

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 14th, 2009 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 Rob Biddinger.

**Attendees:** Robb Biddinger, Ginger Biddinger, Jennifer Cole, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Joe Giacoletti, Bill Lovejoy, Peggy Spohr, Mike Wright, Ron Reichel.

**Guests:** Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison), Officer Tony Brown (IMPD).

**Last meeting's minutes:** Jeff Miller posted minutes online. No changes.

**IMPD Update:** Officer Brown said that crime statistics continue to look good for Fletcher Place. He said he would check into a report from a member present about a possible armed robbery on Norwood, but he had not heard of that yet. Officer Brown also encouraged participation in an Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Community Day from 11am – 1pm at 25 W 9<sup>th</sup> – the downtown IMPD HQ.

**MNL Update:** Dennis provided an abandoned housing initiative update. An office of code enforcement has been established to combine all enforcement activities for the city and will coordinate all enforcement operations. The City is now allowed to levy increasing fines on repeat and/or multiple infractions. Existing violators are now prohibited from purchasing additional properties at tax sales. The City has gone back for additional NSP grant dollars at a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding – asking for \$35 Million to deal with vacant & abandoned homes. This grant process is a competitive one and there are no guarantees of funding, only high hopes. Results will be shared in October with funds awarded by the end of the year. Additionally, DPW can now be requested by neighborhoods to help in identifying top 5 abandoned/vacant homes. Finally, the Mayor's Night at the Marion County Fair will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8-9 pm. Don't forget to call the MAC regarding potholes in the neighborhood (see MAC contact info at the bottom of the minutes).

**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 were no open IHPC violations and 0 open code/zoning issues to discuss.

### **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 June 30, 2009 half-year financial review was distributed. Total Revenue was \$3,743.97, total expenses were \$3,674.66, and the change in net assets was \$69.31, giving a final balance of \$11,649.12. We spent some of our grant funds for planters at Pine and College, and the balance will be used for Fall and Winter plants for the planters. Upcoming expenses include the Cultural Trail donation.

**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](mailto: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: The latest issue is printed and will be delivered soon. We are still looking for another volunteer to help write stories, so any input is appreciated.

**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: We had two new members since last month.

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

Update: no new 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: Joe reported that the triangle lot at 603 Virginia is back in play. The owner, Chuck Loring, is considering donating the land to the Canfield Row and Merrill St Condo associations so they can use the space as dedicated green space. There is no action required of the LU committee or the Association at this point. The LU committee also reported that they asked for a continuance on the case at 518 Warsaw – a demolition permit has been requested (Note: Keith left the room for the discussion on 518 Warsaw).

**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 study has commenced.

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

Update: As an attempt to stop the quality of life crimes that happen in the downtown area, IMPD Downtown District is trying to secure a grant for “street lights” in areas that are dark and give the common criminal an advantage under the cover of darkness. They need assistance in identifying areas that are in the greatest need for safety. Please, email Jeff Miller [jeff030167@indy.rr.com](mailto:jeff030167@indy.rr.com) areas in the neighborhood that could use street lights or extra lights throughout our community.

**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 FP Ice Cream Social will be held in Lacy Park this coming Friday (7/17) from 6-8pm. Bring your favorite topping.

**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: Bill Lovejoy talked about considering attaching the FP gift to the trail fund to a specific art installation. No decision has been made and suggestions are welcomed. There will be another trail update at 6pm August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fountain Sq Theatre building. All are encouraged to attend.

**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: The committee is planting flowers at the Fletcher/Pine Street neighborhood Gateway. The soil is being tested for contamination at the proposed community garden at 324 S College

### **Old Business**

All old business was reported under committees.

### **New Business**

**Fall Tree Planting:** Keith reported that he will commit to organizing the tree planting this year. We may have missed the KIB free tree deadline, but we will check and see if we can slip in after the deadline. If not, we can consider using Association funds to purchase the trees. We are also working with KIB to do a significant daffodil planting at the top of the Fletcher Street exit from I65/70.

Meeting adjourned at 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](mailto: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.

## Key Contact Information

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