# West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

June 16, 2025



# Our Vision

The vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to create a friendly environment that is rich in history, culture, diversity, and community that is valued by its residents, business owners, and visitors.



# New Member Welcome

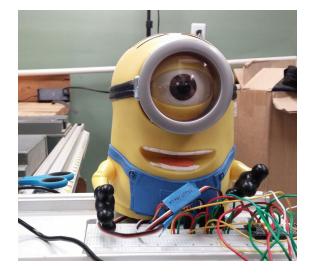
We're so glad you're here!





## Electric Works & Union Street Market Update

Scott Ferguson





## Campus – New Tenants

- AON
  - Moved in late last month, formally opening this month
  - Also known as K&K, which has a long Fort Wayne history
  - 200+ employees
- Indiana Tech
  - Acquired building 36
  - Construction imminent opening fall of 2026



## **USM Update**

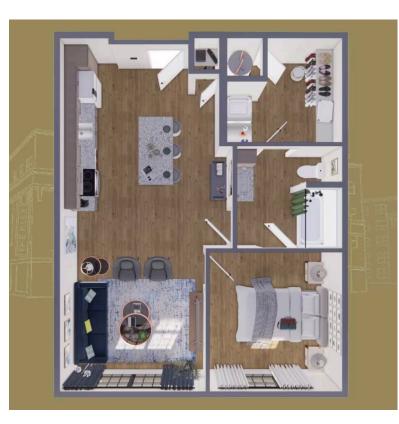
- The Berry
  - Fresh fruit blended with Kuehnert Dairy Ice Cream
  - Interested in feedback if you've had it
- Carmeli's Dough
  - 70% wholesale indicative of the goals of USM
  - Baked doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, Mediterranean baked goods
  - Chapman's pizza dough

- Berne Apparel
  - 'pro' gardener and apparel
- USM merchant pipeline/curation
  - Salad bar / fresh grilled
  - Test kitchen
  - Retail lab



## The Elex Update

- First block 55+, income verification
  - \$450 / month
  - 56 units / 78% under lease
- Second block open market
  - 1, 2 bedroom units
  - <a href="https://www.elexliving.com/">https://www.elexliving.com/</a>
- Interest in WC tour?





## Farmers Market – Public Market Trust

- PMT welcomes Joel to the board!
- WC engagement on the PMT and it's focus
- Farmers Market is now year-round
- Stacking events onto market days
  - Hoolie ponies
  - Car shows
  - Festivals



## **Campus Events**

- Growth over last year focus on community engagement
- 80% of events done at zero or reduced cost
- Goal is over 100k people at community events vs. 60k last year

- West Central Wine Club
  - Third Thursdays wine flites, appetizers, presentations
- Second Tuesdays
  - Spirit flites, appetizers, presentations



## Home and Garden Tour

- We hope to have a curated GE history exhibit in the forum
  - We will have a cash bar with a donation to WC
- Volunteer pre-tour party on the Roof

- Hope to have Elex tour
- Wayfinding, promotions
- Sponsorship from Chapmans and campus
- More details to come!



