



Fletcher Place Arts & Books
642 Virginia Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Attendees: (8)

Glenn Blackwood
Chris Fields
Vanessa Flora

Keith Holdsworth
Doug & Judy Litsey
Bill Lovejoy

Mike McCormick
Greg Townsen

Guests: (3)

Lisa Lafflin, Nick Surak, Craig Von Deylen

Greg Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Introductions and Welcoming of New Attendees

Last meeting minutes approved.

Special Guests

460 Virginia Avenue

Representative from The Englewood Group presented schematics illustrating plans for the current Shirley Engraving site. Nick Surak handed out background information and discussed guidelines for tax credits and tenant income.

Update

Nick Surak returned to discuss the Englewood Development. The Mixed Use Project will feature two stories of residential housing and one story of commercial space (all below 35 feet high). The proposed residential property will include 50 units, 30 one-bedroom and 20 two-bedroom apartments. Village Management will manage the property. Off-Street parking provided, anticipated 95 spaces, both at grade and one level below within an underground parking garage.

Englewood has filed for a straight C3C with no variances or commitments.

Keith Holdsworth, FP Land Use committee chairman, presented the committee's recommendation to approve the C-3C with a commitment to exclude a check-cashing outlet, auditorium or assembly hall from the list of allowed uses.

The FPNA membership voted in favor of supporting the C3-C with the above suggested exclusions.

For a complete list of the C-3C (Commercial zoning ordinance, corridor commercial district) permitted uses, please see pages 21-23 of



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<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/Planning/Zoning/PDF/Current%20Zoning%20Ordinances/CZO-Sec203-207.pdf>

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Lisa Laflin, (317) 327-5595, cell (317) 452-0316

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(http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/Neighborhood_Services/TA/Center4/Pages/home.aspx)

Lisa has community office hours every week at SECS Youth center 924 Shelby:

August – December, Wednesdays: 1 – 4 pm.

Lisa passed out fliers for items of neighborhood interest including:

1. The Stadium Village Farmer's Market wraps up its year the end of September.

<http://stadiumvillagefarmersmarket.com/>

2. Garfield Park hosts the Orchid Fest September 29 – October 7.

<http://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org/index.html>

3. Parkmobile. Pay for downtown parking by phone with a mobile app.

<http://us.parkmobile.com/en/everyone/how-it-works>

Lisa announced that Center Township received a considerable portion of Marion County's total allocation for alley repairs. RebuildIndy Alley improvements program has slated our alley in most dire need of resurfacing for this fall. We can thank Jeff Miller for his efforts, diligence and persistence for our district's representation and inclusion in the alley repair budgeting.

Lisa has e-mailed her boss and the DPW reminders regarding the Noble Street handicap ramps. We hope the contractor will attend to the ramps, which flood when it rains, while still under warrantee.

City Council/District 19 Update Councilor Jeff Miller jeff030167@indy.rr.com

No Update.

Police Update Officer Tony Brown, (317) 327-6515 Tony.Brown@indy.gov

No Update.

IHPC COA / Code Compliance/ Zoning

Fletcher Place Land Use Committee

No update.



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Finance

Mike McCormick

At the August meeting, Greg passed out copies of the General Ledger provided by Mike McCormick. The balance sheet includes expenses incurred for membership mailings and the annual September picnic and income from membership dues.

Mike presented the General Ledger through today's date. New debits included Picnic expenses and advertising. New income included additional membership dues received.

Indianapolis Cultural Trail

Bill Lovejoy

Mark Zoyer, Armstrong Construction, e-mails periodic ICT Southeast Corridor Updates. http://www.indyculturaltrail.org/Construction_Update.html

Update

Our leg of the ICT Southeast Corridor on Virginia Avenue Hardscaping remains on schedule for an October completion date.
ICT Landscaping will commence next Spring.

