



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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Georgetown Blackhawk 2040 Neighborhood Plan May Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

27 May 2026

6:30 PM EST

Location

Georgetown ACPL

Large Meeting Room

Attendees

Lauren Shank – Department of Neighborhoods	Scott Haney – Bellshire neighborhood
Michael Terronez – Dept of Neighborhoods	Beverly Ade – Lofton Woods neighborhood
Stephan Platt – Georgetown Library	Ron Schneeman – New Glenwood neighborhood
Amy Haycox – Glenwood Park neighborhood	Katie Tountzios – YLNI
Anthony Enright – Caribe Colony neighborhood	John Hudson – FWCS
Mark Jones – Caribe Colony neighborhood	Melissa Saylor – Blackhawk neighborhood
David Fyock – Briargate neighborhood	Shawn Smith – Countryside Estates neighborhood
Mike Majewski – Lakes of Buckingham neighborhood	Dan Baisden – Dept of Neighborhoods
John McGauley – Kensington Downs East neighborhood	Anthony Racine – Shannonside neighborhood
Elaine Pope – Georgetown Entertainment	Amy Bogle – New Glenwood neighborhood
Heather Smith – Georgetown Entertainment	Megan Grable – Dept of Neighborhoods
Steve Jehl – Georgetown Square	Kevin Cobb – Dept of Neighborhoods

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Meeting Minutes

Georgetown Neighborhood Plan project manager Lauren Shank began the meeting at 6:35 pm. Staff and Committee members introduced themselves and the organizations they represent. Lauren Shank reviewed what was covered during the April Committee meeting and reviewed the project timeline with the Committee.

Lauren Shank described the public engagement strategy for the plan and asked the Committee for feedback and ideas.

Staff member Megan Grable gave a presentation introducing the concepts of social capital, loneliness, and public safety, and how the Department of Neighborhoods addresses these issues in its work with neighborhoods. Lauren Shank asked Committee members to write down places where they spend time with others as a way to map social gathering assets in the Georgetown area.

The Committee began a discussion about the area's strengths and challenges and was facilitated by staff members Dan Baisden, Michael Terronez, Lauren Shank, and Megan Grable (see addendum).

The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm.

STRENGTHS

- Well-kept + larger homes
- new sidewalks
- Long-term businesses
- Small + big businesses
- walkable ?
 - basic necessities (gas, schools)
- Access to food (not food desert)
- established neighborhoods
- long-term residents
- Strong sense of community, strong identity
- private/public schools + distinct sense of place
- Childcares
- parks + recreation
- access to other places (transp. networks)
- Safety
- Housing prices - affordable
- lots of dog walking

STRENGTHS

- Georgetown Square is anchor
- No Industrial development
- Consistent traffic patterns
(no rivers/trains/etc.)
- Rivergreenway
- TCBY - waffle cone Wednesdays
- New Young Families
- Maintained Housing affordability
- Longevity
- Quiet Neighborhoods
- Trail access

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STRENGTHS

- Strategic location (transportation, residential)
- Strong customer base for local businesses
- Access to public transportation

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CHALLENGES

- nothing for teens to do
no 3rd spaces for middle/high school students
- NAs wanting same people on board
- people don't have a lot of time (in 3 spots, etc.)
- houses don't turn over fast (people don't move)
- N. River parking lot always full for trail access
- traffic congestion
- Aging infrastructure
- inconsistent foot traffic seasonally
- bilingual outreach

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CHALLENGES

- No lighting on new sidewalks
- Commercial vacancies
- bikability (N-S access)
- Sidewalk
- clean up ditches
- improve open spaces
- public safety - learn more
- Street lighting
- Street repairs
- School safety
- walking connections
- property maintenance
- traffic speed
- communication

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CHALLENGES

- bike lane connectivity (sidewalks uneven)
 - ↳ Kensington to Lake Forest
 - ↳ N/S connections
- NW + SW get new stuff, want Georgetown to have new stuff for young people (like big city)
- Housing develop. disturbing peaceful ambience
- dog park?
- lack of growth (can't get Aldi!) proposed on Chapel Ridge
- no more Battle of the Bands
- Kroger small, not enough parking (afraid to hit car or person)
- Could be over-developed (no proximity to farmland/open space)
- generally FW fast growing city (E edge experiencing)
- no sidewalks on Trier Rd except Craninger (kids walking to school)
- no lighting or X walk on Reed + Trier (kids " ")
 - ↳ go to St Charles parking lot
- Sidewalk from Lofton Woods to Maplecrest
- no bridge ped X Maplecrest + Lake (connects to River Grassy)

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