## Yesterday's West Central How to research your home

Shelley Rothgeb







## 1020 Jackson St



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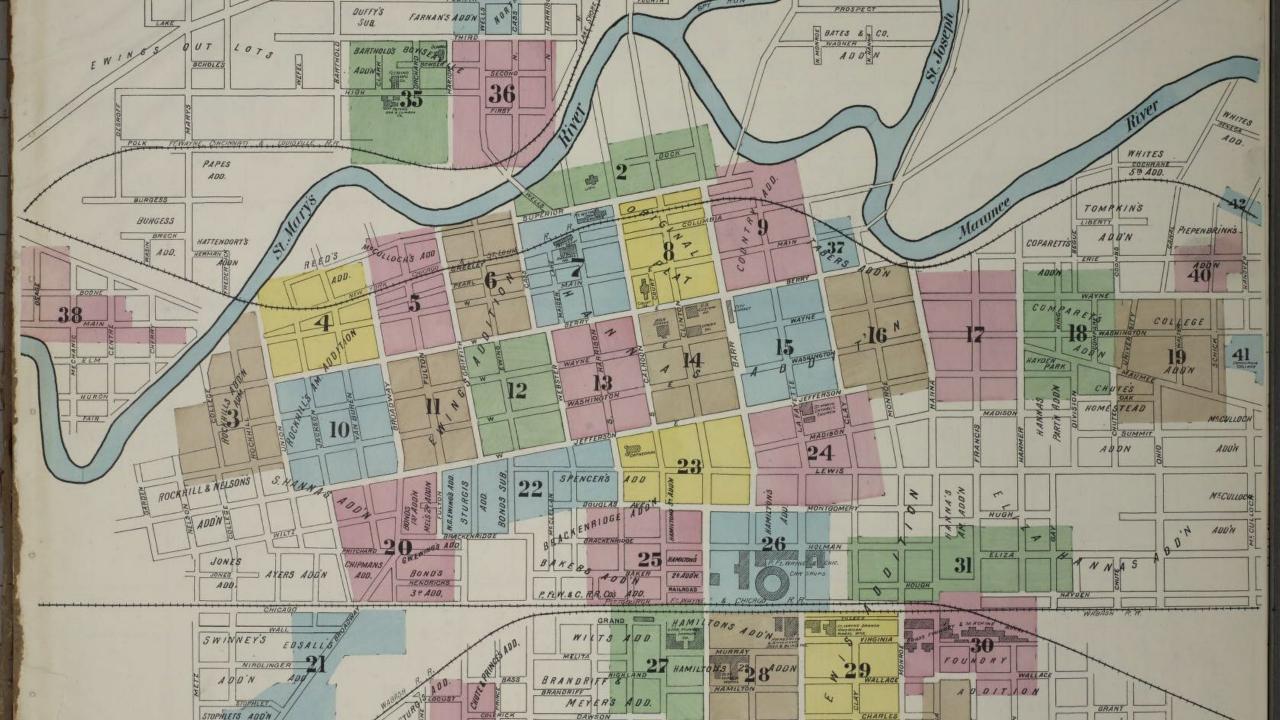
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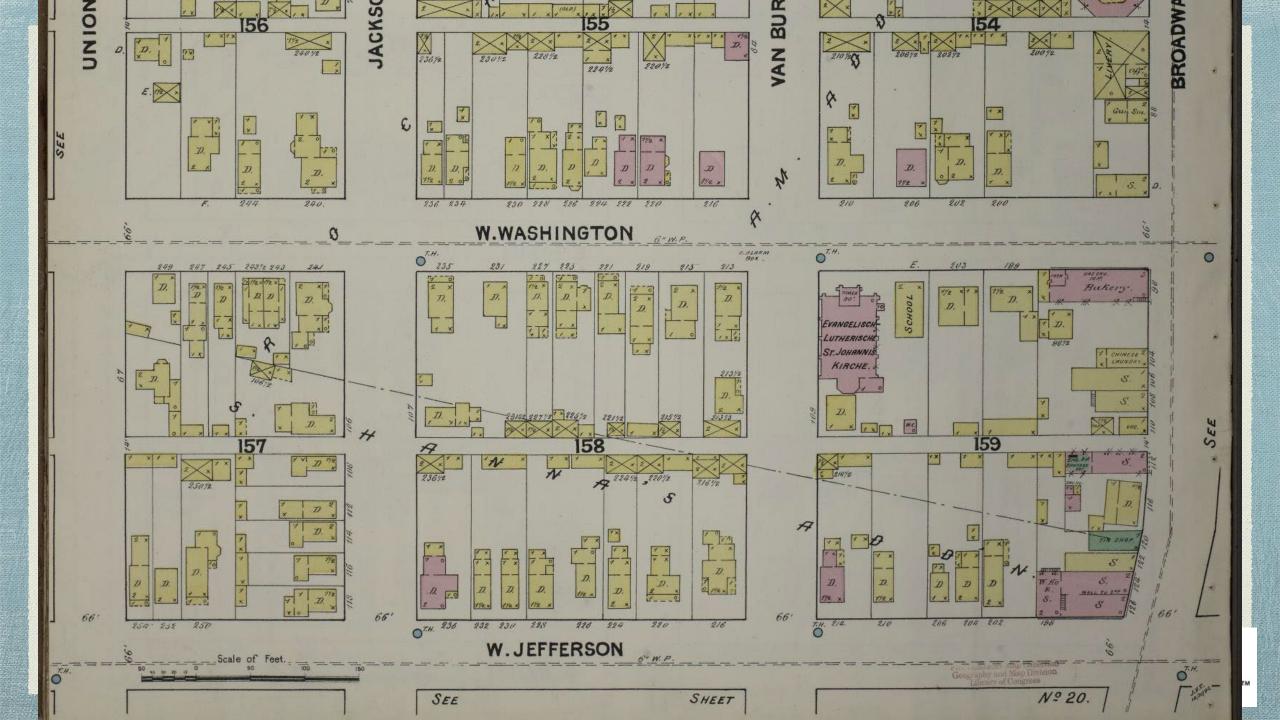
