

# Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

November 10, 2020 – 7:05-8:06 p.m.

**CHANGES BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE:** Since the Coronavirus quarantine began in March, we have held virtual monthly Association meetings. We will continue to do that for the foreseeable future. So, tune in the **second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.** on Facebook and Zoom to hear Association President Dawn Olsen and other Association and community leaders give an update on all things Fletcher Place. Below are the minutes of our November meeting on Facebook and Zoom. We've had good attendance at the virtual meetings and continue to appreciate how everyone is staying connected as we move thru the pandemic together!

## **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.*

## **Call to Order (7:05 p.m.)**

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees
  - Association President Dawn Olsen convened the meeting and presided at our virtual meeting. The virtual meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.
  - Secretary Charlie Richardson was unable to attend the meeting because of an unanticipated tooth destruction incident. FPNA member Eric Anderson took minutes.
  - Olsen apologized for last month's internet glitch that caused issues with the virtual meeting.
- B. Last meeting's minutes
  - The October meeting minutes were approved.

## **New Business**

- A. Revising the Bylaws & establishing vision/values
  - Olsen expressed that this topic has come to light in the recent months. Some of the things that have been brought up are:
    - i. Flexible number of board members
    - ii. Correcting grammatical or spelling errors
  - For anyone who wants to look over the existing Bylaws – please visit the website (<http://www.fletcherplace.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Bylaws-FPNA-Approved-7-11-17.pdf>)
  - A draft of the neighborhood vision/values has been created and will be shared for input after a few more modifications.
- B. SECS Thanksgiving food drive
  - Peggy Frame wanted to know if the neighborhood would be interested in “Thanksgiving in a Box” – 200 meals to be given to members of the community. Fletcher Place has been asked to provide 100 bags of fruit. The Board has agreed to this. More information to come from Peggy about a drop off

location. More information to be provide on social media when it becomes available. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated.

#### C. Website Development

- Website development has been taken over by Jeff Miller. Any input from residents/members is desired. Jeff mentioned our domain had been hacked, and the feedback page sent some unwanted emails. That has been corrected, and security measures are now in place.

#### D. Elections

- Sarah Savage will be tallying votes behind the scenes as they are input on Google Forms. Olsen posted the links in the Zoom and Facebook Live chat for members to use. One must be an FPNA member to vote, but those that are not yet neighborhood members can do so online (<http://fletcherplace.org/join.php>).
- Vice President
  - i. Gretchen Syverud – lives at Pine and Elm St. Has lived in the Fletcher Place for 4 years. On the Board for 2 years.
- At-Large Board Members – 2 member spots are available and there are 3 candidates:
  - i. Andrea Watts – resident in the neighborhood for 4 years. First year with board involvement. Works for Indianapolis DMD.
  - ii. Gabe Myers – resident of Fletcher Place for 2 years, Indianapolis for 20 years. On corner of Elm and Pine. Would like to work on planting more trees in the neighborhood – maybe connecting with KIB. Works in IT for Salesforce and would be willing to help the Board with those tasks as well.
  - iii. Joel Aguilar – Lives on McCarty Street. Walks daily with his kids. Real Estate Agent by day and works for a broker in Fountain Square. Been living here for 2 years and has been serving on the Land Use Committee and on the Diversity/Equity/Inclusivity Committee. In the past, has been involved with SEND and Bates Hendricks neighborhood. He also won the Halloween House Decorating Contest.

### Regular Guests

#### A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

- Could not attend the meeting, so Olsen provided updates
- 40 bags of leaves can be left each week for trash pickup through Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Please put the leaves in large plastic trash bags, but several feet away from the regular trash.
- Remember to clean your storm drains!
- BlueIndy's "Reimagining the Curb" study is underway. It is looking for input regarding now unused charging sites throughout the city. The survey link has been shared in the meeting chats and here:  
([https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlBowETTe0mnGssbF9Fr6HSdrR02UB5GiUX2T\\_yrW21UMFIWQjBZVVZGNzdCVDVLN1pXUE1MUEhVRyQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlBowETTe0mnGssbF9Fr6HSdrR02UB5GiUX2T_yrW21UMFIWQjBZVVZGNzdCVDVLN1pXUE1MUEhVRyQIQCN0PWcu)) QR codes are posted at specific locations and input can be given for separate, specific locations.

#### B. Officer Kim Evans - IMPD

- Could not attend the meeting. A report will follow via email.

#### C. Kristin Jones - District 16 City-County Councilor

- Could not attend. Spencer Garnier attended in her place.

