

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8th, 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 Mike McCormick.

Attendees: Glenn Blackwood, Paul Buckley, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Doug & Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Larry & Rhonda Pepper, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Jennifer Wolfe

Guests: Officer Brown (IMPD)

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

IMPD Update: Officer Brown mentioned that larceny from vehicles is the biggest issue we are experiencing. Saturday night is the highest chance of larceny. Also 7:00am and 10:00pm are the two biggest times of the day that they occur. We asked if Officer Brown could talk to a resident on Fletcher who has had some recurring incidents at their residence and he said he would do so. He announced that on August 26th from 11-2 there is a community day. He asked if Fletcher Place would like a table to represent their neighborhood. It will be at city market. If anyone is interested in representing Fletcher Place at the event, please contact Jeff Miller at jeff030167@indy.rr.com.

MNL Update: No MNL present

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: We had a discussion regarding a variance request at 733 Greer. It is zoned industrial and they want to add a garage so must get a variance to put it in. We should bring up that we need a residential usage only commitment. It was discussed that we should encourage them to get rezoned residential. We will discuss with Joe (HR/DC Land Use Chairman) if he will approach them regarding a variance and/or ask for a continuance if needed.

It was also mentioned that work was being done at 715 Lord Street on the retaining wall without a COA. We will contact the IHPC to see what the scope of work being done is. It is good news, however, because the retaining wall badly needs work done on it.

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 \$10,646.55, with \$2,000 of that committed to the economic development study. 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. Mike mentioned that the treasury has been officially rolled over to him from David. There were some issues converting from Quicken to Quickbook. Additionally, Mike proposed that we consider moving to another bank. We are at National Bank of Indianapolis and he recommended National City Bank. We agreed the treasurer can make this call. Lastly, he mentioned he is interested in getting another member on the audit committee. If you are interested please contact Jeff Miller.

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

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.

Update: Bill passed out a handout with factors for us to consider, but ultimately he did not propose work along Virginia in our neighborhood outside of the noise ordinance hours. There was a question about the noise ordinance hours listed in last month's minutes (see above) which is believed to be 7pm to 7am. Bill will check on that. It was requested that we have one day off, in particular Sunday. There was also a question about whether we should include the bridge over the southbound portion of the interstate as part of Fletcher Place and the northern portion up to New Jersey St. Bill will update the document and share it again at the next meeting. Due to the fact that we are not asking for extended hours (i.e. outside the noise ordinance), we are going to forgo reaching out to neighbors, beyond what is done via the association meetings themselves.

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: Please pass on any ideas for summer social events. Julie asked if we want to do an ice-cream social along with Bocce ball?

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

Update: The Biz Salon at 630 Fletcher is asking for a six month extension for getting their parking lot paved.

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: No updates, other than what was discussed at the top of the meeting.

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 the May meeting there was a discussion about considering some type of historical plaques on the some of the commercial buildings along the Cultural Trail to bring attention to the historical facets of our neighborhood. Also, we have received the final deliverable in the form of a PDF of the economic development study as well 9 hard copies of the study. If anyone wants one, let Cynthia know. We still have not received the final invoice from SEND.

There are three new businesses in the area, which have links on our website under the local business directory:

- INDY Pedicabs (743 Fletcher Ave)
- Pulse Creative Partners (427 College Ave)
- Triangle Printing, Inc. (460 Virginia Ave)

After presenting the report above, we began discussing adding gateways to the neighborhood. We also discussed adding new signs to replace the green/white ones that are falling down. We discussed adding a new wooden sign, such as the one at Pine and Fletcher. We might consider approaching Pulse about designing a sign with a new logo on it.

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: The Parchment is returning after the fourth of July Holiday weekend. The deadline for stories is June 14th. David suggested we email Rick about advertising to let him know things are back in full swing again.

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 142 members and 14 businesses.

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

Update: Beginning Monday, June 7, new trash routes will be established for the district serviced by Department of Public Works trucks. The new date for Fletcher Place is Thursday, with heavy trash pickup on the fourth Thursday of the month. There is no change in the recycling date.

It was mentioned that we need to attend the district 19/16 council meetings regarding infrastructure needs. Jeff will attend for Fletcher Place. A question was asked regarding why the Friends and FACT area got new alleyways when we have very bad ones in Fletcher Place. The answer was that they just started using the 96 gallon carts in that area and as part of that new initiative, they were slated for the alley repairs. However, we will keep asking about Fletcher Place alleys which are badly in need. It was also mentioned that the 3 terrible alleys connecting Cincinnati and College should consider instead becoming 1 good one.

Jeff shared the infrastructure list he will turn into our city councilor for this year:

Roads:

1. Noble from Stevens to Buchanon, 2 blocks
2. Greer from Stevens to Buchanon, 2 blocks
3. Harrison from College Ave to Davidson Street, 2 blocks

Sidewalks:

1. South side of Harrison from College Ave to Davidson St, 2 blocks

Also, he shared the statistics with the group. A full assessment of all of the Southeast Neighborhood Development area was performed (over 900 blocks) and here is how the SEND area as a whole looks in comparison to the city as a whole. The statistics clearly show that the SEND area is in greater need for repairs than the overall city as a whole. This is not surprising as the SEND area is the oldest infrastructure in the city. Jeff will use these statistics to press for more repairs in our area.

Comparison of Blocks with Poor Infrastructure

Infrastructure	City-Wide Average	SEND Assessment
Thoroughfares	16%	34%
Residential Streets	13%	41%
Sidewalks	30%	40%

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. Georgia Cravey is now leading the committee and will be providing status updates

Update: No update this month.

NeighborWoods Project: Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a “neighborwoods”. There was a meeting on May 4th 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.

Update: The last meeting was June 1st at 7pm at KIB headquarters across the highway. Priscilla is the contact at priscill_tucker@att.net. Ideas for the project include a land berm and/or a trail. The greatest need is water because it will get very dry over the summer. If anyone has contacts at Veolia water that would be helpful. Priscilla is working several angles for the project, as she is contacting Lilly, INDOT, SEND, and KIB.

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 had our clean-up on Friday, May 28th, with the dumpster available the entire weekend. We were not able to get the weekend right before the Italian Fest, but the neighborhood was very clean overall, so we don’t think it will be an issue. Jeff led a crew of six community clean-up crew workers for two hours and canvassed the neighborhood. The worst areas were the BMV, the old dry cleaners, and the interstate exist south of Buchanan.

New Business

Flowers: There were questions about what to do if we have extra flowers from the KIB Block Captains. One suggestion was to place them around the base of the Calvin Fletcher marker at the corner of Virginia and East.

Fountain Square Sign: It was requested that we contact the Cultural District coordinators and recommend a sign at Pine and Fletcher that indicates that Fountain Square is to the East. People still drive off the interstate and onto Pine thinking that Fountain Square can be reached that way.

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 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
- 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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