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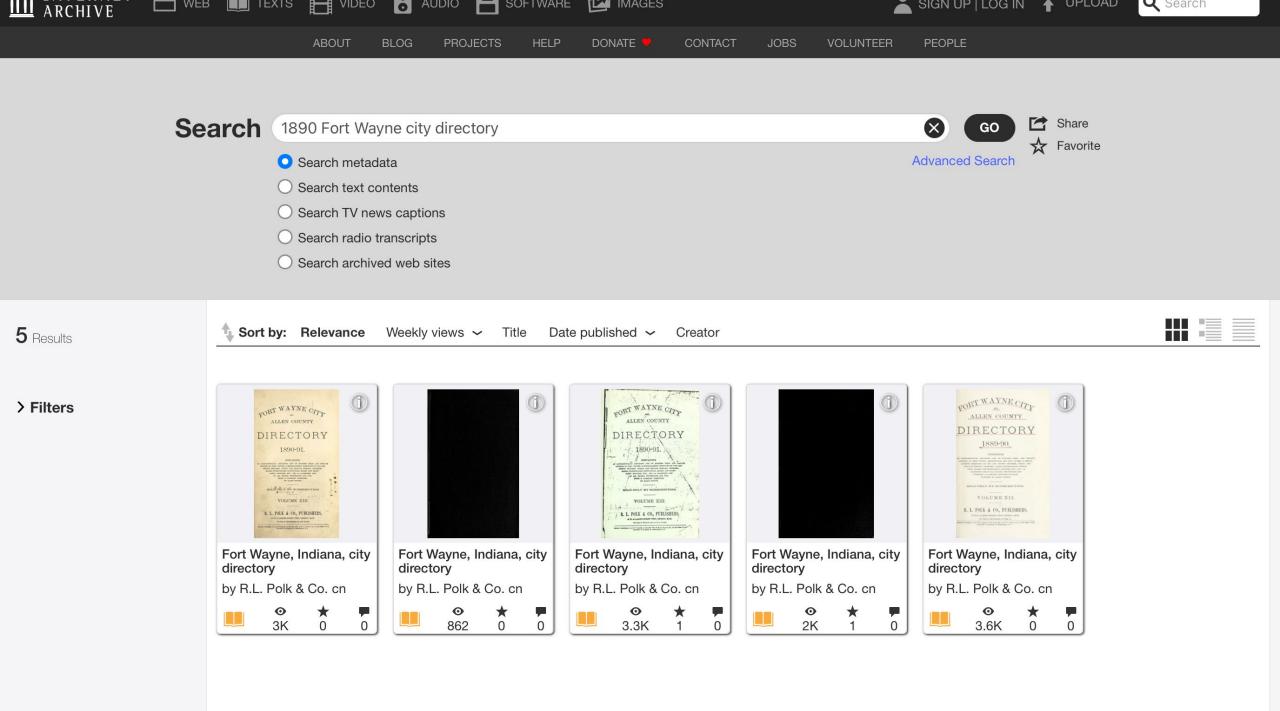
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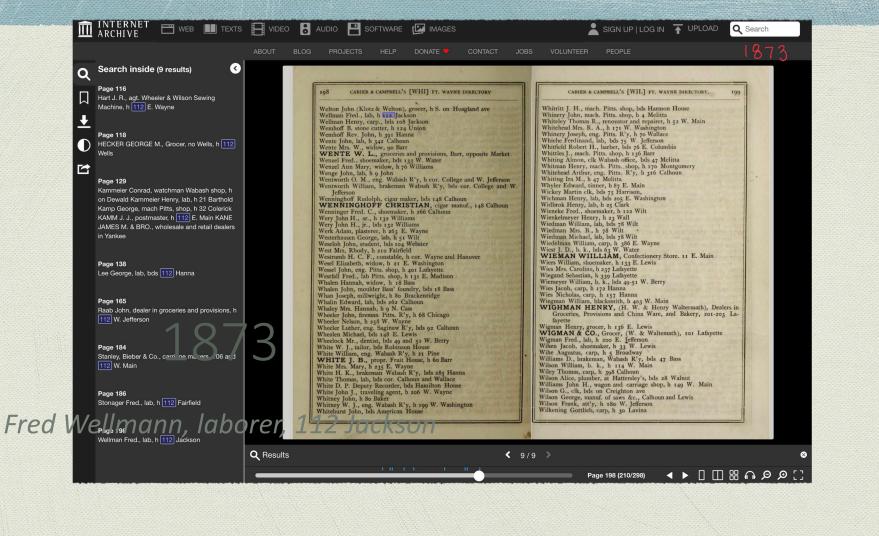
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#### Friedrich Wellman

