

**Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, Inc. (FPNA)**  
**([www.fletcherplace.org](http://www.fletcherplace.org))**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 13th, 2010 7:00 p.m.**

**Mission statement:** Preservation, restoration, renovation, revitalization and the promotion of the neighborhood as a community of the City of Indianapolis known as historic Fletcher Place, with the goal of creating a total urban community while maintaining a respect for the past.

**Boundaries:** The FPNA represents the area east of East Street, south of Lord Street, west of I-65/I-70 and north of I-70. This encompasses two historic districts, the Fletcher Place Historic District and the Holy Rosary Danish Church District.

**Meetings:** The meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at 615 Virginia Ave (Calvin Fletcher's Coffee).

**Note:** These meeting minutes are for all FPNA members. If you know of other FPNA members not on the list, we would be happy to add them. For reading convenience, a Microsoft Word version of the minutes has been attached.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Bill Lovejoy.

**Attendees:** Keith Holdsworth, Priscilla Tucker, Ron Reichel, Nate Davis, Angie Dusendschon, Doug Listey, Judy Kitsey, Bill Lovejoy, Paul Buckley, Peggy Spohr, Rhonda Pepper, Glen Blackwood, Georgia Cravey, Ginger Biddinger, Eric Strickland, Jennifer Wolfe, Doug Dilling.

**Guests:** Stevi Stoesz - City Market, Tonya Beeler – MNL, Brittany York – US Census Bureau

**Last meeting's minutes:** Minutes were posted online. No changes. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

**City Market Update:** Stevi Stoesz from the City Market shared information about exciting things at the market. The farmer's market continues on Wednesdays and launching a Saturday morning market May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 – 1pm – same set up as Wednesday. Look for A Taste of Philly (pretzels). The market is considering microbrews through the Indiana Microbrewers Guild. Watch for an exciting announcement about a downtown bicycle port (membership required) in the East wing. The West wing appears to be headed towards demolition to be replaced with a community garden.

**IMPD Update:** It was reported that there was recent murder of a Fountain Square jewelry merchant. While this is definitely an aberration for our area and is an unfortunate sign of the economic times that a jewelry store would be hit, the tragic death is saddening and gives us reason to be extra careful. An arrest has been made already. We live in one of the safest neighborhoods in town, but anytime something tragic happens nearby, we should give pause. Please keep the Pedigo family in mind during the tough days ahead.

**MNL Update:** Tonya Beeler encourages us to contact Dane Mahern for issues regarding condition of streets and alleys. June 7<sup>th</sup> might see a new trash date. [www.Indy.gov/trashimprovements](http://www.Indy.gov/trashimprovements).

**COA/Code Compliance/Zoning**

As a neighborhood, we need to monitor things happening w/o a certificate of appropriateness (COA), which is

required for most work done on the exterior of the home as well as some interior work. Also, we need to watch for health code issues on older / abandoned homes.

Update: Eric Strickland presented to the FP Land Use Committee regarding his request of a proposed addition to his home at 545 Fletcher Ave. He would like to add a dormer to the rear elevation. He will be matching the materials and color of the existing home. The Fletcher Place Land Use Committee met with Mr. Strickland and he walked them through his plans and they went out and looked at area of the proposed work. He answered all questions, including a question about making sure new add-ons have some type of historic context (i.e. being able to tell that the new part is not historic). Eric had that discussion with IHPC and he said that they seemed to be satisfied on that score by setting the addition back from both wall lines. The land use committee also passed along a suggestion about a water barrier under the shingles. The FP LUC recommends that the association recommends the approval to the IHPC. Motion passed unanimously.

The IHPC staff report has not come out yet.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** The neighborhood funds are raised through such events as the Home Tour, FPNA membership dues, and the Plant Sale. The funds are used for neighborhood expenses and improvements like the annual tree planting, the neighborhood Fletcher Place signs (including the wooden sign at Fletcher and Pine) and events such as the picnic. FPNA uses money from city grants to fund these items as well.

Update: The quarter-to-date finances were presented. The total revenue was \$2,128.18 and the total expense were \$1,147.04 with a change in net assets of \$981.14. The cash balance is \$11,881.17, with \$4,000 of that committed to various projects. If anyone is interested in the detailed breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Jeff at [jeff030167@indy.rr.com](mailto:jeff030167@indy.rr.com).

