's time, thank you for coming out, we'll make this fast, I guess a storm is coming, we're happy everybody made it out, we want to begin with a word of prayer, we'll ask President Driver from Oxford Neighborhood Association [Ms. Vickie Driver said a prayer to open the meeting]

James: Let's introduce ourselves [everyone introduced themselves]

James: A couple of things off the bat, there's been a lot of activity in our area, we've called in a few names to the Request Indy regarding high weeds, it's a 15-day window on that, as we find the houses with weeds a foot or more higher let us know and we can submit a request to have them cut, we've also been somewhat active in zoning, we've had some cars towed out of some yards, if you have people with broken down cars in their yards, let us know so we can contact zoning, we've had a few pulled out in the last few days, East District IMPD was here last week and they tagged some cars, they will remove them, some things are happening, but we don't know if nobody tells us, Regina Blakey will be talking more about that

James: Our secretary, Sister Shirley Thomas

- Shirley: I want to say hello, we need a backup secretary in case I can't make it, the backup will be able to do it if I can't, I think the minutes were sent out to everyone, were there any changes or anything we need to do, have people had time to read them? if there isn't any changes, are there any changes? This was last month's meeting on April 8 [No one suggested any changes] Okay, then the minutes stand as what you received in email
- James: Thank you

James: Our treasurer is not here, I think she had to work, we'll hear her report next time

James: We talked last month about Block Club Captains, a question was raised about the residents having a copy of the bylaws, we sent bylaws to all those we have email addresses for who are residents, if you didn't get those then please see me after the meeting so I can get you a copy of the bylaws, it outlines Block Club Captains, I'll let our Vice President talk about that

Regina: I'll be over the Block Club Captains, we'll check with each other from time to time, the duties include being the eyes and ears for your block, establishing a method of communication with residents, notifying the neighborhood of SHANE meetings, being residents' point of contact,

attending Block Club Captain meetings, if we're the eyes and ears then we can keep things going as well as you would like them to be going in the neighborhood, if they're compliant to the way things are when they come in then we can keep a handle on that, this is my first time being a part of it, we'll all work together and make this work, we'll have a point of contact, either myself or Mr. Campbell, keep everybody informed, anyone have questions? anyone want to be a Block Club Captain?

- James: I'll add that the Block Club Captain duties also go down to residents who are elderly or sick or people who have lost loved ones, we don't know unless someone tells us, we want to send flowers or something, or if someone needs a ride to meetings, also if you have new residents moving in we want to send a welcome letter, Block Club Captains are truly the ears and eyes of their block, new information, new neighbors, problems with neighbors, we have ways to deal with rental people, we can find the owners of the properties, we have tools that we can use, but the information comes through the Block Club Captains, we'll have a class to instruct the Block Club Captains
- LaTonya: That's what I was going to ask, I think training and meeting before we go to have this set up, how do we distribute information, is it a violation to distribute things on people's doors?
- Alma: You can't put it in the mailbox, if you do that, they will confiscate it and fine whoever is on there
- Woman: Those are things we need to know, we want to do it in an appropriate way
- James: We need volunteers, see Regina, we'll set up a time to have a training, the captains are the foundation of any neighborhood association
- Rochelle: I have two people who want to volunteer, myself and Ms. Tanya

James: T-shirts, one thing we've been dealing with is dues, our fiscal year ends in September every year, people have been paying their dues for the last couple of months, we're looking at purchasing t-shirts and making a website, we can get t-shirts though the G7 that we have to pay for, all the people who have not paid their dues, we'll grandfather you through September of 2026, so only members can vote and only members can have t-shirts, if you haven't paid, don't worry about paying again in 2025

- LaTonya: I was just given the information today so I can look and come back hopefully with the colors of what we're going to do, I received that today
- James: Ms. Williams volunteered to take care of the website, she has some ideas she wants to present to the group, she'll be here next month

