

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes
July 13, 2021 – 7 to 8:40 p.m.

CHANGES BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE: Since the Coronavirus quarantine began in March 2020, we have held virtual monthly Association meetings. We may continue to do that for another month. So, be ready, if we don't go in person yet, to tune in the **second Tuesday of the 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 July 2021 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 to the end of 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 (5 minutes)

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees by our President Dawn Olsen.
- B. Vote – The May and June meeting minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Regular Guests (20 minutes)

- A. Kristin Jones - District 16 City-County Councilor
 - Councilor Jones briefed the Association on the Council's continuing rent help and the community conversation she is holding with two other Council members on July 26 at 6:30pm at Southeast Community Services, 901 Shelby Street, to talk about the date rape drug issue in Fountain Square. She also discussed with us downtown crime and curfew issues, storm drain and other infrastructure matters, the annual July 4 fireworks display, and a couple of other things that neighbors asked.
- B. Justin Moed - District 97 State Representative—no report this month.
- C. Blake Johnson - District 100 State Representative—no report this month.
- D. Officer Kim Evans – IMPD—no report this month.

Old & New Business (15 minutes)

- A. Update on The Flower Boys' project at College & Lexington Fountain Square
 - There has been good construction progress, with interior work now under way. Completion is likely by the end of the year.
- B. Merchants Association & Crown Liquors petition
 - Crown's application for a 19th store has been a controversial matter in Fountain Square, as outlined in last month's Association meeting minutes.
- C. Alley vacation near Cincinnati & College
 - Jeff Miller gave a report on the three alleys on College and what is being done to rationalize the situation for all the neighbors.
- D. Southeast Community Building Team & South Indy Quality of Life Plan

- Rauf Khalid reported on the constructive meeting on June 24 and the progress being made on the quality of life plan update. We also have a new community builder person who is starting soon.
- E. Fletcher Place Committees (DEI, Communications, Social/Events)
- Gretchen Syverud and Dawn Olsen reported on the D/E/I Committee's last meeting and the creation of two subcommittees: Community Outreach and Data Measurement. The Committee will have another full meeting this Fall.
 - The Communications Committee is working on an update of our website and dealing with other social media issues.
 - The Land Use Committee continues to be very active.
 - Sarah Savage brought us up to date on everything the Social & Events Committee is planning—see the list at the end of these minutes.
- F. Drug-facilitated sexual assault in Fountain Square
- See the summary above.
- G. Bike Indianapolis & community bike rides
- As discussed at our June Association meeting, the community bike ride initiative is underway, with the rides starting August 1.

Open Floor Discussion (10 minutes—went for almost an hour)

Special Guests

- A. Lucas Brown & Stephen Schweickart - 638 Virginia Ave.
- As discussed at the June Association meeting and referenced in those minutes, the work-live project proposal at 638 Virginia Avenue is before the IHPC, and both the Association's Board and its Land Use Committee have been involved in reviewing the project and its implications.
 - Lucas Brown and Stephen Schweickart gave extensive comments and answered many questions, and there were comments pro and con from attendees at our meeting.
 - The Land Use Committee is talking with the IHPC staff on July 14 about process/procedure issues growing out of the IHPC's July meeting.
 - The Land Use Committee will continue to talk with the petitioner about the issues we have with the project, as outlined in the Association's letter to the IHPC on June 30.
 - The project will go before the IHPC on August 4, prior to which there will be more conversations with the petitioner and analysis by the Land Use Committee.

Adjourn at 8:40pm

Mark Your Calendar:

August 3 – National Night Out

August 7 at 1:30pm – Community Bike Ride

August 10 – Association Monthly Meeting (later cancelled)

August 13-14 – Italian Street Festival, Holy Rosary Catholic Church

September 11 – Annual Fletcher Place Yard Sale

September 19, 4 to 7pm – Annual Fletcher Place Picnic

Charlie Richardson, Secretary