

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021 – 7 to 8:20p.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 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

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees by President Dawn Olsen.
- B. Meeting etiquette -- President Olsen began this month's meeting, as she did the last two monthly meetings, with a summary of neighborhood values and expectations, looking out and caring for all neighbors, and the presumption of good faith and respect that we must accord each other in our interactions and meetings (virtual and in person). All views are entitled to heard, and we will not talk over each other or interrupt. If anyone ever feels we are not living up to those truths and guideposts, let Olsen or any Board member know! The Board at its meeting on November 7 continued its work on a reset, restructure, and reorganization of our Land Use Committee, along with a code of conduct for virtual meetings. And that work will lead us in the direction of improvement in all our committees and meetings (virtual and in person).
- C. No Votes – the July, September, October, and November meeting minutes (there was no August meeting) will be approved at our December meeting. But they are all posted on our website.

Regular Guests

- A. Kristin Jones - District 16 City-County Councilor – President Olsen passed on the information Councilor Jones gave us on the 2022 budget process and key initiatives on crime, affordable housing, and police officer hiring.
- B. Justin Moed - District 97 State Representative – no report this month.
- C. Blake Johnson - District 100 State Representative – Rep. Johnson briefed us on the important work he is doing on an anticipated reckless driving bill to be introduced in the next session of the Indiana General Assembly. The bill will include automated traffic cameras in school zones. He needs our support.
- D. Officer Kim Evans - IMPD (along with Officer Jeff Patterson and Sgt. Nathan Schmidt) – We got a report on the three incidents the past 30 days, the opposition of IMPD to a new liquor license for a bar at 325 S. Meridian, and some violent incidents in downtown.

- E. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate - Alicia Cardoza-Regalado. She gave a report on the city leaf collection (**see attached**) that will go on until December 3, the identification of infrastructure needs, and general City communications with the neighborhood. **Attached** is an update on IndyGo from Jordan Patterson.
- F. Prosecutor's Office - Karla Lopez Owens—She gave some tips and communication suggestions for working with the Prosecutor's Office and getting solid information about procedures.

Old & New Business

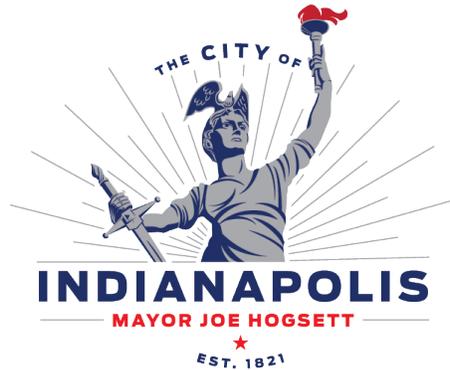
- A. Land Use Review and November 7 Board Meeting—President Olsen gave a detailed report on the top to bottom land use practices and procedures review that has been underway since July and will likely be completed by year end. The Board has looked at how eight other neighborhood associations handle land use matters and now has a clear idea of best practices. The Board's meetings on August 10, September 22, and November 7 have been focused on that. As the Board tackles all the input we have received and charts a new course, the activities of the Land Use and D/E/I Committees are on pause. Stand by for another report in December.
- B. FPNA Director/Officer Elections—President Olsen has appointed a Nominating Committee (now includes Sandy Blanton and Mike Hodge) to work on the two officer/four director positions to be voted on when the Nominating Committee has a full slate. We will be voting on a new Vice President/Director and a new Secretary/Director and two at large Directors (only one of the four incumbents will stand for reelection, so we have three open director slots). If you are interested, talk to President Olsen or any member of the Nominating Committee. We want new blood and enthusiasm—and service on the Board is a terrific way to contribute to the future of our neighborhood and our City!
- C. Six Days with SEND—Kelli Mirgeaux briefed the Association, as Sarah Savage did last month, on the six days of in person and virtual events that are wrapping up. Lots of opportunities to help SEND and to get involved! See **Six Days with SEND website:** https://www.sendcdc.org/six-days-with-send?blm_aid=21178 for a link to all that.

Open Floor Discussion—608-610 Stephens Alley Vacation

- A. David Kingen and Kevin Stitler again briefed the Association, as they did last month, and answered questions about the alley vacation request to be heard in December. They have multiple letters of support for the vacation that they hope will facilitate improvements in drainage and traffic at the south end of that alley on to Stephens, but there is significant opposition (and we heard from one opponent).