Officer Williams-Ervin: I am one of your community resource officers, that means I work for the police department, but think of us as your neighborhood problem solvers, you have officers that handle drug complaints, those are the narcotics officers, gun complaints are violent crimes officers, and then community resource officers work on quality of life issues, we were contacted about the vehicles in the yards and worked on getting those removed, I looked at the recent crime stats in the SHANE neighborhood, not a whole lot going on in terms of crime that would pop up on our radar, that's good for you all, of the 30 or so meetings I attend per month, that's not always the answer I'm giving, there are 3 Community Resource officers, myself, my partner Stacy Riojas, and Tamar Harper, and we have a sergeant, I left a contact sheet, reach out to us via email, that's the best way if you have a problem or a question, we can talk to you that way, if you call our phones, we may or may not be in the office, we do a lot of work in the field, leave a message but I'm not good at checking messages, but I get email on my phone, that's the best, if you don't hear in a day, email me again, I get a lot of emails, I might have missed it

- Community Resource Officers email addresses:
 - o Officer Roman Williams-Ervin: roman.williams-ervin@indy.gov
 - o Officer Stacy Riojas: stacy.rijas@indy.gov

- o Officer Tamar Harper: tamara.harper@indy.gov

Officer Williams-Ervin: We're having Coffee with a Cop at Indy Fresh Market on May 28 at 9am, it's a program the police department puts on, we meet with our community, we have coffee, sometimes pastries, the purpose is to not be a meeting, it's to be an open venue where we come out to you and you have the opportunity to speak with officers, you can address community problems, ask questions, a lot of times the chiefs and leadership from the department come and you can voice concerns, I'll be there with the officers from my team, plus other officers will stop by within that hour, the other form I left in the back I called incident mapping, you can find out about the crimes and things going on in your neighborhood, I get a lot of questions about what happened in certain places, I'm responsible for the entire eastside, so unless I have what you want to know before the meeting, it's hard for me to answer those questions, you can look up the information yourself, if you see an incident where there was a lot of police cars and SWAT cars, that information may not be on there, there are safety and investigation reasons why they may pull something off the website

- Instructions for the mapping system for public safety:
 - o Go to Maps.indy.gov
 - o Scroll down and click "Mapping Applications for Public Safety"
 - o In the upper right corner click "Search by recent history"
 - o Select all crime types you would like to see
 - o Choose how far back you would like to go
 - o Under "Select Area of Interest" change it to "only return features that intersect in another layer"
 - o Choose your related layer "Indy Neighborhoods" or "IMPD Neighborhoods"
 - o Select the neighborhood you would like to see stats for under "Select Feature"
 - o Click "apply"

Officer Williams-Ervin: The police department is 18 years old now, the Indianapolis Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Department merged in 2007 to create IMPD, it was brand new with two agencies and two identities joining together, in that 18 years, a lot of people from both departments have retired, I came on when IMPD was formed, we're forming the identity the community wants us to be, the chief has started an initiative where you can have input on how you want to see your police department, you can scan the QR code and take the 10-minute survey, officers have done their own surveys, that is being put together by a consulting agency, we'll come together and have a 5-year plan on what the police department looks like, your input matters, this is your opportunity to give your input, please take the survey, there will be an information session if you want to attend, that will be June 2 at the Boner Center on the near eastside, not sure of the time, look out for more information

- Find the IMPD strategic plan survey here: www.IMPDStrategicPlan.Indy.gov
- Alma: What happens when you tag a car in the yard and the resident comes out and scrapes the tag off?
- Officer Williams-Ervin: Everything I do is on bodycam, when I tag the cars, I have evidence that I tagged it and it hasn't moved, we also mark the tires, see if the car has moved, we have 72 hours to come back and recheck the vehicle, if it's in the grass or something, there's violations that are in place for that, city ordinances against that, that's an immediate ticket, I don't have to tag that, it's vehicles on the street or inoperable vehicles that I have to tag, there's some dispute about towing vehicles immediately, but I haven't ever gotten in trouble for it, so I don't know if I'm right or wrong
- Alma: I have a car that's been parked in the yard for two years, the minute they put the tag on they scrape it off, it's 3847 N. Tacoma, it's been sitting in the yard

