

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8th, 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 Jennifer Wolfe.

Attendees: Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Pepper, Greg Townsend, Jennifer Wolfe.

Guests: Duane Ingram, Janna Mayes, Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison).

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

DMD Abandoned Housing Program: Janna Mayes with the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) came to speak about Abandoned Housing. She reminded us to use the MAC for boarding up of homes or long weeds. She then defined vacant versus abandoned. "Vacant" means the taxes are probably paid and it is probably being mowed. "Abandoned" means that the owner has basically walked out on the property. Some of the things the city is doing include: Abandoned Housing Action Plans, High Grass and Weed Ordinance, Nuisance Actions, Mayor's Top 25 Public Safety Issues, Rapid Response for burned houses and/or nuisance property, and more. Also, House Bill 1358 put in place several methods to allow quicker enforcement of penalties. They asked about our 'top 5' worst abandoned properties in the neighborhood. If we want to supply a list to them, they will help us with an action plan for them. Jeff said that our biggest problem is likely vacant homes, where the owner is waiting to sell it for a large and unreasonable sum and isn't taking care of it in the meantime.

IMPD Update: No officer present.

MNL Update: Dennis shared info about the following items:

- He passed out the Mayor's newsletter.
- He mentioned that the cuts to parks that have been mentioned on the news will not be as large as it has been rumored and the impact is being minimized as much as possible. The mayor has a balanced budget and there are only increases to public safety. There is also \$16 million in a rainy day fund.
- He mentioned the Infrastructure Advisory Committee which is trying to address our infrastructure

problems. We have \$5 billion in backlog, which includes about \$1.5 billion in streets and sidewalks and another \$3.5 in water and sewer issues. Julie asked about South Street being very uneven and rough and Dennis said that it is always best to contact the MAC to get it on record.

- He passed out information about the Office of Code Enforcement meeting coming on Wednesday, September 30th which will present information on the new department. It is at 6:30 at 1200 Madison Ave, Ste. 100.

- He shared info about the Mayor's Night Out for South Center Township on Tuesday, September 22nd at 1720 West Wilkins Street at 6:00. It is a great chance to ask your questions to the Mayor.

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 no 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 cash balance is approximately \$12,276.64 with about \$2,000 of that committed to various projects. We recently paid for planters and for yard sale banners.

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: The September / October edition has been printed and should be delivered at this point.

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: No report from the FP Land Use Committee.

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: They asked for a continuance on the demolition at 518 E Warsaw. Dennis asked about the Conservation District effort and who to contact regarding it. Jeff will email him Joe Giacoletti's email.

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 economic development work plan for Virginia Avenue is almost complete.

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

Update: Jeff shared details on what is happening in the greater southeast side regarding infrastructure. The SEND infrastructure assessment is being used to present a business case that the southeast side in general is in need of greater focus for repairs. However, in the short term, there isn't a lot of money in the budget for repairs and thus it may only be one or two roads per district that get repaired each year. Jeff turned in our worst roads to our councilor Dane Mahern.

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 next event is the Garage Sale on September 12th and there is an ad in the Star and Craig's List about it. It will also be in the Lilly classifieds. The Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, September 19th. All neighbors are encouraged to come out, bring a covered dish. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by FPNA. It was suggested we contact Health and Hospital about mosquito repellent, and Dennis will check on it for us. Jeff is also working with Dennis on getting a firetruck to come out.

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: There was a meeting on Wednesday the 19th of August from 6-8pm at the Fountain Sq Theatre building to update on the trail's progress. The plans were presented at the "60% final" stage, and Gail Payne and the construction team are working to answer questions from merchants on parking along Virginia Avenue. The timetable remains the same, with bids expected to be released in early 2010, and construction starting soon thereafter.

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. We are also working with KIB to do a significant daffodil planting at the top of the Fletcher Street exit from I65/70 the last weekend of October.

Update: Garden club is still planning daffodil plantings for next spring.

Old Business

Fall Tree Planting: There is still a tree planning in the works for this year in early November. We missed the KIB free tree deadline, but we will be using Association funds to purchase the trees.

Pleasant Run Cleanup – On Saturday, September 19th, there is a large clean-up on the trail. It is open to any interested persons.

Dog Park – Doug Dilling is looking into the idea of a dog park.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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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