

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, Inc. (FPNA)
(www.fletcherplace.org)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12th, 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 325 S College (College Place).

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 Jennifer Cole.

Attendees: Robb & Ginger Biddinger, Jennifer Cole, Mark Crouch, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, Doug & Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Jeff Miller, Larry & Rhonda Peffer, Ron Reichel, Dennis Sheets, Jennifer Wolfe

Guests: Tony Brown (IMPD), Darin Fishburn, Harry Liggett (FOP), Dennis Pappenmeier (MNL)

Police Report: Tony reported that the police caught the graffiti "artist" and are hopeful we will see a reduction in graffiti. The downtown Task force meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month and Tony invited us to attend and share concerns. He also reminded us to make sure to watch for any suspicious activity and address it with a phone call to the police.

Last meeting's minutes: Jeff Miller posted minutes online.

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: Currently there are 1 open IHPC violations and 0 open code/zoning issues.

The following properties have open or proposed requests with the IHPC and/or zoning board:

Update: Harry Liggett came to discuss the relocation of the FOP headquarters from Washington Ave to South Shelby. It will be a large investment into the property. The rezoning is from commercial to D-32. There is no additional parking needed. There are no variances needed. There will be all new windows and exterior work. They are also doing greening efforts by leaving twice the amount of greenspace. They are attending several neighborhood meetings to gather support. A vote was taken to support the project.

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 ending balance is \$13,652.08. This does not include a check that needs to be written for the Parchment this month. There is also \$2K set aside for planters, \$2K set aside for the econ dev study, and an upcoming donation to the Cultural Trail.

Newspaper: The Parchment is a bi-monthly paper that comes out six times a year. We are always looking for stories for the Parchment, so please feel free to submit them to Kathy McKimmie (kmckimmie@sbcglobal.net). 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: Delivery is ready to go for the current issue. The next Parchment deadline is June 16th. The Urban Times article for the month will be on the ItalianFest.

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: No update.

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

Update: We discussed the potential idea of a community garden at 324 S College. We will email the association to see if people are in support of it and interested in participating.

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 for the location.

Update: The board voted to support the Fletcher Place Arts building, which was discussed during the last association meeting. The land use committee is still looking to pursue conservation district status. There was discussion about an offer from Paul and Nancy Pappas to donate the property at 909 Wright Street to the association. The board will further discuss the idea and contact the Pappas'.

Mark Crouch mentioned that the triangle property behind the proposed Fletcher Place Arts project is now available and could be additional parking for the new building.

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: The next committee meeting will include a discussion of which corridors are to be covered in the upcoming economic development study.

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

Update: Robb is looking into bike racks and trash cans but the cost is really expensive.

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: April 22nd was a wine tasting at Deano's Vino which was a fun event. The Progressive Dinner is this Saturday on May 16th.

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: No committee meetings in May and June. Make sure to patronize the Northeast leg of Mass Ave during the construction of the trail. Bill also discussed the various artwork pieces coming along the trail.

Garden Club: The Garden Club committee goals are to build community / connections among neighbors, beautify the neighborhood and education / information sharing in all things green.

Update: Next Tuesday at 7:00 is the monthly neighborhood yard event: show-us-your-yard. Mary Ann Petrosino has volunteered her home for May. There will also be a Master Gardener to attend at Mary Ann's to answer questions and give advice.

Additionally, the project to put planters at College and Pine is still in progress.

Old Business

Officers Election: Robb proposed that we need to have a discussion about appointing officers for 2009 from the board members. After some discussion of the roles of the officers, it was decided that the by-laws address this appropriately and can be reviewed by anyone online on our website. A motion was made to nominate Jeff as President, Greg as Vice President, Doug as Secretary, and David as Treasurer (this position was actually made official in January). We will formally vote on these officers in May until the next officer board election in January.

Update: A vote was held to make official the officers listed above.

New Business

We had a spontaneous mowing event at Lacy Park to address the very high grass. Robb, Bill, Doug, Larry and Rhonda mowed the park and we owe them big thanks! We voted to approve \$30 for blade sharpening for Bill. Dennis said the contract issue has been resolved and thus mowing by the city will resume.

Doug shared what he learned when he attended the recent IDI (Indianapolis Downtown Inc) meeting. The result of the recent unsung neighborhoods program was discussed at the meeting. Also, there are 100 residential units that are new in our area and an investment of \$83.2 million for various projects.

Jeff mentioned the annual Neighborhood Clean-up, which is on Saturday, June 6th.

We also discussed the smoking issue on East Street. We may consider writing a letter to Anthem, asking them to address the problem.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 8:10.

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 for more info.

Miscellaneous

- Heavy trash pick-up day is the 4th Thursday.
- 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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