Adjourn at 8:20 pm

Charlie Richardson, Secretary



2021 Leaf Season

October 25, 2021

1. 2021 Leaf Season – The 2021 Leaf Season will run from Monday, November 8 through Friday, December 3.
2. Holidays – There will be NO TRASH, HEAVY TRASH, LEAF SERVICE or CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE on Thursday, 11/25 in observance of Thanksgiving; however, all Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, 11/26, and all Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, 11/27. Reminder that Thursday, November 11 (Veteran’s Day) is NOT a Solid Waste Holiday. All routes will run as normal on that day.
3. Item Limits – Residents may set out up to 40 bags of leaves per week in addition to their regular trash. Please place leaves in the same location they put out trash (curb or alley), but keep them 3-5 feet away from their trash. Before 11/08 and after 12/03, all trash and yard waste must fit inside the 96-gallon cart. Items outside the cart will not be picked up.
4. Setout Procedures – Leaves should not be set out loose in cans. Loose leaves will pack into a can and not come out easily. As a result, all leaves need to be bagged for pickup. Kraft paper bags are acceptable, but not recommended. They tend to break down very quickly when wet, leaving a mess. Also, leaves should not be set directly in contact with the 96-gallon cart. If they are, the cart may not be able to be emptied. Additionally, before and after leaf season, all trash and yard waste must fit into the cart. Trash or yard waste outside the cart before 11/08, or after



12/03 will not be picked up. During leaf season, only leaves will be taken by the leaf truck. Additional trash that will not fit inside the cart but is set out with leaves will not be picked up.

5. Collection Procedures – Leaves and trash are collected separately. Please make sure residents who call in same day complaints understand that if only one has been picked up so far that day, the other will be picked up by a separate truck before the day is over. We will not inspect same-day complaints that are received in order to allow crews time to service all routes.
6. Compost – Leaves collected during the 2021 leaf season are taken to Southside Landfill where they are turned into compost. When ready, the compost is made available to Indianapolis residents at no charge. Please call Southside Landfill at (317)-247-6808 for availability of compost.
7. Complaints prior to and after the leaf season dates: If we receive any calls regarding missed leaves either BEFORE 11/08 or AFTER 12/03 please make sure that they are coded as a missed hand or cart collection, and NOT as a missed leaf collection. Missed leaf collection codes are to be used only during leaf season. Again, in cart areas, all trash/leaves must be in carts in order for it to be picked up either before or after leaf season.

IndyGo Updates from Jordan Patterson November 2021

Good afternoon IndyGo Neighbors,

In this November edition of IndyGo Now, we are promoting jobs and volunteer opportunities for Indy changemakers. Also learn more about a vaccine clinic at the Carson Transit Center and the IU Health Detour.

IndyGo Now video: <https://youtu.be/YL1-vQW5mDQ>
#WhyIDrive video: <https://youtu.be/1z-2V0mrXOA>

Please share the IndyGo Now video in your e-newsletter or on your social media page. See the talking points below to share transportation updates at your next community meeting.

Operator Recruitment

- IndyGo is aggressively recruiting coach operators to move Indy forward.
- Qualifications include:
 - At least 21 years old.
 - Like to drive.
 - Like interacting with people
- Make up to \$20+ the first year
- Paid training (for your CDL and IndyGo training)
- Full-time positions with guaranteed 40 hours per week and overtime potential
- Medical, dental and vision insurance
- Free on-site wellness clinic for employees and their families
- Retirement plans options
- Free IndyGo transportation for employees and their families
- To learn more and apply, visit indygo.net/whyidrive.

Volunteers Wanted: Become a Transit Ambassador

- IndyGo is recruiting for volunteers to join team of Transit Ambassadors.
- Ambassadors are trained and provide information to riders and the public.
- Qualifications include:
 - At least 18 years old.
 - Like interacting with people.
 - Can commit to a year term.
- Volunteers will receive free unlimited access to transit and a monthly stipend.
- To learn more and apply, visit indygo.net/ambassadors.

IndyGo COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

- Located inside the Julia M. Carson Transit Center.
- Open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2 and Wednesdays from 10-4.
- All three vaccinations (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) are available.

- Receive a free one-month IndyGo pass when you get vaccinated.
- The Pfizer *booster* is also available.
- Vaccinations are free.
- No appointment is necessary.

Bus Detour: IU Health

- Utility relocation work in preparation for construction of the new IU Health hospital in downtown Indianapolis means a few IndyGo bus route detours.
- Route 25 is on detour near IU Health Methodist Hospital through December.
- Buses will service the hospital at 16th St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. during this time.

We appreciate your continued commitment to share transit updates. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional support.

Thank you!