

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes
March 10, 2020 – 7-8:25 p.m.

Mission Statement:

Preservation, revitalization and the promotion of the neighborhood as a walkable 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.

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Call to Order (7 p.m.):

- A. Introductions and welcome of new attendees.
 - Association President Dawn Olsen convened the meeting and presided at our new location, the Hinge Bureau at 719 Virginia Avenue.
- B. Last meeting's minutes
 - The February meeting minutes were approved.

Committee and Representative Reports:

- A. Finance / Audit - Sarah Savage
 - Savage gave a financial report and distributed the financial statement. There have not been significant changes in the past month.
- B. Social / Events - Sarah Savage
 - Savage gave a social report, focusing on the events coming up listed at the end of these minutes. Besides those events, we will be having a summer show case/art fair in August, a historical event (think Mary Todd Lincoln) in October, and lots of social events this fall.
- C. Gateway Committee– Jeff Brown
 - No report this month.
- D. Urban Times – Glenn Blackwood
 - Both Blackwood and Olsen are working on our things to go in the next Urban Times and requested Association members to be on the lookout for story ideas, pictures and ways to enhance the Fletcher Place section of the Urban Times.
- E. Southeast Neighborhood Congress - Rauf Khalid
 - Khalid reported on the March 26 meeting of the Congress at the Upland Brewery. This meeting will have important discussions of quality of life plans, criminal justice issues, land use, and other community imperatives, with the new police leadership attending.
- F. SEND – Matt Impink
 - Impink is Chair of the SEND Board and gave a terrific summary of SEND's initiatives and programs on a variety of fronts—like affordable housing, the CIC, the Foundation Square Library which will soon house Indy Reads, and economic development

G. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - Bryan Truex

- Truex did not attend, but the Association discussed the neighborhood and city clean ups, the adopt a block assignments, and other ways we can keep Fletcher Place in tip top shape. Remember that our neighborhood cleanup on April 4 will start at 8 a.m. at Calvin Fletcher's Coffee. Sarah Savage will get out a neighborhood notification.

H. Land Use / IHPC / COA – Trinity Hart, Larry Peffer

- Pfeffer and Charlie Richardson updated the Association on the proposed rezone and variance requests at 501-509-511 South East Street discussed at length at our February Association meeting. Through the hard work of the Association and its Land Use Committee, the support of District 16 Councilor Kristin Jones and District 97 State Rep Justin Moed, and the Villaggio Board of Directors, it looks as if the project is now moving in a more positive direction, with the next zoning hearing set for March 26 at the City-County Building. See the schematics and revised notice letter

I. HUNI - Jim Lingenfelter

- Lingenfelter reported on HUNI's 40th anniversary year, with help from the current HUNI President, our own Glenn Blackwood. Lingenfelter touched on the continuing electronic billboard issues, HUNI's monitoring of bills that come before the Indiana General Assembly and the Indianapolis City-County Council, and the expanding interest of people in HUNI's work as more citizens move downtown to live.

J. Kids' Association

- No report this month.

K. Membership

- Syverud and Bills are looking for a software solution for our membership needs and solicited ideas from the members. They continue to work on a domain name/email for Association use. Once that is firmed up, the Board will consider new/better membership and data handling procedures, along with a more aggressive membership drive (both residential and business).

Regular Guests:

A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

- McCoy was not at the meeting. But Dawn Olsen gave his report on the neighborhood cleanup program, summer jobs, and the census.

B. Officer Kim Evans – IMPD

- Evans reported on one crime report the past month, mentioned street closures coming up, and talked about how the City approaches with businesses shoplifting issues/prosecutions.

C. Kristin Jones – District 16 City-County Councilman

- Councilor Jones gave a lengthy report on many issues the Association is interested in. She covered steps to take to combat the coronavirus, the upcoming leadership summit, the conduct of the census, recent land use issues and procedures, strip patching and other DPW and DMD initiatives, and street closures/parade-race impacts.

D. Justin Moed – District 97 State Representative

- Rep. Moed could not attend (the General Assembly is in its final days), but the Association discussed legislation being considered that impacts IndyGo, Indianapolis' landlord regulations, attempts to ween us off coal, and panhandling issues.

New Business:

A. Fountain Square Library Branch

- As earlier discussed, the library branch is closing, to be replaced soon by Indy Reads.

B. Neighbor Power

Adjourn (8:25 p.m.)

Mark Your Calendar:

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April 4: Great Indy / Neighborhood Cleanup, 8 a.m. (Secret social event to follow at noon!)

April 15: Fletcher Place Bocce Spring League begins

April 21: Dinner with Neighbors at Iaria's, 6:30 p.m.

May 2: Fletcher Place Progressive Dinner, 5 p.m. (details TBD)

May 20: Game Night at Metazoa, 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Joel Aguilar	Jim Lingenfelter
Eric Anderson	Erin McGrew
Courtney Bills	Jeff Miller
Glenn Blackwood	Gabe Myers
Sandy Blanton	Larry Nutt
Jeff Brown	Dawn Olsen
Georgia Cravey	Larry Pfeffer
Jason Fletcher	Charlie Richardson
Chris Huckaba	Cody Santangelo
Matt and Allissa Impink	Sarah Savage
Kristin Jones	Gretchen Syverud
Rauf Khalid	Leah Weidner
	Julie Yeater

Charlie Richardson, Secretary