- Officer Williams-Ervin: I'm on vacation after I get off work at 8:00 tonight but when I get back next Wednesday, I'll go out and check it
- Grover: I have a car sitting in the street where I live, tires have been marked, it's been tagged, she scratches it off, it's sitting there rusting down, they say there's nothing they can do, they won't tow it
- Officer Williams-Ervin: We have various rules and things we have to do, but then we also have discretion, officers in their response to things have discretion on how they take care of something, they may go out and say they're not going to do it, but my team might go out and solve the problem differently, it's not that they're not doing their job, but the way they have to handle things may be different from the way I do, East District goes from Pine by downtown to Carroll Road and Brookville to 56th Street, I'm responsible for that entire area, bear with me trying to get to your neighborhood complaints, I have to triage things and parked vehicles are low compared to some of the other issues in my area, I'll try to get to that, I don't know what my boss will say
- Vickie: On my way here, I noticed a building that said "dispensary," marijuana is not legal here, right?
- Officer Williams-Ervin: It's not legal, a lot of dispensaries sell a derivative of the cannabis plant, they sell hemp, Delta 8 THC, which is not classified as a Schedule I narcotic whereas Delta 7 THC is, these folks have found a workaround for the time being, they're selling a product that will get you high, but it is not your traditional marijuana, that said I'm not quite sure of the enforcement practices on that, I don't want to speak out of turn, I was at a conference in the fall and the state police talked about it and there was some enforcement issues because of the way it tests in the lab, while we understand it's basically the same as marijuana, the science behind it is different
- Vickie: It was right next to a daycare
- Officer Williams-Ervin: I hear you, our task force meeting is tomorrow at 6:00pm at 201 N. Shadeland, that's a community meeting similar to this where all community members are welcome to come and speak with us, hear what we have to say about the entire eastside, tomorrow night our captain who is the #2 person in the district will be the featured speaker, I'll be there and my partner Stacy

James: We have the Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate here

- Carrington: My job entails being a communications arm of the Mayor's Office, I go to neighborhood meetings and events and I share information from the Mayor's Office and advocate for residents in my area, I put a one-pager on the desk with updates, I have a few things to go over, Project Indy (<https://projectindy.net/>), there are flyers, on the back it should have Indy Parks summer jobs, those jobs are part of Project Indy, that's for 16-24 year olds who want full- and part-time jobs, over 100 employers and the City of Indianapolis are looking for youth and young adults to fill those positions, DPW has some pothole information, they have poured over 463 tons of asphalt filling over 23,000 potholes since the beginning of January, over 12 crews working each day to fill those, if you have any pothole questions or issues, I encourage you to put those into Request Indy or call the MAC (Mayor's Action Center) at (317) 327-4622, this year's construction projects are on Indy.gov, you can type in Major Transportation projects 2025 (<https://www.indy.gov/activity/major-transportation-projects>), it'll show a list of projects throughout the city highlighted in red, I'm trying to work on getting a list of specific projects, it's a little hard to tell online, BNS (Business and Neighborhood Services) handles permits, licensing, and inspections, although the MAC is taking tall weeds and grass cases, inspections didn't start until yesterday, that may be where the 15-day period comes, giving inspectors time to go out and do the inspections, we encourage you to put those in May 12-October, don't have the specific October date, the high weeds and tall

grass is for 50% or more of a property, that's when they go out to inspect and give that person 30 days to comply, if not, then it goes further in the process, for Indy Parks they're still hiring for summer jobs, summer camps are opening, there are a few parks in the area where the work has been completed, like Wes Montgomery and Doris Cowherd, Washington is still under construction, but that should be finished in June, my contact information is there and should be updated online too, my office hours online weren't correct, those should be fixed

(<https://www.indy.gov/activity/mayors-neighborhood-advocates>)

