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Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

Bates Hendricks Newsletter

EAST STREET PLANS PRESENTED

On Monday, February 1st, at 6:30 p.m. the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will meet at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. The focus on this meeting will be a report from the East Street Development Committee that has been meeting for the last several months. They will present a proposal to address housing, commercial development, beauty and infrastructure, and public safety.



As part of this presentation, the landscaping firm Green 3 will present drawings of several potential projects:

- Creating a public plaza at the corner of East and Prospect that would change the church parking lot in a multi-use space that could be used for fairs, concerts, and other events.

- A landscaping project that could transform the commercial district between I-70 and Sanders with planters, benches, flowers, and trees.

- A plan to add large banners at Morris and East that will identify the Bates Hendricks neighborhood.

- A proposal to add an entry way median between Morris and Sanders on East Street.

However, none of these plans are final. This meeting will allow residents and business owners to give their feedback and help us determine what parts of the plan people are most excited about. If you live on East Street or use it daily, this is a must attend meeting!

February Meeting Focuses On East Street

On Monday, February 1st, at 6:30 p.m. the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will meet at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. We will hear from the East Street Development Committee and some of the plans they are working on.

As always, we will also be short reports from IMPD, the Abandoned Housing Task Force as well as information about other activities in our neighborhood. Come and be informed and empowered to make a difference.



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From the President:

I have been thinking for a while about what I wanted to write for my first newsletter article as President of BHNA. I decided to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide a brief background. First, let me say that I am very proud of this neighborhood and all of you. We have many leaders and many people who have uncomfortably forced themselves to be leaders (and have excelled). We have people that volunteer, people with ideas, people who are doers, and people that are encouragers. Without all of you, we would go nowhere. No BHNA President past or present could do this without you. As far as my ability to jump into this role . . . without the example that Jim Mulholland has set for the past three years, I don't think I could do it. I feel comfortable saying that no one person has brought so much, worked so hard and accomplished so much for this neighborhood. As I started assuming the roles and responsibilities as President, I quickly became even more appreciative of Jim. There are a lot of little things that go into community building I never thought of before now. Thank you Jim and good luck with your new position at SEND!

Although my vision is forward, I took a step back for a moment to think about how I got here and why. I grew up in Pike County in southern Indiana in a poor to modest country neighborhood. With the exception of my brother who is a fireman in Indianapolis, the majority of my family remains in southern Indiana. I went to college at Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, IL where I played small college football and studied environmental science and theology. I moved to Indianapolis in 1996 to take a job with an environmental consulting and engineering firm. For several years I lived on the west and northwest sides of Indianapolis. I had little knowledge of the southeast side of Indy. In the early 2000's, circumstance brought me to the southeast side. While I was not involved much with the community at first, something changed. I slowly started meeting neighbors and gradually became more involved in the community. Something inside of me completely changed. I feel in love. I have the choice to live where I want, I choose to live here. Most of my historic friends and co-workers do not live in southeast Indy. However, I have made many new friends and people I call "family." And living here is not as much a choice, as it is a need. I need to live here. It is part of my heart now. I cannot imagine living anywhere else and I never intend to leave. There is a sense of pride in me that I cannot describe, mostly attributed to you (the neighbors), what you have accomplished so far, and the promising future that we have ahead.

We have such a positive momentum going in the neighborhood now. I believe that for this momentum to keep going and pick up speed, we need to work in tight knit groups from within. One of Jim's responsibilities as Community Building Coordinator at SEND is to coordinate the Building Blocks model block program. One of my visions is for every street to be part of a block club and I hope to work with Jim to accomplish this. I look forward to meeting many of you and please do not hesitate to talk to me when you see me on the street.

Sincerely,

Rob Uppencamp

Alabama Transformation Unveiled

On Wednesday, January 27, dozens of residents from Alabama Street and the surrounding blocks gathered at Sisters Restaurant to see the proposed transformation for Alabama Street planned for this summer. The plan includes adding historic lighting to the esplanade, creating plazas at either end of the esplanade, installing public art, and helping to improve many of the houses on the street. Residents were given an opportunity to review the plans and offer their suggestions.

