

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 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 615 Virginia Ave (Calvin Fletcher's Coffee).

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 Greg Townsend.

Attendees: Paul Buckley, Keith Holdsworth, Bill Lovejoy, Doug and Judy Litsey, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Pepper, Peggy Spohr, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Craig Von Deylen, Mike Wright.

Guests: Officer Brown (IMPD), Charlotte Grant (University of Indy), Kelli Mirgeaux (Fountain Square Arts Council)

Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were posted online. Priscilla requested a few changes to the minutes regarding FletcherWoods and will pass those on to Jeff. Also, under land use committee reports, it is 524 S College rather than 525 S College that needs to be checked into regarding demolition.

IMPD Update: Officer Brown reported that there were no major issues happening in our neighborhood and that graffiti still continues to be the prevailing issue. Please take pictures and email them to Officer Brown if you spot graffiti (B7086@indy.gov).

MNL Update: No MNL present

2010 Arts Program Survey: Kelli Mirgeaux passed around a Wheeler Arts Community survey to gather information on how residents feel about developing a range of arts programs for both youth and adults.

Downtown Survey: The City of Indianapolis is partnering with the University of Indianapolis on a marketing class project to gather info on our neighborhoods and on our downtown experience. To do the survey, follow this link: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/embeddedform?formkey=dDUzTU5PYTJ1cy01XzZTc29LSXgwZFE6MQ>. At the end of the survey, it asks which neighborhood you live in. Please pick the combined Fountain Square/Fletcher Place and submit your answers. It should only take about 5 minutes to complete.

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: Craig Von Deylen came to share that the project he's been planning for awhile is now ready to get underway. The project is the old Mail of Indy building at the south end of Virginia. Craig presented on the project several months ago and the association voted to support it at that time. Craig is now proposing a change to it. In particular, the building is going down one story. Because height was the only lingering concern that some association members had with the original plans, this will likely be very well received by everyone. The plans are to break ground for the residential portion late spring of next year and the business portion would start six months to a year later. There is a letter of intent from the IMOCA to occupy the building. We voted to write a letter of support for the revised plans.

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 \$7,312.71. This is after the association's payment to the contractor for the Fletcher Woods project. If anyone is interested in the detailed breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Jeff at jeff030167@indy.rr.com. Mike McCormick is moving the accounts to PNC (National City). There had been some discussion about restricted funds – specifically the grant funds for the flower pots on Pine Street as well as any funds restricted for the economic development committee. Jeff let Mike know that the flower pots restricted fund is \$100 and that the economic development committee restricted fund includes any business memberships that we received this year.

NeighborWoods Project: Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a “neighborwoods”. Andrew Hart from KIB has presented a vision of planting an additional 50 trees to fill in and create the buffer. Additional ideas generated included making it dog-friendly, including exercise stops, including art and benches. Eli Lilly and INDOT are already coordinating a mass planting project between downtown and the airport. The largest challenge is getting water to the new trees.

Update: The project was completed successfully. Way to go Priscilla! Huge thanks to her for all of her tireless efforts to bring this amazing project to completion. There was a late donation of \$1,500. We need to decide how to handle that money. We made a motion to let Mike decide how to get the funds into the treasury because Priscilla was informed that SEND has closed down the project so the funds are in limbo. The motion carried.

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:

- 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: December 8th is still the date that bids will be let.

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 picnic was on the 18th of September and was a lot of fun. Thanks to Julie for planning the event, to Jim/Georgia for getting the grill in place, and thanks to our MNL for getting a fire truck there for us.

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

Update: There is a Health & Hospital demolition order on 439 S College. The owner asked the neighborhood for

support to lift the order. The land use committee recommends asking for the order to be lifted as the owner is making progress and the condition is much better now. However, we should keep asking for progress on the home so that it does keep moving forward. The association agreed to the recommendation from the 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: No updates, other than the presentation from Craig Von Deylen above.

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: No updates.

Newspaper: The Parchment is a bi-monthly paper that comes out six times a year. We are always looking for stories for the Parchment. 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: We do need to search for a new editor. If anyone is interested, we would love to have the Parchment back up and running again. It is our preferred means of communication with the association. Please contact David Edy (davidkeith89@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

If we can't get the Parchment going again, we should start discussing the Urban Times as an option for being our official means of communication with the association. This has responsibilities as well, such as home delivery like the Parchment, but we don't need a formal editor (we just need to send a monthly submission) and we don't need to do the graphic arts layout work. However, we are hopeful we can find a Parchment editor.

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 new members last month, however, we did get a submission for next year already.

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

Update: Work on Fletcher Avenue continues. Jeff is working with the city to get parking spaces marked with the small "T" parking indicators (such as in Fall Creek Place) along the south side of the street. This has been a common request of neighbors along Fletcher Ave as people don't pay close attention to where they park. It isn't as necessary along the north side of the street due to all of the parking restrictions.

Also, Jeff provided info to residents on the south side of Fletcher and on Lord Street regarding resident only parking, which was requested recently. This allows residents on a block to impose their own restrictions on the parking and requires a petition be filled out by a majority of the residents on the block.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Holy Rosary Neighborhood Association: We discussed the new neighborhood association that is forming. Its boundaries include the southern half of the neighborhood, south of Virginia Ave. This overlaps with the current Fletcher Place neighborhood association. 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.

We are unsure when the first meeting of the new association is, but some of the board members from the Holy Rosary Danish Church district will attend future meetings to keep communications open. The feeling was that the current association should continue to represent the entire neighborhood as long as the residents desire that. While we would prefer not to have two associations representing the same area, this isn't unprecedented, as Fountain Square has historically had overlap in a few of their associations. As evidenced by our current association numbers, the FPNA is a great mix of both historic districts:

- Of the 9 FPNA board members, 5 live in the Holy Rosary Danish Church District
- Of the 4 FPNA officers, 3 live in the Holy Rosary Danish Church District
- Of the 124 FPNA residential memberships, 65 live in the Holy Rosary Danish Church District
- Of the 15 FPNA business memberships, 6 operate in the Holy Rosary Danish Church District
- There are two separate Land Use Committees, composed only of residents in each of the two respective districts

Thus, the current association is truly servicing the entire neighborhood. Additionally, we have heard from several residents in the Holy Rosary Danish Church district asking us to continue to represent the entire neighborhood. Examples of ways that the FPNA helps the entire association include: social events (picnic, progressive dinners, ice cream socials), snow plowing residential streets, annual yard sale, neighborhood clean-ups, economic development initiatives, infrastructure advocacy, passing on relevant information from the city, and so on.

So, the current plan is to keep our membership open to residents in both historic districts. Doug Dilling will write a letter to the new association president, Tony Simeone, to let him know of our desire to work in tandem with the Holy Rosary Neighborhood Association and continue to strive to make Fletcher Place the best possible place to live.

Community Garden: It was mentioned that the community garden at 324 S College worked out very well this year and was a wonderful success. Everyone that took part in it had fun with it and it made the area look so much better than an abandoned lot. Huge thanks to Robb and Ginger who did the lion's share of work to make this happen!

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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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