

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14th, 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 Cole.

Attendees: Robb & Ginger Biddinger, Cynthia Buswell, Angie & Tori Calvert, Jennifer Cole, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Kevin Grau, Jeff Miller, Larry & Rhonda Peffer, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Peggy Spohr

Guests: Shawntay Abbott (SEND intern), Anthony Campo (7th District Representative for Gabrielle Campo), Rylan Hall (mysmartgov.org), Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison)

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

IMPD Update: No officer update this month.

Local government Reform Presentation: Rylan Hall came to present on the bipartisan organization named Mysmartgov.org. The goals of the organization are to implement the Kernan/Shepherd recommendations for our government. The one of immediate concern is a referendum we will be able to vote about on Election Day. It is question #1 and deals with moving the assessing duties of the elected township assessor in the township to the county assessor. Rylan asks us to consider voting yes for this item. Other future initiatives include removing certain positions from being elected (such as surveyor, treasurer, recorder, and coroner). You can visit Stopgoverninglikethis.com for blog information or email Rylan at rhall@mysmartgov.org for more information.

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:

No new cases or updates this month.

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: We presented the year to date finances. Total revenues were \$6,140.02, total expenses were \$2,188.19 and the change in net assets for the year was \$3,951.83. The ending account balance is \$11,943.69. This includes the \$2,000 grant that must be used for the project to put in planters at the end of Pine Street at College and \$500 allocated for the newly formed merchants association budget. If you would like a detailed account of the finances, please email Jeff Miller at jeff030167@indy.rr.com.

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: Nov/Dec will be themed for pets and articles are due by mid October. Send any fun pictures you may have to Kathy McKimmie (see email address above) as we will have a year-end photo spread in the issue.

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: We had three new members since last month.

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

Update: No update this month.

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: There was a walking tour of the HR/DC district guided by historic landmarks which was well attended.

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

Update: We have reached out to all businesses to invite them to join the newly forming merchants association. We are also working on marketing our available businesses. We are networking with IDI and SEND in this effort. We have around 20 available commercial properties. We will look for our survey we took awhile back regarding what types of business we want to see. We are also working on a new potential logo. David mentioned that there are historic signs missing throughout the neighborhood. We meet every third Wednesday at the Impact Group (501 Virginia) at 12:00 noon.

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. We are looking into illegal benches, the Fletcher interstate exit which is not mowed, and any missing street lights.

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: At the economic development committee we discussed putting up banners advertising the neighborhood and helping promote our businesses.

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: No update.

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, other than a reminder of the upcoming monthly meeting.

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. Robb is looking a new chairperson for this committee who has more passion for it.

Old Business

All old business was covered under the appropriate committee report.

New Business

IPS public question (referendum): There will be an IPS referendum that will appear on the November ballot. Kevin Grau discussed the history of the Capital Improvement Program, the new rules for approving bonds, the public question itself, its tax impact, and expressed his support the measure, advocating for "yes" votes. The bill is aimed at providing accessibility (1 in 4 students has a special education need), academics (improved performance with modern facilities), and air conditioning (26 schools have no A/C). For more information, visit www.Voteyesforips.com.

Mayor's Night Out: Monday the 27th will be a mayor's night out focusing on the Southeast side. It will start with a Bus Tour of the area with the mayor's senior staff on board. Jeff will be representing the neighborhood on the tour. Then, there will be a leaders meeting with the mayor for about an hour, and Dennis, our neighborhood liaison, said that he can take one more Fletcher Place resident for this meeting. Jeff will email the board to find someone. Finally, at 6:00, there will be an open gathering for anyone in the neighborhood with questions for the mayor. The meeting is held at the Garfield Arts Center.

We discussed what topics we would like to have Jeff bring up. The following were suggested:

1. Our desires for the HR/DC Historic District to gain Conservation Status (discussing the building next to Villaggio that will be lost for the swimming pool)
2. Our infrastructure assessment (discussing the Villaggio sidewalk, and the condition of Noble and Greer)
3. The McCarty heavy vehicle traffic issue
4. The upcoming project that Craig VonDeylen is doing at Fletcher and College.
5. Telephone Poles in sidewalks, which are an ADA issue.

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:** 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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