- IPL has a new assistance program to help with those affected by COVID-19
- Proposal 237 has passed. Spencer has forwarded the link (<https://citybase-cms-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/a70e6b5d3d7e4948a137c499e03abc80.pdf>).
- Budget was passed unanimously.
- Work is ongoing for drain cleaning project in District 16. Residents can request a cleaning
- All 5G tower petitions in District 16 have been rescinded.
- Crime Prevention Grant - \$65,000 is available to non-profits for help with this effort in District 16.

D. Justin Moed - District 97 State Representative

- He was re-elected in November along with Blake Johnson to serve the neighborhood.
- New district maps will be drawn in 2021 with the first meeting to discuss this happening in January.
- State budget will be discussed – upwards of \$30M is available to the district.
- Justin will be working to fund efforts to reduce homelessness, assist with hospital and other frontline workers, and assist small businesses related to COVID-19.
- Jeff Miller asked a question related to the drop-off location of arrested, homeless individuals. Justin will review with others and provide an answer.
- Justin's cat made an appearance at the meeting. Justin's kittens (all 5 of them) are 2 months old.

E. Kelli Mirgeaux – President of SEND

- Kelli thinks 5 kittens is too many. This is incorrect.
- Kelli recognized many members in the meeting and thanked all for allowing her to attend.
- Kelli described a few ongoing projects:
  - SEND is the fiscal agent to FPNA contributions – it expires on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and will need to be renewed
  - SEND is part of the local EID – a beautification plan is needed for the Virginia Ave. corridor. GVAC.info has a survey for residents to give input about what is desired in the area. (<https://www.gvac.info/>)
  - SEND owns 75 affordable housing units in the neighborhood and surrounding area.
  - 1100 Woodlawn Ave. is owned by SEND. It is a public parking lot since 1996 and SEND would like to undergo a feasibility study to determine the highest and best use for that land. LISC has been contacted for a pre-development loan for this study.
  - Kelli's email for comments is [kelli@sendcdc.org](mailto:kelli@sendcdc.org)

## Old Business

A. Isaro's grand opening

- Halloween Day – it went smoothly with many visitors

B. Halloween House Decorating Contest

- Joel won the best-decorated house for his spiderweb. A \$20 gift certificate from Isaro's will be coming soon.

C. Kids' Halloween Scavenger Hunt

- October 25<sup>th</sup>, went as planned with many participants.
- D. Holiday party survey
  - Good responses were received. Many preferred an outdoor event on the second Sunday of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> around brunch time. A white elephant gift exchange will be a part of the festivities. Residents are encouraged to bring mimosas, bloody marys, or other preferred food.
- E. Verizon 5G cell towers
  - All petitions pulled from our neighborhood, as mentioned above.
- F. Southeast Community Building Team
  - Quality of Life Plan work is ongoing – likely to continue into next year with input from the neighborhood.
- G. Preserve Indy
  - A draft plan is available online. November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm marks the first virtual input session and is open to the public. (link to the plan: [https://citybase-cms-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/164ff7ca056747d5ac8df4d3b7ac9531.pdf?fbclid=IwAR33JQGcn1rJbtoUqr3bMgVJWiG-3lsBL34Qovs4t8h4dRn8emMnGh\\_1phs](https://citybase-cms-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/164ff7ca056747d5ac8df4d3b7ac9531.pdf?fbclid=IwAR33JQGcn1rJbtoUqr3bMgVJWiG-3lsBL34Qovs4t8h4dRn8emMnGh_1phs)) (Link to the public info session: <https://www.facebook.com/events/722707721669895/>)
- H. Amberson's Coffee
  - Recently featured on Indianapolis Monthly: <https://www.indianapolismonthly.com/food-and-drinks/amberson-coffee-grocers-hugo-cano-is-bringing-l-a-style-to-fletcher-place>

### **Committee and Representative Reports**

- A. Social / Events - Sarah Savage
  - Covered in other discussion above
- B. Finance / Audit - Sarah Savage
  - No update given
- C. Land Use / IHPC / COA - Trinity Hart, Larry Pfeffer, Jeff Miller
  - No update given
- D. HUNI - Jim Lingenfelter
  - No update given
- E. Southeast Neighborhood Congress / CBT - Rauf Khalid
  - No update given
- F. Membership - Gretchen Syverud, Courtney Bills
  - Three new members joined during the meeting
- G. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - Bryan Truex
  - No update given
- H. Gateway Committee - Dawn Olsen
  - No update given
- I. Urban Times - Dawn Olsen
  - No update given

### **Election Results**

Vice President – Gretchen has been approved! Huzzah!

Board Members – Joel and Andrea have been voted in! Double huzzah!

Dawn expressed sincere thanks to all candidates and neighborhood members.

**Adjourn (8:06 p.m.)**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

Next Association virtual meeting – December 8 at 7pm on Facebook and Zoom

**Eric Anderson, Acting Secretary**