

Neighborhood meeting 6/21

Attendance:15 neighbors

Start:1905

Brandon Tyler Greg Cindy Ben Ryan Kelly

CEO, Twila, of Lutheran in attendance and presenting updates:

Hails from Columbus University. Downtown Lutheran (or Lutheran et. al.) is rebuilding every department in the hospital. Services to come back to the downtown hospital. Drone updates monthly by linked-in and Facebook. Shots around the outside of the building and floor by floor.

First floor is the least complete and stands at 12%. One of the last things concerned about.

ERs on the 2nd floor, with the 4th floor having patient beds and ICU, along with 18 telly-beds.

Accelerate to match neighborhood with the exterior. Working with Boston Ivy to get ivy on the walls to match. Looking for local area items/artists to adorn the inside.

Challenge will be parking as they open. The parking lot beside the News-Gazette and lot 5 across from Broadway Christian, will be tight at first.

EMS route was built for the least interruption to the neighborhood.

Idea: have the traffic on-off of main. In on main, out on Jackson back to main. "One way in and one way out". Working with TRAA to finalize.

Looking to do a crosswalk from the Journal Gazette lot on Main St. This was not approved for an island in the middle of Main St.

Buck hoist will be down by the end of July. The exterior is to be done by the end of August and landscaping. Barriers to come down at the end of August with the finishing of landscaping. Looking to resurface streets in mid-September. (Q: will the whole street be repaved or just part of it? Concern for road quality and roughness.)

Floor layout: 2nd floor will be ERs, 3rd-floor will be for administration, 4th will have the ICU and med-telly beds, and the 5th floor will be patient rooms (all finished in late July?) with the ER rooms to be completed in August.

Downtown Lutheran still going through audits with the state, they will give us a date when they know. (I missed the reference to what.)

Looking for a date when they can have tours. Lutheran looking to send invitations as groups come up, knowing the hospital is 150 years old. They are also looking into ways to say goodbye to the old hospital. Bringing together a panel to come up with ideas to say goodbye. Extending to community and greater Fort Wayne, with staff being first.

When the demo of the hospital starts, abatement work, looking at air quality and ground vibration.

Demo will be slow and methodical. Brick by brick. Moving East to West.

The estimated time will be 18 months from start to finished parking lot. Doing this way to save air quality and vibrations and noise for neighbors.

Services to be offered: General cardiology, G.I., peripheral vascular, nephrology, er, primary care, and bariatric surgery. There will be a grab-and-go cafe and coffee shop with smoothies on the first floor

Revisited mission statement: To provide passionate care to our community with excellent care every time.

Q's: helipad kept? There will be no helipad pad. Will the burn unit return? The burn unit will not return, though there will be a level 3 trauma center. Downtown Lutheran to apply for heart and cardio on the first day.

Mob (medical office building) will be reskinned outside. There will be general practitioners and specialists, with 6 on the first floor and 8 on the second. They are holding the third floor for renovation and expansion. Lutheran will update the first and second floors. No pharmacy is confirmed yet, hoping. Primary care at the hospital then specialist at mob (medical office building) all on one campus!

Q's: Fort Wayne Med. education program, 6 primary care physicians one graduated from med. program.

Q's: When demo is started, will there be pedestrian traffic allowed around or through (bridge/tunnel) around the hospital? How do we get pedestrians to Broadway? Working on rerouting

Q's: How to repave Vanburen, Jackson, and Berry streets? Will just the damaged areas only be repaved or will it go curb to curb.

Q's Parking: regarding street parking. Downtown Lutheran will strongly encourage their staff to park in staff areas only. Night crew can park in the garage as it is not being used at that time.

Back with updates as they come in!

Treasury report: Just under \$10,000 for the tour has come in. We have \$23,000 set aside for Moody Park. Full runs for everything totaling 60 pieces, 30 of each. \$20 for purchases.

Membership: Has stayed steady at 197, this is 60 more than last year. 3 more neighbors for our goal of 200.

Home and garden tour: Next Meeting 7-15-2021. Meetings are now held at Mad Anthony's. The lineup is coming right along. Arch's first redone house in West-Central is now added for tour. Always looking for sponsorships. Now CALLING for volunteers. Tickets are on sale starting in August between The Bar St. and McCulloch Park. 11 to 12 homes and gardens needing 150 volunteers over the two days. Using the 2019 volunteer list as a good base to start as it had 120 volunteers.

Arts fest: Connie: professionalized arts fest. All online instead of mailings. Artists can apply online see Kelly and Connie. Working earlier better price to get a booth. Hoping to have all filled by the end of July.

Frank to open with Latin heat, then Good Night Gracie 8-10. 7 food trucks staying until the end. (7 11-5 and 5 to the end.)

Still on Wayne Street. Mad Anthony's has confirmed for bar service. Go to the West-Central website to apply.

Big thanks to Lutheran for the large donation.

Food trucks to be on Union and Wayne, with one truck by the ticket booth.

LHD Tyler: Slowing down a bit. Looking at how home sales go and how yes and no's balance.
Electric works can not break LHD. Keeps them back behind.

Unfinished business: Rezoning for electric works voting on tonight at city council.

For architectural standards, they agreed to our request.

Bigger item parking garage. Argument 300 extra spaces are not practical for residents. Parking structure with passes for residents?

First intuitions city looks to be behind parking pass system.

Traffic flow: Major concern! How does traffic flow affect our neighborhood? City Council is not considering the effect. We (WCNA) want them to do a study on how it affects us, not just how to get traffic around the area. If we (WCNA) can find out the easiest ways, then we can work with the city on pinch points. New road not on front burner anymore.

Q: Has the church/school (ESM, Washington Ele.) been in meetings on these issues.

Second-hand information is all they have been given and apprised. Brandon to reach out to Pastor Eggold and make sure they are involved in meetings. (Who will reach out to Washington Ele.?)

Thought: To bust out brick wall at the end of Union St. and make a pedestrian pass through under train tracks. This makes it worse for neighborhood parking, as there would be a pass-through! We need to make all public parking north of the tracks, no public parking on the south side of the tracks. With who and with whom would we talk to as a neighborhood for parking and what our are next steps. Can we pull people in from the street and public works departments and Electric Works, to have a round table to work out this issue.

Entrance off Lavina and Union St. as entrances? Everything coming down south of Lavina St. Hopping for spur off Jefferson and not off Broadway is a condition in the vote tonight.

We need to Secure an advocate for us, one that can fight for us. Have a traffic engineer just for us, West Central, to look at what the city is telling us and decode. The fee looks to be around \$10,000-\$25,000 to do this.

Q: How do we (West Central) petition for parking passes. How do we (West Central) make our voice known? How do we (West Central) make it their issue?

West Central block party: To take place on 7-24, looking for a chairperson. See Kelly or Brandon for info on chairs.

We will have a shirt design for the home tour this year.

The board is looking at different designs each year, collectible sets shirts tickets, and banners.

This year we have a student from St. Frances art department. Next year we will open to all students from St. Frances.

We, the board, have re-invigorated the gateway project for the entrance on Jefferson. We are looking to continue talks in our August board meeting.

Who can we get and is it possible to clean the storm sewer so water does not back up? (Location?)

Porch parties back: Yes! Sign up tonight. Looking for more neighbors, looking for someone for this Friday night! Looking for hosts to sign up online. Remember this is to bring neighbors together not single out or push away.

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