

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 9th, 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 Tiffany Ellefson. The meeting location was at 410 S College, the Fletcher Place Lofts building. Special thanks for Craig Von Deylen for hosting the meeting.

**Attendees:** Paul Buckley, Tori Calvert, Jennifer Cole, Tiffany Ellefson, Kevin Grau, Jeff Miller, Rhonda Peffer, Ron & Sylvia Reichel, Roger Roe, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Greg Townsend, Craig Von Deylen

**Guests:** Ed Angleton (Candidate, State Representative District 100), Tony Brown (IMPD), Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison)

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

**IMPD Update:** Officer Brown came to discuss the status of crime downtown. Our neighborhood has remained consistently safe. In fact, the downtown district is the safest district, statistically speaking. The crime stats continue to go down after summer. Our biggest issues are larcenies (thefts), the homeless, and graffiti.

**Special Presentations:** Ed Angleton (Candidate, State Representative District 100) came to present his campaign and passed out literature. His main campaign issues were property taxes, environmental policy, government consolidation, social tolerance and education. For more information, Ed can be reached at [www.edangleton.com](http://www.edangleton.com).

Roger Roe presented information on his efforts as the Obama campaign neighborhood coordinator. The goal is to form smaller neighborhood groups to promote the campaign. Roger is covering Fletcher Place and Fountain Square. He can be reached at 632-4716 or [rogerroe@aol.com](mailto:rogerroe@aol.com).

**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 2 open IHPC violations and 2 open code/zoning issues.

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

**Villaggio Pool:** The Villaggio petitioned for a use variance to build an outdoor inground pool where their old sales office building is on East Street. The building would be razed and brick walls along the street and wood fence along the alley would completely enclose the pool. The pool would be for the Villaggio residents under a 10-year lease. There would be no lifeguard. It would be managed by the tenants, once the building is turned over to them.

The wall design will have accentuated columns, stone "post" caps, and a lighting plan. The plans call for a 10' "wrap" of masonry materials (either brick or cut-block) along the South property line from East Street.

Update: No update was known at the time of the meeting.

**Dugout:** The Dugout has asked to rezone its property to CBD-S. The Use of the Tavern (the Dugout Grill), the existing setback, height restrictions (38'), parking availability, signs placement and landscaping area were all agreed upon by the neighborhood. The purpose is so that it can legally use its streetside dining.

Update: The case was recommended for approval by the Hearing Examiner and now moves onto full approval by the MDC and then onto certification by the city county council. It should be all done by the first week in October.

**460 Virginia Ave:** This is a request to do a facade grant on Shirley Engraving. IHPC Staff approval is all that would be necessary because it is to be built back to its original look. They need to decide the colors and have samples to get final approval. A couple of items to decide upon are signage, in removing the awning, and putting a painted sign on glass as it originally was, which will require the removal of the tree. It will be replaced with an appropriate tree, perhaps at a different location.

Update: The case will be heard on September 16<sup>th</sup> by the IHPC staff.

### **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 account balance is \$9,964.75. This does not include a \$2,000 check which was presented at tonight's meeting and was given to us as the result of the recent study circle. The check will be used for the project to put in planters at the end of Pine Street at College.

**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 ad.

Update: Sep/Oct is now out and should be delivered soon. Nov/Dec will be themed for pets and articles are due by mid October. Send any fun pictures you may have to Kathy McKimmie as we will have a year-end photo spread in the issue. Two landmarks guided walks are planned Sep 27 and Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.

The recent Urban Times event was well attended. Thanks to Doug for setting up shop there for Fletcher Place, which is now featured in the Times and thus was provided a booth. There were over 1100 visitors.

There was reinforcement of our identity problems with Fountain Square as several patrons mentioned to Doug they didn't realize our neighborhood existed and thought we were Fountain Square.

**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: All updates were given earlier under the Zoning 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 last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. The location is rotating, so please contact Joe Giacoletti for the location on a given month.

Update: All updates were given earlier under the Zoning report.

**Marketing:** This committee's purpose is to increase the profile of FP in the Indy community. They are looking at a marketing plan.

Update: The Economic Development Committee is working on a complete business listing as this will help our merchants begin working as a cohesive unit together. We are also working with SEND to discuss how they are marketing their businesses which are for sale. We are looking to begin forming a merchants association, as a new committee underneath the association. For now, it will be managed by the Marketing/Economic Development Committee. All business related memberships, as well as the donation from the Indiana Business College from the Fab Friday event, will be used for the merchants association budget.

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

Update: We continue to gather the data for the infrastructure assessment.

**Gateways:** This committee's purpose is to create gateways to frame the neighborhood, define FP boundaries, serve as a welcoming gateway, and determine internal and external identity.

Update: No update.

**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 Yard Sales was a successful event. This Saturday is the picnic. Bring a side dish and a chair to the event. We need grillers for the picnic and need to return the grill on Sunday, if someone has a truck we can borrow. Leah mentioned needing coolers, which Jennifer Cole volunteered to bring. Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Sunset Wine Tasting, from 6 to 8.

**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 update on the trail. There will be no committee meeting this month.

**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: No update on the tree planting, which is still being considered for the fall.

### Old Business

All old business was covered under the appropriate committee report.

### New Business

**Omnisource Update**: The current recycling facility nearby us will become a retail drop-off site and the main facility will be moved to Holt Road. This may help the traffic issues we have had along McCarty.

**Graffiti**: Jennifer Cole mentioned graffiti on the 324 S. College Ave building, which we need to address. She also asked about getting resident parking for a neighbor and Jeff directed her to talk to Dennis our MNL.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

### 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**: Please see the update's under the Marketing/Economic Development committee report.

### 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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