

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 11th, 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 Glenn Blackwood.

**Attendees:** Glenn Blackwood, Robb Biddinger, Paul Buckley, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Doug & Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Mike McCormick, Larry & Rhonda Pepper, Ron Reichel, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Peggy Spohr, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Lisa Woods

**Guests:** Gail Payne - Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Mark Zwoyer - RW Armstrong, the Trail design engineering firm, Tonya Beeler – MNL

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

**IMPD Update:** No officer present - NOTE: There was concern expressed that no officer has been present for several weeks – especially since there have been several break-ins and a neighbor witnessed a broad-daylight drug transfer in the auto lot across from the Villaggio.

**MNL Update:** No MNL present

**Cultural Trail Update:** Tonight we presented the cultural trail team with a check from the association for \$2000 that was restricted to fund for perpetual maintenance of the trail. This check was in addition to individual donations given by individual residents, collected by the association. Last year around \$1200 was donated by individuals during the association membership drive and this year the total is over \$500, meaning Fletcher Place has donated over \$3700 to the trail. This is a great show of support for an amenity that will give back so much in return to the neighborhood. The presentation was made to Gail Payne and Mark Zwoyer.

The most recent public meeting was on 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. Due to the delay in launching the actual construction of the Virginia Ave leg of the trail caused by the additional due diligence effort required by the Federal grant monies, they are looking at options to increase the speed of construction. Gail and Mark also came to ask how we would feel about a 24/7 construction

schedule, both to minimize the time and impact to our neighborhood and to help meet the completion date of February (Super Bowl), 2012. No resolution was arrived at, and the group agreed to consider the following factors:

1. Current 10pm-7am ordinance - no unreasonable noise
2. Saturdays
3. Sundays
4. Certain geographic limitations
5. Lighting concerns
6. Do we have the right to change our mind if reality is intolerable?

The association will use the factors in considering a formal association response. Our intention is to have something to discuss at the next assn meeting.

### **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.

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.

Update: The IHPC staff report was in full support of the case and it was passed at the May Commission Hearing. Eric hopes to begin construction mid June after he moves some interior electrical and plumbing. Work should be complete in 30 days after starting

### **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 cash balance is \$11,193, with \$4,000 of that committed to various projects (including the check presented tonight to the Cultural Trail). 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: All updates were provided above.

**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: The Progressive Dinner Date was May 1<sup>st</sup> going from 6:00 to 9:00. Stops included appetizers at Jennifer Wolfe's, dinner at the Litsey's, and desserts at the Schmidts. It was a wonderful evening. Special thanks to everyone that opened up their homes for the event.

Also, the Spring Bocce Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 12th, starting at 12:00. That's the Saturday of the Italian Street Festival. All are welcome to come by and watch the tournament.

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

Update: See Code Compliance notes above. The committee has met with Craig Von Deylen to discuss plans for the NE corner of Lexington and College. The plans are extremely preliminary at this point so there is little to report.

**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: 808 Noble is requesting to rezone from Industrial to Residential. This is a home that didn't take up the association's offer of the free mass rezoning. It is recommended we support this request as it is good for the neighborhood to continue rezoning away from industrial in the residential areas.

935 S East Street is requesting to build a deck. Chris Dockery related to Joe that the deck at the Bosphorus had to be removed over the winter to run a new water line. Dockery is the contractor hired to rebuild the deck. The request is more code related than zoning related. His petition has the support of the IHPC staff. Since it is a replacement issue, Joe thinks we do not need to comment on the petition.

**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: At April's meeting, DCI, the group that put together the Econ Dev plan, attended and discussed ways that DCI can help Fletcher Place and Fountain Square proceed with some of the initiatives mentioned in the Virginia Ave. study. DCI is interested in helping Fletcher Place and Fountain Square complete the application for the Unsung Indy neighborhood program so that we get this application submitted promptly to IACED.

DCI would like to continue working with neighborhoods in meeting its Virginia Ave. study initiatives; however, DCI will seek some grant monies to cover their expenses/involvement in the project. The neighborhoods will not be paying for DCI's involvement. Since DCI is accustomed to writing and obtaining various grants, they feel they will be able to find grant monies not only to cover their expenses, but also for the business district projects, as well as suggest potential fundraising projects.

A gateway for the "The Greater Virginia Ave. District" was brought up again. With the Cultural Trail organization now making final design plans for our leg of the Trail, this may be an opportune time to get gateway designs going so that it is incorporated into the Trail's plans as well. Bob Frist with Rowland Design, has shown interest in helping Fletcher Place/Fountain Square neighborhoods with the gateway's design.

In addition, (upon recommendation of Paul B. at SEND) Cynthia contacted the Indianapolis Downtown, Inc. (IDI) and spoke to Terry Sweeney - VP of Real Estate Development. Since IDI is the entity responsible establishing the Cultural Districts in Indy, it is important to have their involvement in gateway discussions. Cynthia is hoping that Terry might be able to attend the May econ dev meeting.

**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: We now have an editor! Lisa Woods, [woods.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:woods.lisa@gmail.com), has agreed to take over the editorial reins from Kathy McKimmie and we will expect the next issue to be on doorsteps as soon as possible – certainly there will be a July-August issue. There are lots of discussions to have before a calendar is out. Lisa who lives in Garfield Park is friends with Doug Litsey and he had encouraged her to take the position.

**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 129 members and 12 businesses. More are expected in the next month or so. Memberships continue to arrive through June. Rob asked about having the business membership dues sent to the Econ dev team. We need to check prior minutes and discuss this at future meetings. It was also noted that business membership levels are not yet at the level the bylaws call for.

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

Update: No update.

### Old Business

**Dog Park:** There is a task force to research the potential for a neighborhood Dog Park and is checking into locations. 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.

Update: No Update

**NeighborWoods Project:** Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a “neighborwoods”.

Update: There was a meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo at Lacy Park to generate more support to develop the lot. Andrew Hart from KIB made a great presentation. KIB has a vision of planting an additional 50 trees to fill in and create the buffer. Additional ideas generated included making it dog-friendly, including exercise stops, including art and benches. Eli Lilly and INDOT are already coordinating a mass planting project between downtown and the airport. The largest challenge is getting water to the new trees. Next meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at KIB headquarters across the highway. Contact Priscilla at [priscill\\_tucker@att.net](mailto:priscill_tucker@att.net).

**Neighborhood Italian Fest Preparation Clean-up:** The weekend before the Italianfest (June 5, 2010, 9:00am - Noon) 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.

Update: We are registered with KIB for the cleanup. Please meet at 558 Fletcher Ave at 9:00 if you’d like to help with the clean-up.

### New Business

**IDI Downtown Resident’s Assn meeting report:** This is a quarterly meeting that Doug Dilling attends for Fletcher Place. At the last IDI meeting, the IDI Third Thursday Open House program was announced. Doug shared how Fletcher Place can help promote downtown at this event. Each representative neighborhood is asked to send 1-2 reps to the free cocktail reception to help talk about how great it is to live downtown.

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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