

**Georgetown Blackhawk 2040 Neighborhood Plan
June Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date and Time

24 June 2026
6:30 PM EST

Location

Georgetown ACPL
Large Meeting Room

Attendees

Shawn Smith – Countryside Estates neighborhood	Scott Haney – Bellshire neighborhood
Amy Haycox – Glenwood Park neighborhood	Anthony Enright – Caribe Colony neighborhood
Chris Dannhausen – Lake Forest neighborhood	Steve Jehl – Georgetown Square, Lake Forest Apartments
Amy Bogle – New Glenwood neighborhood	Mark Jones – Caribe Colony neighborhood
Katie Tountzios – YLNI, Lake Forest Extended neighborhood	Stephan Platt – Georgetown Library
Justin Shurley – Board of Park Commissioners, Georgetown Place	David Fyock – Briargate neighborhood
Mike Majewski – Lakes of Buckingham neighborhood	Lauren Shank – Department of Neighborhoods, City of Fort Wayne
Beverly Ade – Lofton Woods neighborhood	Michael Terronez – Department of Neighborhoods, City of Fort Wayne
Ron Schneeman – New Glenwood neighborhood	Kevin Cobb – Department of Neighborhoods, City of Fort Wayne

Meeting Minutes

From 6:20 pm to 6:30 pm, staff members Lauren Shank and Michael Terronez distributed meeting materials to committee members which included the meeting agenda, PowerPoint slides, engagement board results, a June plan update document, and sticker dots.

The meeting began at 6:35 pm and Georgetown Neighborhood Plan project manager Lauren Shank asked everyone to introduce themselves and the organization(s) they represent. Lauren Shank described the planning process timeline and said that the plan is in the “research” and “engagement” phase of the plan—both of which will be co-occurring through the end of the year. Lauren Shank summarized the May Planning Committee meeting and briefly described the strengths and challenges analysis that the Committee worked on during the May meeting.

Lauren Shank presented a demographic overview containing Census data for the area. The presentation covered the topics of population, age cohorts, race and ethnicity, housing value, housing tenure, income and poverty, and educational attainment. Lauren Shank also presented initial in-person engagement results gathered during the New Glenwood neighborhood’s pool party at Glen Aqua pool on 6/10/26 and the Countryside Estates neighborhood block party on 6/20/26. Staff member Kevin Cobb presented initial online engagement results. Area residents can take the input survey and map their ideas at GeorgetownPlan.com.

Committee members began to discuss the Georgetown area’s strengths and challenges and was facilitated by staff members Lauren Shank and Michael Terronez (see addendum). Committee members were also asked to describe Georgetown in one word, as a method for understanding the area’s identity and character (see addendum). After discussion, Georgetown Neighborhood Plan project manager Lauren Shank asked committee members to prioritize strengths and challenges by placing a dot sticker next to the aspects of the neighborhood area they would like to plan to focus on (see addendum).

Project manager Lauren Shank announced that the July Planning Committee meeting is canceled, and committee members should attend public engagement events for the Plan in July, August, and September. Postcards with event details will be mailed to residents notifying them of the events. Staff will also provide info for neighborhood leaders to include in various newsletters. The next Committee meeting will be Wednesday September 23rd 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm and the Georgetown Library.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CHALLENGES

Nothing for teens to do



Lack of third spaces for middle and high school students



Declining neighborhood association participation



People don't have a lot of time



Houses don't turn over fast (new people can't move in)



N River Dr trail parking



Traffic congestion



Aging infrastructure



Inconsistent foot traffic seasonally

Multilingual outreach



No lighting along new sidewalks



Commercial vacancies



Poor bikability



Sidewalks

Clean up ditches

Drainage



Improve open spaces

Learn more about public safety



Street lighting



Street repairs

CHALLENGES

School safety

- Walking connections ●●●

Property maintenance

- ● ● Traffic speed ●●●

Communication with neighbors

- ● Bike lane connectivity ●

- Lack of new development

- ● "Big city" activities for young people

Housing development disturbing peaceful ambiance

- No dog parks

- ● Lack of growth

- No more Battle of the Bands

- Kroger parking lot is too small

Could be over-developed

- ● ● Fast growth at edge of city

- ● No lighting or crosswalk on Reed and Trier

- ● No sidewalks on Trier except at Croninger Sidewalks from Lofton Woods to Maplecrest

- ● No signage or pedestrian crossing at Maplecrest and Lake

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CHALLENGES

- Library closing (May 2027 - May 2028)
- Places for kids to go (aged 10-12)

Collaboration with schools
collaboration with businesses

Need a gym

- Traffic around schools (Lahnmeier
• Blackhawk
• Snider-Trier
• Granger-Trier
• Eof Mplaret)

- Walkability on Trier by St. Charles

Snider Stadium traffic

- Walking/biking safety for kids in neighborhoods

Parking on Vance

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STRENGTHS

Well-kept homes

● Larger homes

●● New sidewalks

Long-term businesses

Small and big businesses

● Walkable

● Access to food

●● Access to basic necessities

● Not a food desert

● Established neighborhoods

Long-term residents

Strong sense of community

Strong identity

●●● Distinct sense of place ●●

●●● Public and private schools

Child care

●● Parks and Recreation

● Access to transportation networks

●●● Safety

●●● Affordable housing prices

● Lots of dog walking

●● Georgetown Square is anchor ●●

●● No industrial development ●●●

●● Consistent traffic patterns

●● Rivergreenway

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STRENGTHS

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- New young families
- Longevity
- Quiet Neighborhoods
- Trail access
- Strategic location for transportation and residential
- Strong customer base for local businesses
- Access to public transportation ●●

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STRENGTHS

- Self Contained Shopping (All you need is close)
- New football Stadium ●
- People feel safe (walking, even at night) ●●
- Community (people know each other)
- No barriers (physical)
- Suburbs w/out being "~~Suburban~~ Suburban" (Close to everything)

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