

# FPNA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 10, 2015 7:00 p.m. Fletcher Place Arts and Books

#### **Attendees**

Jennifer Bailey

Hillary Barnes

Travis Barnes

Sandy Blanton Glenn Blackwood

Blake Bolden

Dennis Carr

Christopher Ross

Georgia Cravey

Kurt Ellinger

Malissa Escalante

Victoria Knowles

Beth Lindsev

Jim Lingenfelter

Ryan Martin

Amy McAdams-Gonzales

Mike McCormick

Erin McGrew

Paul Frascella

Jim Greig

Renee Harness

Megan Hill

Andy Howard

Jeff Miller

J.R. Montoya

Larry Peffer

Rhonda Peffer

Julia (Phoebus) Huckaba

Byron Robinson

Sarah Savage

Gerold Schmid

Joe Shoemaker

Heidi Studebaker

Leslie Thompson

Mark Thompson

Bryan Truex

Rick Truex

Jackie Watts

Bill Webster

Teresa Webster

Jim Whittemore Stephen Williams

Lisa Laflin—Mayor's Office

Ben Tapper—Southeast Community Services

## Topic

## **Comments/Actions**

### I. Call to Order

Glenn Blackwood - President glennblackwood@gmail.com

A. Introductions and welcome of new attendees.

Review of October 2015 minutes: Denis Carr motioned and Bryon seconded. The October 2015 Minutes were approved.

#### II. Special Guests

## IMPD Downtown District Community Relations Office

Officer Kim Evans

kimberly.evans@indy.gov 317.327.6515

317.327.0010

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Downtown

District Office: 317.327.6500

Non-Emergency Dispatch: 317.327.3811

- Joe Finch, IMPD Downtown District Captain, night shift, stood in for Officer Evans.
- Captain Finch's Phone #s, Office: 317-327-6500, Cell: 317-442-8592
- He's aware of the vehicle break-ins lately. Please do not leave valuables in your cars. Call 911 if you see something in action. Call the non-emergency line or 911 and tell what's going on if you see something anything suspicious.
- Holiday Season: more patrols will be out during this time of year around the shopping areas.
- Safety tip: please leave your porch lights on, especially since it's getting dark earlier.
- DPW established 4-hour parking on Virginia Avenue north of South Street and Fletcher Avenue, to accommodate Mexican Consulate clients. However, vehicles from employees and patrons of downtown businesses remain parked all day. IMPD has been made aware and Captain Finch will reinforce parking time limits.

| Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, South Center Region Lisa Laflin 317.452.0316 (cell) Lisa.Laflin@indy.gov  | <ul> <li>DPW will eliminate the two parking spaces in the bus stop at the Calvin Fletcher Apartments to improve driver visibility at the Virginia Ave - Lexington Avenue intersection. DPW does not have funds for a mirror to assist with sight.</li> <li>Glenn applied for a KIB Lil Big Grant to fund a garbage barrel due to the greatly increased litter on Fletcher Place thoroughfares from increased pedestrian traffic and mixed-use developments. The barrel can be placed on an existing DPW route. The barrel will not replace the existing Indy-Go Adopt-a-Stop litter containers. Lisa recommends not placing the garbage barrel where it could interfere with a vehicle sight triangle.</li> <li>Leaf season is now until the first week of December. November 9-December 4<sup>th</sup>. You can have a bonfire or fire pit. You can burn clean wood, but you cannot burn leaves or treated lumber. The bonfire or fire pit should be at least10 feet away from building. Ensure you have a way to extinguish fires. If the fire negatively affects neighbors (health or whatever way) and they ask you to put it out, please do—they have the law on their side. If they call the fire department, they'll come out and put it out. Second time is a fine.</li> <li>Steven and Greer Streets should be paved this year.</li> <li>Report concerns about the need for additional parking or traffic signage, obstructed signs or malfunctioning traffic signals online to Request Indy or call (317) 327-4MAC (4622)</li> </ul> |
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| City-County Council/District 19 Jeff Miller jeff030167@indy.rr.com  | <ul> <li>Jeff Miller responded to the negative publicity in the media regarding Juanita's, an upscale Mexican restaurant proposed by Neal Brown at 638 Virginia Avenue. The Juanita's team withdrew its petition for variances with IHPC after those in attendance at the land use committee rejected the third set of commitment revisions. In the last concession, the petitioner agreed the restaurant would close at 10 pm during the week and 11 pm on Friday and Saturdays.</li> <li>Jeff thanked everyone who put up signs and supported him.</li> <li>Please reach out to Jeff if you have concerns.</li> </ul>  |
| Indiana House of Representatives in House District 97 Justin Moed District 97 Office: 317.232.9768 Cell: 317.997.4914 Email: H97@in.gov Website: www.in.gov/H97 Facebook: www.facebook.com/justin.moed Twitter: @justinmoed | Justin Moed will focus on these key areas during the 2016 legislative session:  Combatting Pharmacy Robberies Getting Tougher on Scrap Metal Theft Road and Bridge Repair Funding Response to Religious Freedom Bill   |
| Southeast Community Services Ben Tapper 901 Shelby Street 317-236-7400  | No update.   |
| Committee and Representative Reports  |  |
| Finance Mike McCormick mike@cpamccormick.com  | <ul> <li>Update: \$9,404.92</li> <li>Income: \$4,265.00 (Membership), Expenses: Trusted Mentors.</li> <li>Glenn nominated Larry Peffer to chair the auditing committee. This committee will review the 2015 FPNA books and present the results at the annual meeting. Larry has asked last year's committee members to help. Glenn also nominated Mike Wright so serve on the committee.</li> </ul>  |