- Carrington's office hours are:
 - o 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00am-12:00 pm at Avondale Meadows YMCA, 3908 Meadows Drive
 - o 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 12:00-2:00pm at Martindale-Brightwood Branch Library, 2434 N. Sherman Drive
- Cecelia: Do you know who is replacing Jenny?
- Carrington: I do not, she's far eastside, she'll be leaving soon, I believe end of May, we're in the process of interviewing, there are three MNA positions open
- Cecelia: If we don't have her, what do we do?
- Carrington: You can reach out to me
- James: Do they still do heavy pickup on the first Monday of the month?
- Carrington: You can find that out through Indy.gov, it will show you based off your address
- Tanya: Can you let the people know the number of items that they're allowed to set out?
- Carrington: It's two items
- Deloris: Can you call and make an appointment for heavy trash pickup?
- Carrington: Usually not, Marion County Public Health Department helps with that, depending on what it is, you may have to call, I don't know the specifics of what you can and cannot put out, you can reach out to Marion County Public Health Department for that

James: Gaynelle Moore, Marion County Public Health Department

- Gaynelle: Sometimes you call us with a complaint and we'll go out within 24 hours, write up the order, cite them, we have to give them 2 weeks to fix what's not right, if they don't do it and they don't call for an extension, then we can write a ticket or file it in court, or we can have environmental services pick it up, I picked a special project for the summer, the abandoned school
- Ron Mills: School 53
- Gaynelle: Yes, I started talking to the owner, he claims he's never taken down all the brush that's in the back of people's houses that builds up mosquitoes, he has to cut that, he said he's never done and it and said he has to do it this year, because of the mosquitos, vermin, look for that to be taken care of, if not, then I'll file it in court
- Ron: The boards have been down off the front for about two months
- Pamela: There's a possum in the street on my block, who cleans that up?
- Greg: That's DPW
- Pamela: We have more dogs, animal control said they have no room, what do we do?
[No one had an answer for that question]

James: We have Indy Fresh Market here

- Michial: Thank you for having us, this is my first time at this meeting, I'm happy to be taking over this opportunity at Indy Fresh Market, we're a resource in the community, I used to manage 46th and Arlington Kroger, they got rid of that Kroger, we became a food desert, we're here, we heard about the prices, we've begun to address that, if you come

in, you will see prices lowered, you'll see us bringing in fresher fruit and vegetables, you'll see our meat department fresher, our deli is a signature department, we continue to elevate our offerings, we want to be sure we provide what you want, we want it to be fresh and inviting, we want you to invite your friends and family, come in and see it for yourself, we're here as a resource, we don't want this to be a food desert, we don't want this place to go bye-bye, I don't think the community understands that that store is operating in the negative, this store is not a profitable venture, we are in the community and we are taking strides to make sure the prices are right, make sure we're looking out for price sensitive customers, we need foot traffic, people in there, I'm not asking for 100% of your grocery spend, we get that you're going elsewhere, but if you drive by 38th Street and you get a taste for bananas, deli meat, we have it, give us a few dollars of your grocery spend, it's my responsibility to create an experience for you that makes you want to return, we want to earn your business, we continue to be over there and listen to the community and respond to the community, Reagan is helping us with marketing, we still hear people say they didn't know we existed that live in the community, we'll do some things to help lift the store, I know you drive by and it looks like an office building, we'll do some things on the outside in the glass area that's going to scream, shout "grocery store," "fresh vegetables," so we can address that concern immediately

- Reagan: I just passed out a newly formed menu for the deli, I'll send the menu to Mr. Campbell and post it on social media and to our website, our information is on that sheet, come by, get a hot meal, we have all our daily menus on that sheet, we have our featured items there as well, Mondays we're doing Chinese food, Tuesdays is rib tips, pork chops on Wednesdays and so on, we have some holidays coming up, Father's Day and Juneteenth, Indy Fresh Market will be doing some activities and have some deals, we're looking forward to you visiting us
- Ron: I'm glad you brought it up about, how people don't know that you're there, I get that a lot, I try to get there at least a couple of times per week, that's one thing I wanted to ask, I know it's kind-of old school, what about flyers in the neighborhood, we had people in the last meeting who didn't know where it was, maybe some more advertising and things, the people I talk to in my neighborhood, and I live about 3 blocks, over the last year didn't even know you were over there
- Michial: That's one of the things with Reagan, a flyer campaign, we had a circular when the store first opened, I don't know that the return on that investment made sense, but we'll look into that again, we'll have more of a social media presence, we'll go back to some grassroots efforts, knocking on doors, handing out flyers
- Ron: That building doesn't capture you
- Cecelia: Can you wrap those windows like the buses?
- Michial: That's what we're looking at doing on the outside, pictures of food, vegetables, bread, then we'll have spotlights that highlight that all night long
- Cecelia: Have you talked to the company on Shadeland?
- Michial: Let me get that information from you
- Cecelia: They're at 34th and Arlington, I took a tour through their business last year, they do like if you have a convention they do the set up with everything, very nice, I have his contact information, everybody in there is about 55 and older and they really would like to get some younger people in there and train them, it's like an on-the-job training kind of thing, you can't go learn it at a college or trade school, it's an art of doing that, I want to get him involved, I'll get you his information, that would be good publicity for both of you if you can work that out
- Senator Jackson: Thank you for sticking it out, I'd ask you to ask for donations and not bids, I'll give a donation that I have to give to a nonprofit and they can give it to you, I was thinking about having some type of event, you said you have Father's Day and

