

## West Central Neighborhood Association

*Board Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2025 6:00pm*

### Call To Order –6:02 pm

- Attendees: Joel Sauer, Kelly Benton, George Taylor, Anita Kuker, Bethany Pruitt, Al Hofer, Jon Paul Pepen, Connie Mettler
- Absent: None. Full quorum present.

### Old Business

- **Essex:** The architect is redesigning the large tower to blend better with the residential setting. They may need to add a power substation in the corner of the existing parking lot.
- **Home Tour Issue with Catering:** No update at this time.
- **804 W Washington parking lots expansion:** Indiana Landmarks also sent a letter. They sold the house to him with restrictive covenants
  - Joel requested the city put a bump-out on Washington and Van Buren to help with the safety of street parking
- **West Washington & College Sidewalk project:** Anita reached out to city contacts to address delay in progress (three weeks with no work). They will need to re-do some of the sidewalk in front of Anita's house and will back-fill the yard
- **Holiday Party 2025**
  - Bethany requested an increase of the budget to \$3,000. Kelly put a motion, Anita seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - Joel will ask Alex to borrow the Instant Print camera
- **Bell Mansion:** Chuck Surack owns the whole block. He is putting \$40 million into the Scottish Rite. He is seeking state historic tax credits. Good news!

### Connected Neighborhoods Grant Update

- Final public feedback is this weekend at Precious Blood bowling alley. The feedback window closes after that. The website feedback will be heavily weighted. We can all add comments on the map. We will repost on Beyond Porch Parties.
- Traffic calming tie-in
- Mini-roundabouts: Phil Brash told the board that they successfully installed a mini-roundabout at Poinsette and Irene. Kelly proposes this at Berry and Rockhill. The steps are to start with a temporary circle, the city will collect data to see if it is effective, and then approve or not. We could make it a large planter. The city is partnered with the Active Transportation Coalition to do

"traffic calming demonstrations" to test out ideas like this. Kelly will reach out to them to see what the next steps are. The board raised concerns about space, functionality, and usability, but is willing to explore the idea further.

- Another idea is a speed table (like on Pontiac and the landing). The City is opposed to speed bumps. Another neighbor is advocating for a 4-way stop at Berry & Rockhill. The City has speed and volume trackers that neighborhood associations can use to track specific areas/intersections.

### **Revisit WCNA vision statement**

- Joel noticed that the words "historic preservation" is not included in the vision statement.
- Current: "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"
- DRAFT alternative: "To preserve and promote a unique, historic neighborhood defined by its connected community, rich architecture, and outstanding livability for all."
- Discussed if and/or how to solicit feedback. This is not part of the bylaws. We will add it to our agenda for Monday's meetings for a simple thumbs up or down.

Concluded 7:03pm