

Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC)









Indiana University South Bend

The April 25, 2017 Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) was called to order by Council Member at Large Gavin Ferlic at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Informal Meeting Room in the County City Building at 227 W. Jefferson Blvd, South Bend IN.

Persons in attendance included the following individuals representing the following entities:

South Bend Common Council

Gavin Ferlic Shail Bhogat Kareemah Fowler Kelly Jordan Joe Molnar Matt Costello Tim Lancaster Stephen M. Salisbury Ken Baierl Gail Mancini Marguerite Taylor Margaret Fosmoe Rebekah Deline Sam Centellas Aladean DeRose Karen Eckrich Prathm Juneja Tim Sexton Bill Thompson Nick Molnar

Jo Broden

IU South Bend South Bend City Clerk Holy Cross College South Bend City Clerk's Office North East Neighborhood SBPD **IUSB** IUSB IU School of Med South Bend Robinson Community Center South Bend Tribune Saint Mary's College La Casa De Amistad City of South Bend Holy Cross College Notre Dame Notre Dame St. Joseph County Police SB Association of Realtors South Bend Common Council

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NOTRE DAME UPDATES/CONCERNS:

Tim Sexton gave an update on Notre Dame and the upcoming graduation. We have a pretty big number of people coming through, close to 25,000 on graduation day. It is beneficial for restaurants and hotels when commencement occurs. The Crossroads Project is causing a little trouble with some parking issues. We have close to 1,000 workers on campus right now working on the construction projects which is awesome but it makes parking difficult. In August that will dramatically change because the Crossroads Projects will be mostly finished by that point. August 26th will be the last day of what the University is calling "Notre Dame Trail Day" which is a trip from Vincennes to Notre Dame. It is three hundred and sixteen (316) miles. There are

about thirty (30) people who will do the entire walk but you can sign up for just the last day. Everyone is welcome to sign up, the last day will be about three (3) miles from Howard Park to the campus. There will be a large picnic open to the public at the end of the trail which we hope thousands will attend. After the picnic a mass will be held in the Basilica. This begins our one hundred and seventy-fifth (175) anniversary. The trail follows the path Father Sorin took when he walked to campus. He left Vincennes in November and did it in about a twelve (12) day period.

Prathm Juneja, new Chief of Staff for the Student Body at Notre Dame, gave an update on student activities. We had a really successful Back the Bend. We had approximately four hundred and fifty (450) volunteers come out. Hopefully that will increase every year. We ran on a platform that is really focused on sexual assault and student safety as well as diversity and inclusion. We are really emphasizing the way students interact with reporting sexual assault. We are trying to implement anonymous reporting that makes it easier for students to feel empowered. There will be updates on that in the fall. We are also hoping to change the way we interact with the community, we want the students of Notre Dame to be useful to the South Bend community. That includes not just being a part of the community but actively looking at ways to help the community. We are partnering with the City's Office of Innovation. Hopefully we will have teams of software developers at Notre Dame actively engaged in developing software for the City. Service isn't just volunteering but using skill sets to help create growth.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE UPDATES/CONCERNS:

Karen Eckrich, sophomore at Holy Cross College and new Chief of Staff for next year's student government, stated she is happy to get to know everyone and work with the Committee next year.

Kelly Jordan, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, stated he now overseas responsibilities for campus security, housekeeping, and maintenance. Holy Cross now has an interim president, Father David Tyson, who came over from Notre Dame. He is working to get himself engaged with our campus. That has been an ongoing episode for the campus which has made times interesting at the college. A few weeks ago, we were able to get community residents onto campus and we had a bus of forty-three (43) people come for Back the Bend. We hope that Holy Cross becomes a permanent part of the tour for the Back the Bend. Holy Cross finishes class on May 12th and commencement is on May 20th. Skip Holtz is the commencement speaker.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND UPDATES/CONCERNS:

Ken Baierl introduced the current and future IUSB Student Government presidents.

Stephen Salisbury, current student government president, gave updates. Finals will be finished next week and commencement will be on May 9th. The campus finished Project Hope which is a program that makes health sciences available to the community and has had good results the past few years. A lot of families and children came out. Summer session on campus will start May 15th. We finished our elections last week and thankfully they went very smoothly.

RESIDENTS/NEIGHBORS UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Matt Costello, Northeast Neighborhood, gave updates on student activity in the neighborhood. He called the police on the night of the Blue-Gold Game. There was a huge party in a shared backyard between 1007 and 1011 East Washington Street. There was a lot of loud music with a huge number of people with a lot of litter. The police came fast and the party got quiet fast. He thanked the police for helping out with those matters.

Marguerite Taylor, with the Robinson Community Learning Center, stated, Back the Bend went very well and the seniors had a great time on the bus touring Holy Cross College. It was a gorgeous day and we had a picnic catered by The General. The reason we do the tour is because Notre Dame in the past had not been a warm or friendly place to be campus, many of the residents in the nearby neighborhoods never get onto campus, taking them onto the college campuses has been very beneficial for the relationship between the nearby community and the colleges.

CITY OF SOUTH BEND UPDATES/CONCERNS:

Aladean DeRose, serving on behalf of the Code Enforcement Office for South Bend and also as interim-attorney for the Common Council, was there to listen and incorporate any ideas that may need legal action or advice from the City. The Legal Department is concerned about new legislation from Indianapolis about our chronic nuisance ordinance. We had suggested language to the Statehouse which would have helped us more than what it did. The Legislature accepted some of our language but not the language that would have made it better for us. We are back to not being able to penalize landlords directly and not being able to direct fines to tenants above \$250. There is not a grandfather clause for that section but there is one that relates to other matters. We are trying as a City to look at it as positively as we can and there are still ways that one can get to landlords without penalizing. That would mean creating lists of bad landlords. There seems to be an antagonism by the Legislature against urban areas and perhaps South Bend in particular.

Tim Lancaster, South Bend Police, updated the Committee on crime trends in the area around the campuses. There has been a recent increase in burglaries to residences in the 1400 Block of the LaSalle and McKinley area. Students should be aware and take precautions such as making sure doors are locked and having awareness for people of a suspicious nature. The Police always invites calls from students who may see things that are suspicious. We have also had a lot of break-ins to vehicles in the River Park Neighborhood. Hopefully the IUSB Student Government can make their student body aware of that so students are not soft targets. Don't leave valuable objects like iPhones visible from the street because it does increase the likelihood of a break in. There has not been an increase of violent crime in the areas near the campuses. On May 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Robinson Learning Center, the Police will have a meet and greet with all the officers who work the 2:00 – 10:00 p.m. shift which is the shift that has the most contact with students.

Jo M. Broden, Fourth District South Bend Common Council Member, expressed gratitude towards the college students who helped with lead awareness in the City. There are outreach efforts going on within the Fourth District for neighborhood associations. Some neighborhoods of the Fourth District are trying to form neighborhood associations that currently only meet informally. We are looking for leadership in the Wooded Estates area. They currently have an informal group and are going through the process of formalizing their neighborhood association.

Any members on the Committee who would wish to help them are welcome. AEP was looking at relocating their site from the Colfax Center but it was determined that it will stay at its current location. There will be a significant public infrastructure project going on at Corby Blvd. from Twyckenham all the way to Ironwood. They are digging the ground right now to put in sidewalks for that section. It is a significant pathway for commerce areas to the East and to and from campuses but also for residences. It is the midway point between two (2) schools as well. It is very exciting, they are finally getting sidewalks. Hickory Rd., which was left unpaved at the end of last season, is also on the list to be repaved.

Gavin Ferlic adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.