Juneteenth, maybe have this group invite people, have a flyer or word-of-mouth, I can do Juneteenth, have your representatives come out from the city and state, I'm thinking a campaign, I can do a campaign, I'm willing to go onto my senator social media, I can't commit to IBLC, but I know IBLC fought for you to get half-a-million for this who project and see if they can do a campaign for members of that, we're 16 members strong, maybe IBLC as a whole or maybe individual members

- LaTonya: If you have this we can also distribute it through SHANE
- Senator Jackson: I'm going to ask IndyGo to partner with you, they can do a wrap for you for 30 days or whatever with a phone number and your address
- LaTonya: Add that to the t-shirts
- Lisa: I don't see a time on here that breakfast and lunch is served
- Michial: We'll get that fixed
- Reigan: We'll get that fixed
- Lisa: When is it?
- Michial: Breakfast is 8am-10:30am
- Lisa: Lunch is 11-1, I think
- Michial: Yes
- Lisa: I'll make copies of this and email it to my whole team, I work with community weavers at other sites, community health workers, social workers, I'm always sending people over there, I know we have a lot go over there for lunch, I'll let everybody know, one thing I wanted to ask, on Wednesdays, the Fresh for You market sits out there, that's Eskenazi's mobile food truck, a woman had a Humana card, like a prepaid Visa, I wonder if you take that?
- Michial: Not currently, but we're working on getting that, I can't give you an ETA, it's been about 3 months, I'm expecting something this summer so we can take that Humana card, we have people coming in all day long asking about that
- Lisa: So is that run up differently?
- Michial: You have to have a certain bridge in the technology system
- Senator Jackson: Challenge local business and churches to bring their staff once per week, they should also purchase gift cards from the store
- Barbara: When you used to send out the flyers, those were very helpful for me, then when they stopped coming, I kinda stopped going
- Paul Bryant: I'm a regular customer, I think it's nice that you name the aisles after the streets, is anything going to be done with Devington Plaza?
- James: That's a different conversation
- Alma: I wanted to say that if you want to get donations, there are a lot of 501(c)3 nonprofits willing to partner with you so you can go after those funds
- Michial: I appreciate you

James: Thank you, YMCA

- Chris: The YMCA has now from May 9-17 no joining fee, you can come and get a membership, if you are a member and you bring someone to get a membership, you get a \$25 credit, the YMCA has summer jobs, ages 16 and up, we have summer camp programs going on too, I wanted to ask if we have any veterans, the YMCA is doing a challenge on Memorial Day, all proceeds will go toward veterans programs

Greg Garrett: We have an event coming up, first-time homebuyers seminar, there's a flyer, that will be on May 28 from 6-7:30pm here in this room, if you have any family members or anyone in your orbit who is look into to buy their fist home, it's a great opportunity to get folks from renting to owning, please take that flyer, we had a town hall last night for the clinically led community response team, that's a pilot program from the city, if there's a mental health crisis, if

you call 911 and explicitly say it's a mental health episode and if there's not weapons present they will send this team out to help, this is because there were mental health crises, the police would show up and the person would end up dead, when you talk to 911 we know how 911 is, we have to make sure that we have the right language to get this team out to help people rather than IMPD, Wednesday May 21 at P30 3039 N. Post, from 6-7:30pm, Wednesday May 28 at Indy Urban League, 777 Indiana Ave 6-7:30pm, they will have food, arrive because this is a pilot, hopefully it will continue, it's a way that not only can we keep ourselves safe but also our neighbors