| Membership Dennis Carr Carr550@gmail.com   | <ul> <li>Update: 213 individual members from 145 households. A new<br/>record! We have 22 businesses too! Now accepting membership<br/>renewals for 2016.</li> </ul>  |
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|  | <ul> <li>Coffee and neighbors every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at Calvin Fletcher's Coffee with membership committee and new residents.</li> <li>Membership is only \$5 / year for individual members.</li> </ul>  |
| Fletcher Place Land Use Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com  Eric Strickland dropped off handouts with information from the last meeting. | <ul> <li>David Kingen presented a request to vacate the alley off Noble and behind the Hinge and Chilly Water. The vacated alley would be fenced. Bryan Truex moved to support and Stephen Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.</li> <li>Gomez BBQ is looking into a store front at 660 Virginia Ave. He provided smoked chicken and meatloaf for the Halloween party. (He</li> </ul>  |
| KIB Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com   | <ul> <li>ran out of meatloaf).</li> <li>KIB offers "Lil Big" grants for community improvements. Three or more adopt-a-block captains can apply for a grant. Glenn applied for a garbage barrel to be placed in a busy location Georgia suggested using a grant for a garbage barrel or smoke butlers (outdoor free standing ashtrays) for the Anthem employees smoking on Swarm Street. Rick suggested dog bags.</li> </ul>   |
| Social Sarah Savage savsarah@gmail.com   | <ul> <li>The Halloween party was an overwhelming success! Thank you to Sarah and all the wonderful volunteers who helped!</li> <li>Upcoming events: Game night at the Dugout November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (a Wednesday). We'll bring and play board games and card games.</li> <li>Holiday party: Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> 5-9PM. Kid friendly.</li> </ul>  |
| Urban Times Rhonda Peffer rlpeffer@sbcglobal.net   | No update.  |
| HUNI Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis Jim Lingenfelter Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com                                    | <ul> <li>Glenn and Jim Lingenfelter attended the November quarterly meeting. IndyGo reps gave a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit Red Line—construction should start in Spring 2017. All electric buses running every 10 minutes. The Red Line will run through Fletcher Place and Fountain Square down Virginia and Shelby to the University of Indianapolis. Right now it looks like New Jersey and South St. and Virginia and College area would be the two bus stops in this area.</li> <li>Jim discussed The Vue, a new mixed use development with 250 apartments east of College Avenue and north of the Milano Inn.</li> <li>February is the annual HUNI meeting. Glenn has asked HUNI to discuss whether any downtown historic neighborhoods experience issues with pedal bars or late night bars.</li> <li>City Way Phase 2—Rick Truex asked a question about the parking information on the new phase—enough parking for those who live there as well as those who work there. Jeff will e-mail constituents when it comes before the counsel.</li> </ul> |
| SEND Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com  | Economic Development Committee: DPW is reviewing the<br>Downtown parking study, focusing on Mass Ave and including<br>Fletcher Place and Fountain Square at the committee's request.  |

| Southeast Neighborhood Congress Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com | <ul> <li>Glenn will complete his two-year term as Congress Secretary in<br/>June. He currently is the only Fletcher Place representative on the<br/>Community Building Team. We can have up to two representatives<br/>from our neighborhood. Notify Glenn if interested.</li> </ul>   |
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| IV. Old Business   |  |
| Nominating Committee   | Georgia is chairing the nominating committee, which will slate the 2016 FPNA Board. Mike McCormick is at the end of his second three-year term as treasurer. The nominating committee will select Board candidates. In addition, FPNA members can nominate candidates at the December FPNA meeting. After slating in December, we will vote on the Board at the January annual meeting. Julia Huckaba, Bryan Truex and Denis Carr will serve on the committee.   |
| Website: fletcherplace.org Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com      | Paul Romer transferred the website domain and hosting to Stephen Williams. Sarah has already begun updating the calendar with social events. Glenn succeeded in posting the October FPNA meeting minutes. All future minutes will be posted online and available for review.   |
| Fletcher Woods Glenn Blackwood glennblackwood@gmail.com                  | Glenn is forming a new Fletcher Woods committee. The committee will develop an RFP for a design charette involving nearby residents and businesses. Glenn has met with representatives from multiple organizations to begin the process. Please email Glenn if you have any questions or would like to help.   |
| Parking  | We are getting a loading zone for South of Chicago Pizza. The delivery driver needs a short term parking space.  If you see a vehicle parked illegally, such as in front of a fire hydrant or obstructing traffic, call 911.  For other less urgent crime and safety concerns, call the IMPD non-emergency dispatch number, (317) 327-3811.  The following are just a few of the issues that can be reported through the MAC:  Potholes  Missed trash collections  Abandoned vehicles  Traffic signals or signs  Zoning violations  And many more!  Turn in request online to Request Indy or call (317) 327-4MAC (4622) |
| V. New Business  |  |
|  | None.  |

Respectfully submitted: Julia Huckaba