At this point, the lighting should be installed in March, followed by a major landscaping project in June. Through a federal grant, the city of Indianapolis will be helping to add plazas that use rain gardens to soak off extra water during heavy rains – something useful and beautiful. Finally, SEND hopes to rehab several houses on Alabama, Terrace, and Lincoln. All of this is intended to build upon the good work done on New Jersey Street in 2008. Look for more information in the coming months and many opportunities to volunteer.

Fuller Center To Build Ten Homes in 2010

The Fuller Center has announced that they will build 10 highly affordable homes in September of 2010 on the 1200 block of St. Paul Street. These homes, like those built by Habitat for Humanity, will only cost about \$60,000 and be sold at no interest to qualifying persons. A family of four with less than \$34,000 of income a year is eligible, and house payments will run between \$300-\$400 a month. Those interested in applying to purchase one of these homes should contact SEND at 634-5079, ext. 101 to get more information.

Indytalks

Indytalks, a social think tank, begins its first in a year-long series of events aimed at getting Hoosiers involved in state issues. Its purpose is to stimulate intelligent and thoughtful conversation on topical social issues in an effort to support a sense of community among the people of Indiana.

The calendar of events is:

Jan 13 – A channel 20 interview with author Richard Longworth, *Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism*, to kick off the conversation and set a tone.

Feb 24 – Clowes Auditorium at Central Library – “7 Simultaneous Lectures: Art and Globalization.” Seven well-known members of Indy's art community lecture on the state of the arts in Indiana, all at the same time.

March 18 – Allison Mansion, Marian University – “Backyard Pundits: Public Leadership & Ethical Questions for Indiana's Future.”

April 21 – Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan – “When Did I Get Old?” a documentary film followed by a panel of retired local people coping with the realities of aging in the age of globalization.

May 4 – Various restaurants around Indianapolis – “Food for Thought.”

June 15 – Indiana History Center – “Is It Good to Be a Hoosier?” Will conventional Hoosier outlooks help or hurt us for the 21st Century?

July 22 – Indianapolis Arts Center, 820 East 67th St. “What the Arts Mean to Indianapolis.”

Sept 30 – Clowes Hall – “An Evening with Anthony Bourdain & Eric Ripert.” Two celebrity television chefs share stories and talk about the place of food in our lives.

Oct 7 – Christian Theological Seminary – “Hoosier Values:”

For more information visit: <http://indytalks.wordpress.com>

Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will work to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents.

We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indpls. 46203.

February Calendar

February 1 – Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Immanuel United Church of Christ.

February 5 - IDADA “First Friday Art Tour.” 6:00 - 9:00pm. First Friday In Fountain Square includes artists and businesses at the Murphy Art Center: Big Car & AV Framing Gallery. Visit www.idada.org for more information.

February 7 - Super Bowl XLIV, New Orleans Saints vs. Indianapolis Colts.

February 11 – Book Discussion, 1:30 p.m. Fountain Square Library. Registration required, call 275-4390 for more information.

February 14 - Sweets for Your Sweetie - Garfield Park Conservatory, 7-9pm, \$7 - Celebrate Valentine's Day in the tropics! Enjoy chocolates, coffee and other delicious treats from the rainforest. Savor your favorites and try something new, all while enjoying the candlelit romantic atmosphere of the Conservatory with your sweetie. Please register by February 12. (Ages 16+).

February 26 - Friday Night Swing Dance, 2:00 pm, Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Entertainment - Boilermaker Jazz Band from 8:30p.m.- 11:30p.m. Admission \$12.00 at 7:30pm or \$10.00 at 8:30pm

February 27 - Plants that Bite Back - Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:30-2:30 pm, \$3 - Can plants really bite? Come learn about carnivorous plants and other unique plants found in the Conservatory. See live examples and make a craft to take home. Registration required 317-327-7580. Ages: 7-14

