

# Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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## Minutes of the Directors Meeting

April 21, 2010

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Sherry Seiwert	President	2010	X		
Joe Goeller	Vice President	2010	X		
Lynn Schaller	Treasurer	2010	X		
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2010	X		
Susan Dobson	Newsletter	2011	X		
Jan Froehlich	Member	2010		X	
Barbara Hazel	Member	2010	X		
Terry Dobson	Crime Watch	2011	X		

About thirty FSNA members and visitors were present at the meeting.

### Call to Order

President Sherry Seiwert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### Minutes

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

### Treasurer's Report

Submitted by treasurer Lynn Schaller, beginning balance for March was \$4785.95, ending balance was \$4 .

### Guest Speaker 1

Ehren Bingaman, Executive Director of CIRTA (Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority) presented an overview of the IndyConnect initiative, a collaboration of private employers and public agencies creating a 25-year plan for all modes of transportation. Of greatest interest to the audience was the prospect of a Diesel Light Rail commuter system they are proposing for the so-called Northeast Corridor of the greater Indianapolis area, which corridor passes directly through our neighborhood. The idea is still preliminary, but they hope to have a final draft plan for adoption by this December, with an application for federal assistance due by September of 2011.

CIRTA is actively seeking public input on the plan. Matters such as environmental impact, property values and funding, as well as local issues like traffic congestion, noise and vibration, stops in Marion County and whistles are all being explored.

Go to [www.cirta.us](http://www.cirta.us) and to [www.indyconnect.org](http://www.indyconnect.org) for more information.

One of the neighbors present spoke out, questioning the need for a rail system.

### Guest Speaker 2

We were fortunate to have Marion County Engineer Long K. Nguyen, who is doing the actual planning

of the 62nd Street Multi-Modal Path. This is to be a six-foot asphalt strip along the south side of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street from Rural Street to Allisonville Road, possibly on to Binford Blvd. Mr Nguyen hoped to have a plan ready in one month and thought it was likely to be funded.

FSNA included a one-question survey in its latest newsletter, which returned over one hundred results. They were 90% in favor of the path. Those not in favor included some residents along the south side of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, whose lots abut the right-of-way where the path would run. One FSNA member spoke in detail against the path, enumerating several ways the it would be a detriment to the neighborhood.

#### Next Meeting

May 19, 2010, 7pm at John Strange Elementary School. This will be FSNA's Annual Membership Meeting, at which new directors are elected to the Board by association members.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm, followed by lively discussion.