



**Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC)**



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND**



The February 15, 2022 Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting was called to order by Council Member at Large Rachel Tomas Morgan at 3:30 p.m. virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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

Rachel Tomas Morgan	South Bend Common Council	rtomasmo@southbendin.gov
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Victoria Trujillo	Director of Special Projects	vtrujillo@southbendin.gov
Leah Kicincki	University of Notre Dame	lkicincki@nd.edu
Jay Caponigro	University of Notre Dame	jcaponig@nd.edu
Marlaina Johns	Deputy Director Code Enforcement	mjohns@southendin.gov
Kayla Isenbletter	IUSB	kisenble@iusb.edu
Andrew Polaniecki	Holy Cross College	apolaniecki@hcc-nd.edu
Gloria Jenkins	St. Mary's College	gparadiso1@saintmarys.edu
Rebekah Go	St. Mary's College	rgo@saintmarys.edu
Tatiana Boehning	St. Mary's College	tboehning@saintmarys.edu
Pam Claey's	River Park West Neighborhood	pamclaey's552@sbcglobal.net
Thomas Russell Stevick	Indiana University South Bend	tstevick@iusb.edu
Kayla Isenbletter	Indiana University South Bend	kisenble@iu.edu
Sheriff William Redman	St. Joseph County Police Dept	wredman@sjcpd.org

RECAP FROM CURRENT CHAIR

Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan stated that the two (2) priority issues identified in the Fall of 2021 were a review of the public nuisance/noise ordinance and public safety. CACC meetings will be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m., following the academic calendar, with summer meetings only as needed.

Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan stated that the CACC was formed for positive collaboration and proactive measures to make advisory recommendations to the Common Council's Community Relations and Residential Neighborhoods Committees.

## 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

Bianca Tirado nominated Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan as Chair of the CCAC for 2022. Pam Claeys seconded the nomination. All attendees were in favor. The nominations were closed, and Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan was acclaimed as Chair of the CCAC for 2022.

Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan nominated Clerk Dawn Jones, or a designee of the Clerk's Office, as recorder for the CCAC. Jay Caponigro seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed, and Clerk Dawn Jones was acclaimed as recorder for the CCAC for 2022.

## UPDATES AND INPUT FROM MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Marlaina Johns reported that volunteers could participate in neighborhood cleanups starting in Spring 2022. Those interested in volunteering can contact her for more details.

Andrew Polaniecki reported that Holy Cross College has spoken about safety for juniors and seniors eligible to live off-campus. Student-athletes are encouraged to share information on their leases with their coaches before signing them to get a sense of location. Holy Cross College is in the process of selecting a new president.

Leah Kicinski reported that the University of Notre Dame would be holding a Virtual Landlord Summit on March 16, 2022. On March 23, 2022, there will be a Virtual Housing Fair.

Jay Caponigro reported that the student government of Notre Dame is organizing a Back the Bend fundraising event on April 2, 2022. Robinson Center is hosting a vaccination clinic on February 19, 2022. The traditional anniversary event will not be held this year due to COVID-19. There will be two (2) commencements: one for 2022 and one for 2020, which was postponed due to the pandemic.

Thomas Russell Stevick reported that Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) plans job fairs and commencement. Commencement may be moved to the IUSB campus. Thomas Russell Stevick stated that he would appreciate it if the CCAC would talk about public transportation.

Kayla Isenbletter reported that the Safety Committee of IUSB recently performed a safety walk with police to identify any areas of concern, such as lighting. The Philanthropy Committee is organizing a benefit dinner to support the emergency student relief fund for March 31, 2022. There will be a polar plunge for the Special Olympics. There was a student-led speak out on diversity and inclusion in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Preparations will soon begin for the River Festival and Student Life Awards. A COVID-19 reminder will be sent to students.

Gloria Jenkins reported that COVID-19 numbers have declined at St. Mary's College. There will be two (2) commencements; a 2022 commencement on May 13, 2022, and a 2020 commencement on May 28, 2022.

Rebekah Go reported that SMC Serves was performed on Martin Luther King Day, where St. Mary's College worked with non-profits to do community service projects on campus. Students were taken to the innertube at St. Patrick's Park, and ice skating and a bike ride are coming up. Students are educated on the impacts of living off-campus for financial aid.

Tatiana Boehning stated that the committee of student government is working hard to create memorable events for students at St. Mary's College.

Pam Claeys stated that the next meeting of River Park West Neighborhood with IU will be held on March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the River Park Library. The request for a four (4) way stop at Hildreth Street and Esther Street was denied, but the engineer sought alternative traffic calming solutions. There is a pending street light application for Hildreth Street. Public nuisance issues must continue to be discussed. There is restricted parking on most of Bellevue Avenue, and the only parking has a two (2) hour limit. An unidentified car has parked consistently for longer than two (2) hours with no penalty.

Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan recommended that Pam Claeys fill out a form with 311 on the parking issue. She requested that Marlaina Johns investigate how to assist.

Councilmember Lori K. Hamann expressed gratitude for those who attended the meeting.

Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan stated that public input is accepted for city public Wi-Fi. Residents can call 311 or fill out the survey at [southbend.in.gov/2022wifi](https://southbend.in.gov/2022wifi).

Attorney Bob Palmer stated that there were amendments to the Indiana statute during COVID-19 to allow for extended use of virtual meetings for public bodies. An advisory coalition is not a legally defined term under Indiana statute; however, he will investigate whether virtual meetings can continue to be held for the CCAC after the Governor lifts the emergency order.

With no further business, Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan adjourned the CCAC meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Tomas Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Tomas Morgan Committee Chair