Monon Yard Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Location: Regular Meeting Location
Meeting Type: Monthly Neighborhood Association Meeting
Minutes Prepared By: Melissa DeRosier, Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with a welcome to attendees, introductions, and a group icebreaker.

2. Mission Statement

The association's mission statement was read, highlighting its commitment to building relationships among neighbors, businesses, community organizations, and the City of Indianapolis.

The association serves as a resource for neighborhood information, community engagement, local development updates, and events that bring residents together.

3. President's Report

Board Elections

- Elections were discussed for board positions serving two-year terms beginning in January 2027.
- Board positions operate on staggered election cycles.
- Members were invited to express interest in available positions, with the possibility of an election if multiple candidates expressed interest.
- The following individuals volunteered for positions:
    - **Vice President:** Kyle
    - **Treasurer:** Sherry
    - **At-Large Director:** Al
- Members expressed support for the individuals volunteering. No opposition was voiced.
- The association's bylaws and descriptions of board responsibilities are available on its website.

Neighborhood Development Updates

Several ongoing and proposed developments along the Monon Trail were discussed:

- **30th Street and Monon Trail:** The building on the northeast corner has been demolished. A hotel is reportedly planned for the site, potentially serving visitors to the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
- **36th Street and Sutherland Avenue:** Land clearing and demolition are underway for anticipated residential development, including apartment complexes along the Monon Trail.
- **Townhome Development:** Construction has resumed on a previously paused townhome project following additional funding.
- **Additional Construction:** Approximately 12 development projects were identified in the area between 22nd and 37th Streets.
- **19th Street and Monon Trail:** Lennar townhomes and additional development were mentioned.

Members were encouraged to review the association's website for neighborhood development information, bylaws, and the Monon Vision Plan.

Neighborhood Issues and City Resources

- Residents were encouraged to report concerns involving sidewalks, infrastructure, and other neighborhood issues directly through the Mayor's Action Center.
- Members were also encouraged to include their city council representatives, including Ron Gibson, as appropriate, when communicating about neighborhood concerns.
- Additional contact information for reporting issues will be shared through the association's website and Facebook page.
- A neighborhood effort to provide winter shelters for outdoor cats was mentioned, with potential volunteer opportunities.

4. Review of 2026 Neighborhood Activities

Global Academy Opening

The new Global Academy facility near 25th Street and the Monon Trail was highlighted as a positive addition to the neighborhood. The possibility of hosting a future association meeting at the school was discussed.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Cleanup – May 2026

- The neighborhood cleanup was held in May.
- Volunteers cleaned areas near 28th Street and McPherson Street.
- A dump truck was available to collect trash and large items from neighborhood alleys.
- The event was considered a success.

National Night Out

The association reported a successful National Night Out event with strong neighborhood participation.

Music on the Monon

- Music on the Monon featured live entertainment from the band *A Touch of Grass*.
- Approximately 50 attendees participated throughout the event.
- The event was held in the grassy area near McPherson Street and the Monon Trail.
- Despite some rain, the event was well received and provided an opportunity for neighbors to socialize.
- The event was supported by a $1,500 grant.
- Members expressed interest in making Music on the Monon an annual event.
- The new school was suggested as a potential future location because of its accessible outdoor space and proximity to the trail.

5. Future Neighborhood Initiatives

Community Bicycle Ride – 2027

A proposed community bicycle ride along the Monon Trail was discussed.

- The suggested route would begin near the school, travel north toward 46th Street, and return.
- Organizers hope to involve local police and emergency services.
- Freewheelin' Community Bikes has expressed interest in supporting the event with equipment.
- The Pacers Bikeshare program was mentioned as another potential resource.
- A neighborhood cookout could follow the ride.

Members also discussed the free Pacers Bikeshare program available to eligible Marion County residents.

Grants and Volunteer Opportunities

- The association hopes to identify a volunteer to research and pursue grants for future neighborhood activities.
- Additional assistance is needed with updating and maintaining the association's website.
- Members interested in helping with committees, events, communications, or website maintenance were encouraged to volunteer.

Neighborhood Event Signage

Plans were discussed to install an additional post in the neighborhood triangle to better display event banners. The new post will allow banners to be secured more easily and improve their appearance.

6. Communications Committee Report

Melissa provided an update on association communications.

- Residents were encouraged to follow the association's Facebook page for neighborhood news, announcements, and upcoming events.
- Event banners, printed signs, and newsletters continue to be used to communicate with residents.
- Alternative printing vendors for banners and yard signs will be explored to compare pricing.
- Neighborhood signs containing QR codes for association information will be redistributed.
- Additional volunteers may be recruited to assist with communication efforts.

7. Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026
Time: 6:00–8:00 PM

- Members discussed holding the event on Halloween rather than the preceding Friday.
- Attendees agreed that Halloween evening would likely provide the best turnout.

- Residents are encouraged to participate by decorating vehicles, distributing candy, or volunteering.
- Candy donations and monetary contributions may be accepted to help offset event costs.
- The association may also use available funds to purchase candy.
- Costumes are encouraged, and pets are welcome if leashed.
- Event details will be promoted through the association's communication channels.

Holiday Gathering – December 2026

- The association discussed holding its annual holiday gathering in place of the regular December meeting.
- The gathering would tentatively take place on the second Tuesday in December.
- Previous gatherings have included desserts, conversation, and group activities.
- Potential locations discussed included the new Global Academy facility and a neighborhood establishment near 20th Street and Delaware Street.
- The association will explore location availability and welcome additional suggestions.

8. Committee Reports

Communications: Updates provided by Melissa, as outlined above.

Engagement: Members discussed expanding volunteer participation to assist with planning and hosting community events.

Infrastructure: No additional report was provided.

9. Old Business and New Business

Attendees were invited to raise any additional old or new business. No additional items requiring action were recorded.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular association meeting is anticipated for **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**.

The annual holiday gathering is tentatively planned for December, with new board terms beginning in January 2027.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.