**Cultural Trail:** This committee has the goals of helping bring the leg of the Trail that will be coming through Fletcher Place to life.

Update The next public meeting will be Tue 4/27 at 6:00 pm Fountain Sq Theatre building. Construction has been pushed back to commence in the Fall (originally it was this Spring) largely due to the federal grant monies that take more paperwork to process. Bill reported that there are three different options for the donations. 1.) general fund for construction of overall trail, 2.) restrict the gift to SE Quad, or 3.) restrict to fund for perpetual maintenance of the trail. After discussion there was a consensus that the \$2000 FP donation would be directed to the perpetual maintenance fund.

Note: Ron Reichel brought up a discussion about the real wealth of cultural and historically significant information that could be somehow tied in or developed in tandem with the trail development. While the trail is already beyond any additional developments, it was clear that the association would certainly welcome leadership from volunteers to explore a project like this.

**Social Committee:** This committee is tasked with coming up with and implementing ideas that would bring the neighborhood together to have fun events with the goal of promoting one big neighborhood.

Update: Next Progressive Dinner Date: May 1<sup>st</sup> Time: Organizer: Julie Devine. Start time is at 5:30pm. Still need a volunteer stop for main course. Julie is willing to host an after dessert stop for after dinner drinks, coffee and games. Contact information for Julie is 317-452-3346 or: [devine\\_julie@lilly.com](mailto:devine_julie@lilly.com) or [dtindygal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtindygal@sbcglobal.net).

**FP Land Use:** This Land Use Committee represents the Fletcher Place Historic District and meets upon request.

Update: Make sure to check out the beautiful daffodils at the Fletcher Avenue exit from I-70/I-65. Special thanks are due to KIB and the Garden Club for their efforts to make the area look great. The do not mow signs will stay up until about June 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to leave them there because mowing the daffodil leaves early will result in fewer blooms next year.

**HR/DC Land Use Committee:** This Land Use Committee represents the Holy Rosary Danish Church Historic District and anyone is welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. The location is rotating, so please contact Joe Giacoletti at [giacoletti@mibor.net](mailto:giacoletti@mibor.net) for the location.

Update: No update.

**Marketing/Econ Development:** This committee's purpose is to increase the profile of FP in the Indy community. They are looking at a vision and marketing plan. They meet every third Wednesday at the Impact Group (501 Virginia) at 12:00 noon.

Update: No Update

**Newspaper:** The Parchment is a bi-monthly paper that comes out six times a year. We are always looking for stories for the Parchment. Ads are \$5/column inch for a one-time ad and \$3/column inch if you run the same ad six times. If you patronize one of the people who advertise in The Parchment, please let them know where you saw their advertisement.

Update: No Update – no editor yet.

**Membership:** To become an FPNA member, it costs \$5/year for individuals and \$20 for businesses. There is a discounted price for joining after June.

Update: To date we have 118 members and 6 businesses. More are expected in the next several months. Memberships continue to arrive through June.

**Infrastructure:** This committee will work with the FPNA and City representatives to improve sidewalks, lighting, traffic signage, alleys, safety, etc.

Update: Fletcher Ave will see a new surface and sidewalks from the Interstate to Lucas Oil Stadium before the Super Bowl in 2012.

### **Old Business**

**Dog Park:** There is a task force to research the potential for a neighborhood Dog Park and is checking into locations. Once the committee decides on a recommendation to the association, it will be presented at an association meeting for discussion.

Update: Georgia Cravey is taking the “leash” of the committee and will continue the work to explore options. Indy Parks indicated that Lacy Park is not an option as they require a minimum of 4 acres for a dog park. Farm Bureau has also indicated they are not interested. The group continues to explore other creative options and will report back as more information is available.

**Neighborhood Garden:** Robb Biddnger has been working on a neighbor garden at the empty lot at 324 South College. The garden is not sponsored by the association but is a neighbor-sponsored effort. Robb now has releases ready and all of the topsoil spread. He sends his thanks to several gardeners who helped spread it (Kathy, Marta, Miranda, Nick, Peggy and Ginger). The plots have been marked off. Gardeners will be picking a plot to mark their name on a corner stake. This is very exciting. Almost each time that Robb is working in the garden someone will stop and ask about it. There is the asphalt area if anyone wants to do raised beds. Ready Set Plant!

