

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 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 Robb Biddinger.

Attendees: Robb & Ginger Biddinger, Alex Burrow, Nick Burrow, Tori Calvert, Jennifer Cole, Georgia Cravey, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Tiffany Ellefson, Keith Holdsworth, Bill Lovejoy, Jeff Miller, Ron Reichel, Greg Townsend, Craig and Jennifer Von Deylen

Guests: Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison), Kate Voss (NACS)

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

IMPD Update: No officer present at the meeting.

MNL Update: A proposed sewer system overhaul will attempt to reduce the CSO (combined sewer overflow) and this will increase our sewer taxes. Thursday the 11th at 6:30 at Garfield Park is a meeting to discuss what changes are being made. Big thanks to Dennis that he helped us address the leaf collection that had been missed at several homes. The key to solving the problem was that the property owner called the MAC (Mayor's Action Center) and this proved that he had called while leaf collection was in effect. Also, Dennis helped us get the grass cut at Fletcher and Pine where the interstate lets onto Fletcher Ave.

Neighborhood Alliance for Child Safety (NACS): Kate Voss came to speak about her role at the children's bureau. The mission of the NACS is to assure the well being of children and their families in Marion County by connecting them with appropriate local resources and services. The Southside location is at 880 Virginia Ave, telephone 686-0161. She passed out handouts to those in attendance, but more details can be found on the web at www.childrens bureau.org.

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 0 open code/zoning issues.

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

324 S College: The owner of the property has requested to demolish the building. The board discussed the request in depth and recommends that while the property is in bad shape, it has potential for rehab and we would like to ask the IHPC to help facilitate a discussion with the owner regarding his future plans for the structure. A motion was taken and all voted in favor of this position.

401 S College: The COA was granted to replace the garage door with appropriate wooden windows.

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: Ending balance was \$11,574.56. 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.

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: Deadline for the next issue is 12/15 and the theme is schools.

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 no new members since last month.

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

Update: 622/628 Lexington Ave was purchased by the Alex and Nick Burrows, who attended the meeting and shared their plans to rehab the buildings and they will become multi-family dwellings.

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: Craig shared his exciting plans to convert the Mail of Indy property at the south end of Virginia into the new location for the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art. To compliment this, the neighborhood is pursuing a pocket park in the greenspace to the East between McCarty and the Interstate. One idea is a sculpture park. Another exciting project is a Coffee Shop being opened on Virginia. More info to follow on that as plans continue to solidify.

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: We are working with SEND to pursue a demographics study of the area that would be used to show potential business owners all of the reasons to place their business in Fletcher Place. We are also looking to get ourselves a spot on the SEND website, where available businesses in Fountain Square are currently listed.

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

Update: They were measuring Harrison Street for sidewalks. This was not the top of our list of infrastructure repairs, so hopefully we will have other sidewalks/streets as well. The official list has not been sent out for 2009 yet.

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 desert social was on Thursday December 4th at 529 Fletcher Ave. It was a fun night for all in attendance. Special thanks to Nick Valiyi and Rhonda Merryman for hosting.

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: We have just learned that the trail start date has moved back to Fall of 2009, which is where it originally was. The reason was mostly because of the NE leg being delayed and the struggling economy resulting in delays in raising the final 10 million dollars. We are planning January 7th to have a Fletcher Place / Fountain Square meeting to discuss brainstorming for fundraising.

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: Robb is looking for a new chairperson for this committee in 2009 who has more passion for it.

Old Business

All old business was reported under committees.

New Business

Nominating Committee: For 2009, both Carl and Tiffany are rolling off the board. 15 people were called regarding their interest in being on the board. Two residents have accepted: Jennifer Wolfe and Rhonda Pfeffer. No new names were given from the floor at the meeting, and thus we have a slate of nine names. We will officially vote on the board at the next meeting. A huge thanks to Jennifer Cole for leading this year's nominating committee, which was also composed of: Joe Giacoletti, Doug Litsey, Georgia Cravey, and Frederick Frosch.

Miscellaneous: Jennifer Von Deylen mentioned that SEND selected Jeff as their board member of the year. Robb mentioned Fletcher Place has been complimented for how active we are. Doug, who attends Indianapolis Downtown Inc (IDI) meetings and shares reports on the neighborhood, said he feels that we are listened to.

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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