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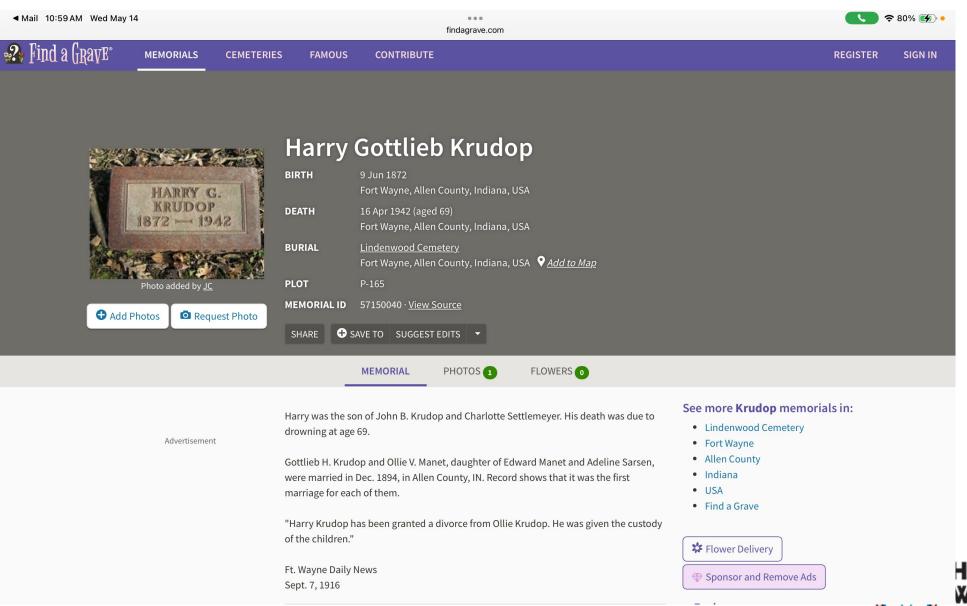
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# .020 (112) Jackson