### **New Business**

**Neighborhood Clean-ups:** There are three chances to clean-up the neighborhood this year.

1. Spring Clean-up: The first was on Saturday, April 10th, and we used that day to do general trash pickup but focused on the large overgrowth area on Park Ave just south of Fletcher Ave and also to clean out the gutters along Lexington

and College. Huge thanks go to Jeff Roeder and Georgia Cravey for leading the work crews that morning and thanks to Jeff Miller for getting the event setup. The Mayor also dropped by for a visit to thank us for doing the clean-ups we do each year.

2. Lacy Park Spring Spruce Up: The Lacy Leadership Association (LLA) will do their annual clean-up of Lacy Park on Saturday, May 1. Join LLA members, friends and family in sprucing up Lacy Park, in honor of SKL Executive Leadership Series founder Edna Balz Lacy, on Saturday, May 1. You can make an impact in beautifying the park and improving the landscape of Indianapolis. Please feel free to bring your little helpers; it is never too early to learn about giving back to our community.

Who: LLA members who want to give back to the community.

When: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., May 1.

Where: Edna Balz Lacy Park, 700 Greer Street (street parking is available)

3. Italian Fest Preparation Clean-up: The weekend before the Italianfest (June 5, 2010, 9:00am - Noon) in June we will spruce up the neighborhood, focusing on the areas around the location for the Festival to make sure things look great for the annual event.

**Crime Watch.** Bill Lovejoy reminded us that we need to use the FP Google Crime Watch email group to disseminate information like the recent murder in Fountain Square as well as general crime reports. If there is a tragic or significant event such as the recent murder, we should try and get that information distributed sooner rather than later and that anyone who is registered with the site can post information immediately. If there is anything suspicious, people are also reminded to call 911 immediately.

Bill L suggested that FPNA send a letter of sympathy and solidarity to the Fountain Square organizations, showing our support and common concern. Bill Lovejoy volunteered to draft such a letter.

**Kudos to Neighbors.** Priscilla Tucker expressed appreciation to many FP residents who have looked out for her while she was ill. It is a true example of what makes a neighborhood special.

**Adopt a Tree Campaign.** Priscilla distributed a flyer enlisting volunteers to adopt one of the new blue spruce trees recently planted in the Buchanan St lot. Anyone is encouraged to sign up and adopt one of the trees to ensure they survive this first critical summer.

**Buchanan Lot Tree Planting.** Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a "neighborhood". There will be a meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> - Location TBD (maybe the Gazebo at Lacy Park) - to generate more support to develop the lot. She is looking for volunteers to help distribute fliers to the neighborhood to promote the meeting and development of the lot. Contact Priscilla at [priscill\\_tucker@att.net](mailto:priscill_tucker@att.net)

**Harlo's – A Page from the Past.** Will be opening soon in the old Virginia State Bank at College & Virginia. It is a retail shop specializing in vintage clothing and will also feature a salon specializing in vintage hair styles.

**Fountain Square Library Branch** is proposed to be closed by the Central Library. Residents are encouraged to let their opinions be known. There are a series of public meetings to discuss this and other branch closings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

### Always On Tap

- **MEMBERSHIP:** To become a FPNA member, it costs \$5/year for individuals and \$15/for businesses. Discounted price for joining after June. Contact David Edy (see below) or look for a form in an issue of the Parchment or on the website to join.
- **SIGNS:** Anyone can purchase a Fletcher Place sign to hang in their window. It is \$5 for FPNA members and \$10 for non-members. Contact David Edy to purchase one (contact info below).

- **DIRECTORIES:** Neighborhood directories are available from David Edy (contact info below) at the cost of \$1.50. Call for them at 638-6802.
- **MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION:** The Merchants Association meets every third Wednesday at 12:00 at 501 Virginia. Please contact Cynthia Buswell at [cbuswell@impactgroup.org](mailto:cbuswell@impactgroup.org) for more info.

#### Miscellaneous

- Heavy trash pick-up day is the 4th Thursday. WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGING DATES FOR TRASH PICK UP. GO TO [WWW.INDYGOV/TRASHIMPROVEMENTS](http://WWW.INDYGOV/TRASHIMPROVEMENTS)
- As a neighborhood, we need to police things happening w/o a certificate of appropriateness.
- Please let us know if you are aware of any new members to the neighborhood, so we can give them a warm welcome.

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