- Abbey: Make sure you drop off the first-time homebuyer flyers off at the manufacturing facility and grocery store because when I talked to people there, some said they were interested in buying a home

James: One of the main purposes of a neighborhood association is to give information to the residents, information you need and want, get people here that you want and need to hear from, we're in District 34 of the Indiana State Senate boundaries, LaKeisha Jackson

- Senator Jackson: I'm your state senator, District 34, I'm honored to be here, we started session on January 8, ended on April 25 at 2:40am, we had a 16+ hour day, to give you some background, I sit on four committees, public policy, healthcare and services, environmental, and local government, I was ranking minority member on the last two, I'm also assistant caucus leader for the Senate Democratic caucus, I'm also the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus treasurer, I have a lot of leadership being a freshman, I had my first session, I served on committees, I served on conference committees if it was a bill I was on or referred to or expert on, I was asked to serve on conference committee, we would debate and I would recommend to my conference if we should vote on a bill, I served on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children, I also serve on summer study committees, that's a lot, if you haven't seen me, thank you for your grace, that's why you haven't seen me, I came to one meeting in February, just two of us were here, that's the only time I could come, otherwise, I was on lockdown at the Statehouse, I had to report at 8am and sometimes I didn't get out until 10pm, I'm a CEO for a nonprofit organization called Pathways Resource Center, I was doing that role and doing the Indiana General Assembly at the same time, I want to be considered your family, I took Senator Jean Breaux's seat when she passed, her mother had the seat before her, between the two of them, they held the seat for over 40 years, I'm trying to carry out the legacy, I want to give you a legislative update and share what lies ahead as we work together to improve our communities, Senate Bill 1, marketed to Hoosiers as a property tax relief bill, but it's only minimal savings for more homeowners while delivering devastating consequences for most local governments, public safety, infrastructure, public schools, provides a 10% property tax credit with a max of \$300, the wealthier homeowners will receive that much, but those with homes valued under \$300,000 will see much less, meanwhile businesses are set to benefit the most, the threshold for paying taxes on business equipment will rise from \$80,000 to \$2 million by 2027, most business won't pay taxes on their equipment, local governments will lose an estimated \$1.4 billion in revenue, Marion County in 2026 will lose \$43.19 million, another \$32.56 million in 2027, in 2028 we'll see a slight \$1 million increase, but other counties may not be as lucky, critical services such as fire and police departments, libraries, public schools, and infrastructure like our roads, to try to fill this gap, the bill allows cities and towns to impose local income taxes, so we'll tax to death at the local level, homeowners may see a small property tax cut, they're likely to feel it cancel out at the local level by income tax cuts, so make the city-county council and mayor look like the bad guys, I fiercely opposed this bill, it should not fall back on local governments to raise taxes to make ends meet, Hoosiers deserve real relief, public education, budget priorities didn't