The Frederick and Sophia Wellmann House

1873





1020 Jackson St., 2021 ARCHie Commendation, Single Family Residential, Eric Heffley

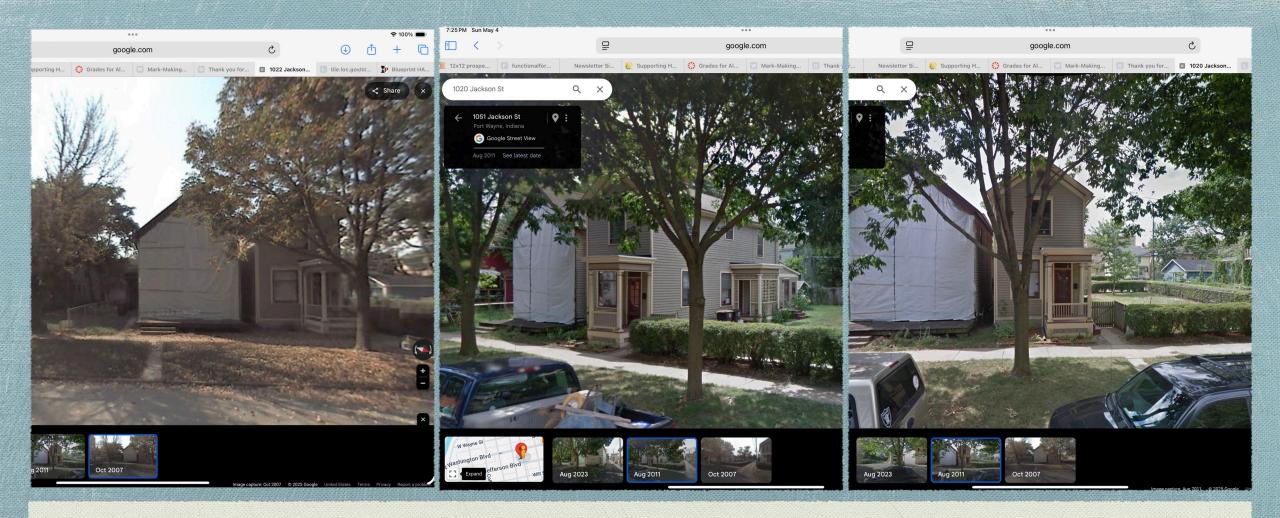
#### Commendations to

1020 Jackson Street

#### Eric Heffley

Honored for complete exterior and interior rehab of narrow house, including removal of non-original side porch, extensive siding and trim repair, multi-color paint scheme and construction of new garage.



