

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes
September 14, 2021 – 7 to 8 p.m.

CHANGES BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE: Since the Coronavirus quarantine began in March 2020, we have held virtual monthly Association meetings. We will continue to do that for the foreseeable future. So, tune in on 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 September 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 through 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 (10 minutes)

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees by our President Dawn Olsen.
- B. Meeting etiquette -- At the conclusion of the meeting, President Olsen spoke about neighborhood values, looking out and caring for all neighbors, and the presumption of good faith we must accord each other.
- C. No Vote -- July's meeting minutes will be approved at our October meeting along with these minutes. There was no August meeting.
- D. No Vote – We discussed making a donation to The Idle for vandalism repair and expect the Board to authorize a \$500 contribution to that cause.

Regular Guests (20 minutes)

- A. Kristin Jones - District 16 City-County Councilor – no report this month.
- 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 – along with Sgt. Daniel Greenwell and Sgt. Travis Sperry.
 - Officer Evans gave a report on three incidents the past 30 days and responded to questions about the catalytic converter theft problem and the investigation of two shooting incidents. Sgt. Greenwell and Sgt. Sperry brought the neighborhood up to date on the two downtown shifts and the roll calls that happen at the beginning of each shift.

Old & New Business (15 minutes)

- A. Changes to the FPNA board
 - There will be four Board members elected at the next annual meeting, and President Olsen will be appointing a nominating committee soon. Let Olsen know if you are interested in serving on the committee or on the Board.
- B. Fletcher Place Committees (Communications, Social/Events, DEI, Land Use)

- At its August 10 meeting, the Board took steps to modernize the Land Use Committee and will be reviewing how other downtown neighborhood associations handle land use matters. Hopefully, we can make recommendations by the end of the year for changes to our bylaws and Land Use Committee practices/procedures. In the meantime, Board member Joel Aguiar will be the point person for land use questions while the activities of the Land Use Committee are suspended.
 - Allissa Impink and her DEI Committee will be meeting monthly, starting in October.
 - Our revised social media sites are working pretty well. We'll have articles about the historic markers in Fletcher Place in the next three issues of Urban Times.
 - See our events at the end of these minutes.
- C. Fletcher Place Annual Picnic – will be September 19 in Lacy Park from 4 to 7pm
- D. Run 317 5K race – **see attached**. We'll be getting out information about the race route/time so that residents don't get trapped by race street shutdowns. The race is on October 7, starting at the KIB Building at 7pm and ending by 8:30 pm. During the race, Fletcher Avenue will be closed from Fletcher & Pine to Fletcher & College. Bates, Harrison, Concordia, Davidson, and the eastern part of Lord Street will be closed, as will College Avenue from Fletcher Avenue to Bates Street.
- E. IndyGo Updates
- IndyGo currently operates ADA-level service countywide, beyond what is federally mandated, which presents a financial and operational challenge to the agency. The draft policy continues to provide service to individuals with disabilities in the area outside the federally mandated ADA service area. By recognizing two service areas, the policy will permit the agency to focus on improving its performance in the required ADA area, which offering a new service to the area beyond the ADA. Beyond ADA Draft Policy: <https://bit.ly/37nWgea>.
 - Get a COVID-19 vaccine, receive free access to IndyGo for an entire month. The health department will host pop-up vaccination clinics at the Julia M. Carson Transit Center every Wednesday in September – September 8-29, from 10am – 2pm. All three vaccines will be available, including the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines for anyone 18 years and older, and the Pfizer vaccine for anyone 16 years and older.
 - Mask Mandate Extended. While Indiana no longer has a mask mandate, masks are still required on all IndyGo vehicles and at all facilities.
 - 7-Day Paper Bus Pass Discontinued as of August 31. IndyGo no longer sells the 7-day paper bus pass. Passes purchased before that date will still be valid until the expiration date. MyKey offers a “pay as you go” fare structure which means you only pay for rides you use. To learn more about Mykey and register your account visit www.indygo.net/mykey.
- F. Twin-Aire Neighborhood Coalition Q&A session – With the opening of the gigantic Community Justice Campus not far from Fletcher Place, you may want to respond to the Twin Aire survey now going out. The Twin-Aire Neighborhood Coalition hosted a Question & Answer session with Horizon House and IMPD on September 16. All South Indy and Southeast neighbors were welcome.
- G. Fountain Square Neighborhood Affairs Survey – The Neighborhood Affairs Committee of the Fountain Square Neighborhood Association (FSNA) is tasked to take on those

projects that can improve our neighborhood. They want to hear from you about the things you love and the things you want to change will help us prioritize, direct resources, and ultimately improve the place we call home. You do not have to live in Fountain Square to take the survey, which is open until September 30. Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFBMXSZ>.

- H. Southeast Community Building Team & South Indy Quality of Life Plan – The Board, led by Rauf Khalid, follows and participates in the ongoing update of our quality of life plans.
- I. Downtown Indy survey – Ditto this survey too! The survey for Downtown Indy was open until September 17. They were looking for input on how to keep the city vibrant, clean, and green.
- J. Garfield Park library events – **see attached**. Lots going on at Garfield Park, so be sure to look at its website. For example, they have a weekly book club each Monday at 10:30am.

Open Floor Discussion (15 minutes)

- A. President Olsen and Charlie Richardson gave short reports on the Rethink Coalition and the Community Justice Campus.
- B. President Olsen reported on new IndyGo initiatives, including public comments due September 23 to increase accessibility and the recent Purple Line funding. She also touched on vaccination pop ups to encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

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Mark Your Calendar:

September 15 - Let's Get Excited with Indy Jazz & The Indianapolis Cultural Trail
5:30-8 p.m. at Lugar Plaza

September 18 - Global Fest
noon-10 p.m., 4550 Central Ave.

September 19 - Fletcher Place Bike Ride
1:30 p.m., meet at the gazebo in Edna Balz Lacy Park

September 19 - Annual Fletcher Place Picnic
4-7 p.m., Edna Balz Lacy Park

September 25-26 - Indianapolis Cultural Trail Plant Sale

September 26 - Fletcher Place Bike Ride
1:30 p.m., meet at the gazebo in Edna Balz Lacy Park

October 2-3 - Woodruff Place Flea Market

October 2 - Christ Church Cathedral's Blessing of the Animals
11 a.m., Christ Church Cathedral

October 3 - Fletcher Place Bike Ride
1:30 p.m., meet at the gazebo in Edna Balz Lacy Park

October 7 - Fountain Square, Run 317

October 9 - GermanFest
noon-8 p.m., Athenaeum / The Rathskellar

October 9 - Cottage Home Block Party
5-11 p.m., Cottage Home neighborhood

*October 12 – Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association Meeting on Facebook and Zoom
7-8 p.m.*

October 13 - Trivia Night with Preserve Greater Indy
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Centerpoint Brewing

October 22 - Outdoor Movie Night (for grownups)

October 23 - Kids Halloween Party & Outdoor Movie Night (for kids)

October 28 - Southeast Neighborhood Congress
6-8 p.m., location TBD

Charlie Richardson, Secretary