This coming Saturday, September 15, 2012, volunteers will install the markers placed in temporary storage during the cultural trail construction. The Calvin Fletcher and US Regiment markers will bookend our leg of Virginia Avenue, between the corner of South and Fletcher and alongside the bus shelter north of McCarty Street.

Newspaper

Ads for both the 2012 Annual Fletcher Place Neighborhood Picnic and yard Sale ran in the September Urban Times Parchment section. Greg asked whether condo and apartments in our neighborhood have been receiving the Urban Times.



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Membership Mailing

Byron Robinson Annual Membership Drive.

Calvin Fletcher's Coffee Company will fund incentives to increase membership, a \$5 gift certificate or coupon for free coffee.

Membership Levels

<i>Business</i>	\$40
<i>Individual</i>	
Basic	\$5
Benefactor	\$25
Advocate	\$50

Update:

1 new member applicant.

Craig Von Deylen expressed interest in inserting an FPNA membership application within the welcome packets for the Hinge's new tenants.

Social

Picnic and Yard Sale

The picnic is September 16th at 5 pm in Lacy Park.

Judy is seeking door prizes for the picnic. She would welcome actual donations as well as other volunteers to additional donations/door prizes.

Update

Judy has done a fabulous job organizing the neighborhood picnic. Judy has enlisted volunteers to help with the picnic and could use a few more to assist with the events. Judy sent e-mails with information on the picnic. Also see Nextdoor Fletcher Place under events. <https://fletcherplace.nextdoor.com/event/12815/>

"Hope to see all of you at Sunday's neighborhood picnic at Lacy Park starting at 5:00 pm! Just bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, or dessert) to share and lawn chairs. The rest will be provided: burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, pop, plates, utensils, condiments, etc. Also for your enjoyment: door prizes, bocce ball, corn hole. For the children: games and a fire truck.

Whipstitch Sallies will be performing from 6-7. The Indianapolis Star reports, "The Whipstitch Sallies have been creating a buzz on the local bluegrass/folk music scene." Their rootsy Americana won them the award for best competing band at the Shady Grove Fiddle Festival in 2011, and they recently performed on the Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering stage. Front-woman Allie Burbrink's vocals blend beautifully with the voices of Kat Erickson and Katie Burk. Their vocals are backed by a fresh take on guitar, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, and bass. As host of The Back Road Radio Show Tim Plunkett affirms, "These...delightful young ladies combine incredible vocal harmonies and skillful, hi-power picking into a potent folk and bluegrass mix."



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Bill Lovejoy placed ads promoting the Yard Sale in the Indy Star print and Indystar.com classifieds, the Community South newspaper, Craig's List, NUVO print version and online classifieds. The cost to the FPNA was about \$150, the same as last year.

Old Business

Neighborhood signs.

Update

Greg met with Officer Brown to file a police report the stolen neighborhood signs. In brief, it would be difficult to prosecute as either a criminal or civil complaint. Officer Brown recommended photographing the new signs when hung to document location and record value. Vanessa opened discussion of placing Fletcher Place welcome signs at neighborhood entrances. KIB or another or another neighborhood advocate might fund.

New Business

Craig Von Deylen announced the Hinge Grand Opening this coming October 12.
<http://www.deylen.com/property/the-hinge/>

The Hinge hopes to achieve a goal of leasing 20 apartments by Sunday. One commercial space remains open for lease. Filled spaces include Ed Rudisell's (of Siam Square and Black Market) latest restaurant, Rook, an Asian sandwich shop; and the group space Hinge Bureau, "a fitness center for businesses."

We discussed the community website resource "Nextdoor,"

https://fletcherplace.nextdoor.com/news_feed/

for announcing neighborhood events, crime/safety issues and as an online general forum for FP neighborhood discussions.

FP planted trees at the Fletcher Place, Fletcher Avenue and Pine Street entrance a few years ago. A tree planted by the Condominiums at 455 South Pine Street died, and KIB would like to replace it. Keith will mediate between KIB and the Condo Association.

Meeting Adjourned.