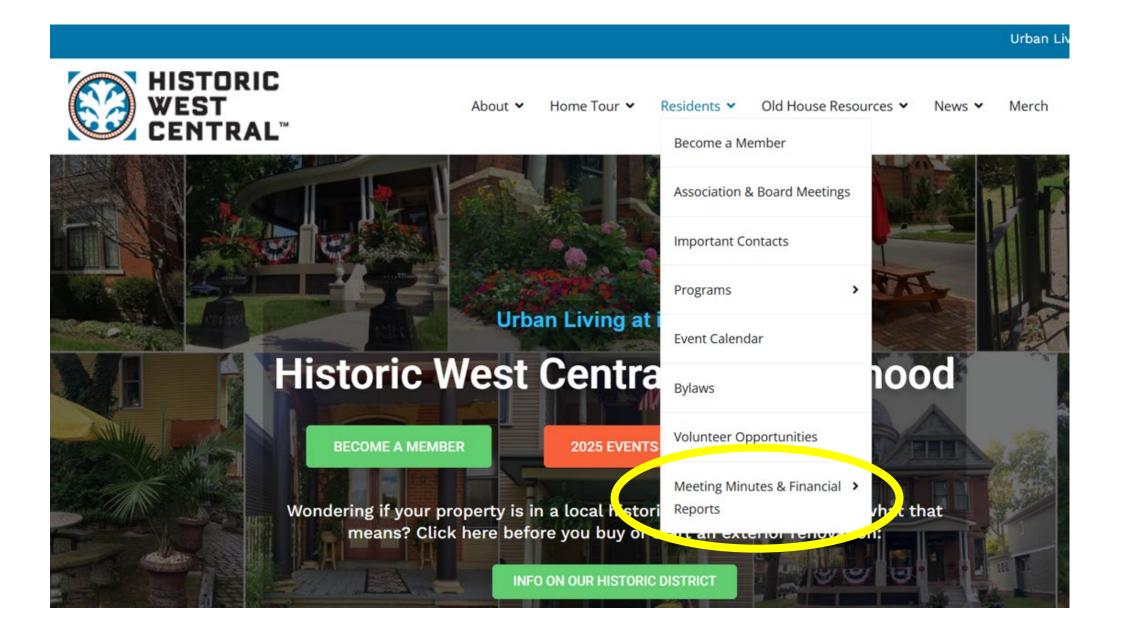


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## Treasurer's Report George Taylor





# Membership's Report

Anita Kuker



# Neighborhood Promotion We live here!



## Our Goals

- Identify the West Central boundaries

   Unite disparate areas
   Build engagement
- Amplify the brand & historic designation • Strengthen historic preservation
- Remind "visitors" this is a neighborhood

   People live here
   Speed & noise matter
   Safety matters
- Pursue membership priorities • Use our financial resources





## Jersey Barrier Artwork

- 19 very functional & necessary barriers on the western gateway of West Central
- While functional, not attractive!
- Want to cover them will public art
- Build on investment in the Amaryllis Sculpture
- "Calm" traffic as it enters our neighborhood
- Further beautify that gateway





### Jersey Barrier Process

- WCNA will issue a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) only to seasoned public art artists
- Those who provide a formal response with all the details would be nominally compensated for that work (as is customary)
- Winner to be chosen by the WCNA board
- Looking for paint barriers in 2026, completion by fall



### Our Ask

- No decision today, will present again at July meeting for a vote
- Looking for approval of a \$10,000 total budget
  - $\circ$  Artwork
  - $\circ \, \text{Paint}$
  - $\circ$  RFP payments



### Announcements

Coming up soon





## Upcoming Events

- Block Party
  - $\odot$  Saturday, July 26
  - $\odot$  11 am 2 pm
  - $\odot$  Contact Jackie Jones if you can volunteer!
    - **(**419) 553-9194





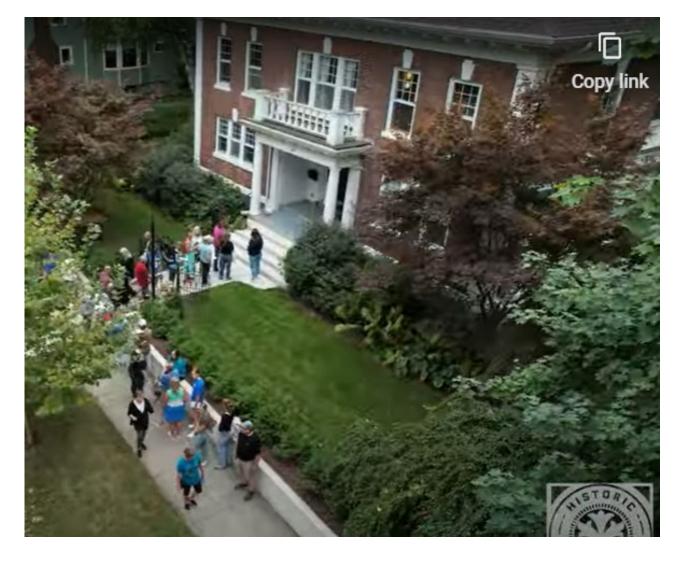




### 2025 Home & Garden Tour

Ryan Benton, Committee Chair





# June Gift Direction

Monthly \$250 contribution





### Past Gifts

- January gift: Plowshares at the Union Street Market
- February gift: Friends of the Park
- March gift: Washington Elementary Food Pantry
- April gift: ARCH
- May: Wellspring Interfaith

### **Giving Guidelines**

- Must be a charitable organization and/or a charitable activity
  - Cannot support a specific ideology
- No political organizations
- Want to try and "spread the love"



# Adjourn