reflect the priorities of working families, budget reductions fail to cover textbook fees, expand school choice vouchers to wealthy families, narrowed eligibility for early childhood programs like On My Way Pre-K, house bill 1002 eliminated social and emotional learning in the classrooms, this will affect what specialists can do in the classroom to help with behavioral and emotional challenges, SB 287 made school boards partisan, it shouldn't have, that means that when you go to the ballot, we put politics into the schools now, if you're running for a school board, I'll know if you're a Democrat or Republican or Independent, and that should not matter in the schools, school board races now already have some of the highest campaign races I've seen, I saw one that had \$150,000 in their campaign, injecting politics into a space that should be focused solely on students and learning, not all the education bills were harmful, there were some important victories, we had some successes for ADD, dyslexia, autism, we blocked attempts to eliminate teachers' collective bargaining rights, we raised the base pay for teachers to \$45,000, teachers deserve much more, but this is a meaningful step, HB 2021 ensured checks for retirees, teacher retirement fund and PERF, we successfully killed the bill that would have dissolved the IPS, that would have harmed our Black community, 300,000 Hoosiers were kicked off of Medicaid, they're not going to do anything to fill the gap, we did all we can do, it's 50 senators, 10 are Democrats, 40 are Republicans, two African American women, 5 African American people on the senate, we fought hard, there will be no gap filling for Medicaid, they've made some exceptions, there's a list, if you have a disability, a disease that's on the list, and some other things, but if you're not on that list, then you're off, that's 300,000 people, there were some great moves that I was part of and helped support for healthcare, mobile integration healthcare grants, cancer research and treatment grants, we have kids that have cancer that are taking adult medication, now they can go and get the right medication and get grants so they and their parents can travel to get it, there's approval to go to a mental health facility versus the ER, if I go to the ER, I might get locked up or kicked out and still locked up, that's a great bill, one of the best things that happened was that we were able to fight for \$50 million for the next two years for infrastructure dollars for residential projects for Marion County specifically, that's huge, I've learned so much from your advocacy, phone calls, emails, testimonies, and community leadership like tonight, you show me what it means to lead with purpose and passion, we fought on that floor, we fought for you all, our kids, our seniors, those who are disabled, our veterans, our single mothers, our less fortunate and underserved, some days we got slapped down, we went home, got up the next day to do it all over again, when I see you all here today, I know it was worth it, please don't stop, keep advocating, keep educating your neighbors about what's happening in government, keep getting involved, that's how we build a system that serves everyone, not just the wealthy and special interest groups, I've been on national news about Bill 289, I quoted what was in the constitution, I quoted against what they did about DEI and Bill 289, thank you for having me here tonight, if you'd like to stay updated, follow me on social media at State Senator LaKeisha Jackosn, sign up for my newsletter, I'm doing a town hall with Robin Shackleford June 26 from 6:00-8:00pm at P30 3039 N. Psot Road, food will be provided, IBLC is doing statewide town halls, we do work outside of session our jobs don't stop, June 7 at 11:30am at Kountry Kitchen, food will be provided, I hope you will see me as extended family fighting for you, us, all Hoosiers, regardless of what we look like who we serve, where we live, how much you make, if you need me for an event, contact my Legislative Assistant

James: Our Treasurer is here if anyone wants to pay dues, when you pay your dues, we're developing a receipt or membership card so you have a card showing that you're a member, I

would like for us to consider sometime in June or July having a Block Club Party, getting to know each other party, all of us are strangers, we're all in the same boat together as SHANE residents, I need a person to spearhead this and really it's all of us pitching in and making this successful, it was suggested to me by our vice president that we look at having it on the Cook factory parking lot, it would be accessible and it would be visible, I think we're at a point where we can have a social event, neighborhood association gathering, thoughts? everyone who raised their hands are on the committee, all we need is a chair, Mr. Mills, I need somebody to head this up

- Ron: I'll think about it
- James: We just want to come together, everybody bring something so it's no big deal
- Woman: What's the date?
- James: It hasn't been set yet, June or July, I wanted to throw it out there, think about it, get some ideas, I'll talk with the people at the factory because that appears to be the best place to have it since it's open and accessible, we'll think about it, talk about it and finalize some ideas, bring it back next month, Brian Garner volunteered to work with the city to find out how we can get signs in our neighborhood identifying who we are, I see a lot of areas that have signs that says who they are, we should be proud of our area and what we have here, bring other ideas about how we can enhance our neighborhood, please let us know
- Lovie King: I'm a Block Captain, I'm here to serve, I'm an employee at John Boner, I've been there for 24 years, use me but don't misuse me

Tanya to James: when I met with you at Shiloh you told me you'd been on the phone with Mr. Carson and we had a lot of things going on that we were going to discuss and be told about in this meeting today

- James: Who's Carson?
- Tonya: Andre Carson
- James: No, I went to his town hall, see me after the meeting

Meeting adjourned.