

200K Square Foot Apartment Complex Planned at 1001 Palmer



A pair of developers, Chase Development Co. and Birge & Held, are proposing to demolish the Abraham Lincoln School (IPS No. 18), built in 1901, and erect a new \$33 million 4-story affordable housing building with 151 apartment units and a 146-space parking garage on the lower level.

The developers have come to recent Bates-Hendricks Land Use Committee meetings, as well as the general neighborhood association meetings to answer questions and take feedback. The Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development Division of Planning approved a variance to rezone the property from SU-1 (religious) to D-P (multifamily housing) to facilitate the development.

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association / Land Use Committee obtained an automatic continuance on the rezoning effort in November, 2021 to give neighbors more time to learn about the project and provide feedback. The neighborhood's request for another continuance in December was denied by the Division of Planning.

The current plans can be viewed here: bateshendricks.org/1001palmer/2021-11-08.pdf

The Indianapolis Business Journal has also published an article about the development, which can be viewed here: www.ibj.com/articles/local-developers-partner-on-33m-affordable-housing-project-near-fountain-square



Bates-Hendricks Had Plenty of Holiday Cheer in December

Holiday spirits were bright in Bates-Hendricks with three events in December. The festivities were kicked off with the Holiday Home Decor Competition, which received 15 submissions competing in three categories. Congratulations to neighbors Cody Long (Neighbors' Choice), Kasey Austin (Best Nighttime Decor), and Chelsea Wagers (Best Daytime Decor)!

Neighbors then gathered on December 18 at Bauhaus Tap in their festive sweaters for an evening of Christmas music and karaoke where neighbor Emily Martin received the Best Festive Sweater award!

Last and certainly not least, Bates-Hendricks was visited by Santa on December 21! Santa received a full police escort by the IMPD Southeast District team who guided Santa's sleigh through the neighborhood to spread some cheer. Santa finished his ride by taking photos at the South New Jersey Street Gazebo with families, neighbors, and furry friends.

Thank you to all our neighbors who helped plan and partake in the festivities this year!

As always, follow our Facebook (Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association) and Instagram (@Bateshendricks) for the most up-to-date information on events!



Santa Tuck (www.facebook.com/santatuck) & Mrs. Claus at the S. New Jersey Street Gazebo.



Residents show off their festive sweaters and sing karaoke at Bauhaus Tap



SENSE Once Again Receives Indiana Thriving Schools Recognition



These signs indicate part of the programming SENSE Charter School significantly supports. They aim to serve as champions for sustainability to help our neighborhood be a healthier place to live, learn, and grow.

SENSE Charter School was again honored to be selected as a recipient for the Indiana Thriving Schools Challenge program. This is the fourth year SENSE has been selected for the highest class in the Masters Category. This was in recognition for the school's many accomplishments activating green programming at the school.

The City of Indianapolis invites all K-12 Marion County schools to join the Thriving Schools Challenge and create sustainability projects that will make our community and schools healthier places to live, learn, and grow. Examples include school gardens, outdoor classrooms, civic engagement activities, and sustainability-centered curriculum. This program was launched out of the City's Office of Sustainability in 2019 and is now managed by Earth Charter Indiana. Visit www.IndyThrivingSchools.com to learn more and find application information.

With the attached funding that comes from being part of the Thriving Schools Cohort, along with a generous donation from the Calvary Lutheran Church Community Garden and Outreach Team, SENSE will elevate its on-site gardening projects this year. This will help maximize the opportunity for SENSE Charter to become leaders on sustainability and gardening in our community.

SENSE Garden Educates Students & Connects Them with Nature

Our neighborhood falls within a food desert. Many SENSE families have limited access to affordable and nutritious food and groceries, resulting in many insecurities and trauma. A school garden is a wonderful way for students to physically connect with nutrition education, understand the process of growing healthy foods, and recognize the importance of environmental stewardship. Through the school's garden, they have been able to integrate many subjects such as math, science, health, and literacy. With their gardening initiatives, they've happily discovered that gardening has provided their urban-raised children with a powerful and important connection with nature. The hope is that they will be inspired from this experience, as they endeavor to grow engaged, curious learners, teach healthy eating habits, and that the students might become life-long gardeners themselves.

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment, and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Matt Nunley, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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Upcoming

- Jan 1** Monthly Parent Meetup, 9:30am to 11:30am, James A. Garfield IPS School 31, 307 Lincoln Street. Join other downtown families for a monthly family-friendly event! All events are free unless noted in the event. Meetups are proudly hosted by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association but open to all families regardless of residency. See www.bateshendricks.org/parentmeetup for details.
- Jan 10** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street). The school requires that masks be worn inside the building. The Association meets on the first Monday of every month except holidays (then it's the second Monday). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!**
- Jan 13,27** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
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- Jan 17** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. For more information, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.
- Jan 17** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact Events@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Jan 17** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact Marketing@bateshendricks.org to join the meeting or for more information.
- Jan 18** Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Jan 24** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm, location varies. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Jan 25** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.