



Neighborhood Meetings Summary

Three Neighborhood Meetings were held as part of the preliminary design information gathering process. They were held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at three locations along the corridor on July 26, July 31 and August 16. Property owners immediately adjacent to the Walnut Street Project were mailed invitations to attend a meeting to discuss details of the project and to sit down with project designers to discuss specifics associated with their actual property.

In an effort to provide additional time and benefit for attendees, three different locations were chosen along the corridor: University of Evansville campus in Eykamp Hall, St. Benedict's School, and the C.K. Newsome Center. Further, property owners were invited to a specific location based on property addresses and encouraged to attend one of the other meetings if a conflict arose.

Unfortunately, attendance at these meetings was sparse with an average of ten property owners at each. Those attending were able to gather additional project information and spend time with project designers looking specifically at their residences and the surrounding area. Topics of discussion varied from person to person, but common ones included drainage concerns, landscape encroachment, impacts to mature trees, timing of various project activities, etc.

Project representatives were available to ask and answer questions as well as to gather additional information to inform design decisions. Participants were told to anticipate a public meeting/hearing in November and a second one in April. Since these meetings the first public hearing has had to be pushed back to February.