



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Calvin Fletcher Coffee Company

Time	Topic	Comments
	Call to Order and Welcome to New Attendees by Greg Townsend	
	Acceptance of July Minutes	
	Special Guests	
	Police Update (Officer Brown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update on curfew ordinance. • Specific crime statistics are available by emailing Office Brown. • Possible rape case is being investigated. • Two arrests have been made in theft of catalytic converters. • Bicycle thefts remain a problem downtown. Office Brown recommended writing down bike serial number or adding own identification. • Circle Center Mall has been quiet. • Police are addressing issues at canal. • Georgia Cravey reported two incidents of dumping. • Security parameters for Super Bowl have not been determined yet.
	Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison (Paul Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noble Street is scheduled to be repaved. Street residents will be able to make decision on whether or not brick inlay will be preserved. • It was reported that piles of dirt have not been cleaned up from Fletcher St. sidewalk repair. • Bill Lovejoy reported that Greer Street T shaped alley is in very poor condition. Paul recommended an email be sent to him about issue. • It was reported that Fletcher St. ramps at intersections are not completed.
	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 provided by Mike McCormick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone is interested in the detailed monthly breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Mike at mike@cpamccormick.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. The construction timetable goals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Washington St. south to East St. - Construction complete early Sept. 2011; landscaping by mid-Nov. 2011. • From East St. south to FS - Construction complete by end of December, 2011; landscaping will be completed after Super Bowl is done (Feb. 2012). Update provided by Bill Lovejoy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Lovejoy reported work from Pennsylvania to South is most advanced. • Construction for Virginia Ave, connecting downtown and Fountain Square, projected for 2012.

<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Litsey reported plans for September 11 picnic are proceeding well. Several neighborhood businesses have donated items for door prizes.
<p>FP Land Use/ COA/Code Compliance/Zoning This Land Use Committee represents the Fletcher Place Historic District and meets upon request. Further 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hearing for Harold Miller's project at 646 S Virginia, an advertising photography studio, will be held in about a month. He requested a letter of support from the association. Keith Holdsworth raised two concerns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> deep window reveals be retained round window in former garage door be changed to rectangular shape Motion was passed to support Miller's plans subject to IHPC review. Tom and Sherry Battista's project at 647 Virginia has proposed uses of a winery, an Italian bakery, a toasted cheese shop, and a potential coffee shop. The request is to rezone it from I-3-U, to the CBD-S (RC) classification to provide for CBD-2 uses, including the manufacturing or processing of beer, wine and spirits in limited quantities, with attached tasting rooms, without off-street parking. Battistas requested a letter of support from the neighborhood association for August 25 hearing. FP Land Use committee will review the request for appropriate exclusions to CBD-2. Keith Holdsworth will check into usage of building at College & Lexington (former grocery store).
<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milhaus Development Company has proposed demolishing the current license branch building on Virginia Ave and replacing it with a four-story building, including 62-64 market-rate apartments and 1,700 square feet of commercial space. In addition to providing one parking space per unit, the development group would like on-street parking. The group is working with the city in regard to the proposal's impact on Cultural Trail plans. Joe Giacoletti, representing The Fletcher Place Land-Use Committee, submitted the following comments after the committee's earlier meeting with David Leazenby of Milhouse Development: "We are in general support of the project, and are excited for a primarily residential re-use of the site. The small commercial CBDS use portion of the project should be further reviewed for pre-agreed upon possible uses (which is the essence of the CBDS designation). We are strongly recommending that there be an access to the rear parking via Virginia Ave, not Merrill St. Merrill St. is narrow, with predominantly residential use and is one-way east. A Merrill St. access will potentially also increase traffic at the East/Virginia/Fletcher/South Street intersection, which is already overloaded. A curb-cut and access point along the west end of the property would be much more acceptable. We strongly recommend to the developer that the trash dumpsters be relocated towards the west end of the property, away from Merrill St and the residences immediately across the street and alley.

		<p>We would recommend that there be project “frontage” along portions of Merrill St, so that the Merrill St Townhouses would not be facing the rear of the project.</p> <p>With the addition of many new residences, additional waste management receptacles, daily vehicular traffic will increase. We desire to keep as much of that traffic as possible out on Virginia Ave and off Merrill St.</p> <p>Therefore, the usual traffic, parking and trash collection issues (ever-present urban planning issues) have come to the forefront of our first review of this proposed project.”</p> <p>The Milhaus Development Group will come back at a later date with more complete design plans.</p>
	Newspaper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly articles for <i>Urban Times</i> are going well.
	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new members in last month.
	Infrastructure This committee will work with the FPNA and City representatives to improve sidewalks, lighting, traffic signage, alleys, safety, etc.	
	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The by-laws committee brought these recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination procedure - nominations will be closed at the end of the December meeting. 2. Term limits - board members will be asked to serve a 3-year term and would be able to serve two consecutive terms. A person must then be off the board for one year before being eligible to serve again. • The proposed changes will be presented at the September meeting for approval to be sent to the membership for vote. Membership will receive a set of the bylaws by email or hard copy for those who don't have email or request a copy. • Greg presented the need for volunteers to help watering newly-purchased plants for Fletcher Woods.
	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs on leashes – The association reaffirmed their support for the law to have dogs on leashes. • We Care – SEND presented an initiative for people to pledge responsibility to clean property line in alley, etc. • Greg read a letter from a concerned neighbor who objects to Holy Rosary signs hung in neighborhood. Greg will write a letter to the Holy Rosary Association asking them to remove their signs and return Fletcher Place neighborhood signs. • The idea was presented that the membership committee be expanded to be the membership/welcome committee. The committee would develop a plan for outreach, including welcome letters, to people who have recently moved into the neighborhood. Discussion regarding ideas and plans will continue.
	Attendees	Ed Battista, Sherry Battista, Keith Holdsworth, Ron Reichl, Peggy

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	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Louisiana 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). • 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. • Trash Pick-up: Heavy trash pick-up day is the 4th Thursday of every month. • New Neighbors: Please let us know if you are aware of any new members to the neighborhood, so we can give them a warm welcome.