

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021 – 7 to 8:10p.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 December 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

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees by President Dawn Olsen.
- B. Meeting etiquette and our new Code of Conduct covering both in-person and virtual meetings were explained by President Olsen. That Code will be posted on our website.
- C. Our prior meeting minutes are posted on our website, so go there to get summaries of what we have discussed each month.

Board of Directors Elections

- A. We have a nine-person Board, and this year we needed to elect four directors (one incumbent has agreed to stand for reelection, with three open seats). Miles Hodge and Sandy Blanton have served as our Nominating Committee this year, and they brought us four candidates for the four director positions.
- B. After an introduction by President Olsen and explanation by the Nominating Committee, three of the four candidates made statements to the Association (Fern Bacher, Allissa Impink, and John Willey), and President Olsen read a statement from Julie Miller. An electronic ballot was open during the discussion and after.
- C. At the conclusion of the meeting, the ballot showed a unanimous election of each of the four candidates to the Board for a three-year term, with Allissa Impink also elected to the position of Vice President. The new Board will need to identify a Secretary from among the Directors.

Regular Guests

- 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 (Officer Jeff Patterson subbing for Officer Evans). Officer Patterson reported that we had no crime incidents reported the past 30 days and not many

traffic disruptions as are being experienced in other neighborhoods impacted by the ongoing North Split construction. Make sure you take steps to protect your arriving holiday packages. Officer Patterson wants to be seen and heard in Fletcher Place, so contact him if you want a visit, particularly on the Thursday and Sunday nights when he does late duty.

- E. Alicia Cardoza-Regalado – Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocate – (see **attached** three documents). Alicia spoke about food pantries in the neighborhood, rental assistance that continues to be a support for our neighbors, and other city resources that can help all of us get through the Pandemic.
- F. Karla Lopez Owens – Marion County Prosecutor’s Office – no report this month.

Old & New Business

- A. Holiday Card Exchange -- We are going to repeat the successful Valentine Day exchange!
- B. Fletcher Place Committees -- Our committees include Communications, Membership, Land Use, Social/Events, DEI, Finance, & Gateway. Other ways to volunteer/get involved: attend Fountain Square Merchants Association meetings, become active with Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), Southeast Community Services (SECS), the Community Building Team and Quality of Life Plan, Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis (HUNI), Rethink 65/70, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, and the Fletcher Place Community Center, among others.
- C. KIB Advisory Committee (see **attached** three documents) -- The advisory committees will work with KIB to provide feedback regarding the goals, objectives, and programming of community-centered projects. Committee meetings would be held four times a year, and you would be paid for your time and input at those meetings. (\$20/hour) If interested, contact Iasia Cheers at icheers@kibi.org or 317-605-1240.
- D. Southeast Community Building Team & South Indy Quality of Life Plan -- Quality of Life Plan applies to Bates-Hendricks, Christain Park, Fletcher Place, Fountain Square, Fountain Square Alliance, Garfield Park, Irish Hill, North Square, Norwood, Old Southside, Prospect Falls, and Twin Aire. There are several Action Teams you can join: Beautification & Infrastructure, Commercial Viability, Community Building, Connectivity, Education & Youth Programs, Health & Nutrition, Housing, Safety & Crime, and Workforce Development. If interested in getting involved, contact Alex Hughes (the community builder at SEND) at communitybuilder@southeastneighborhood.org or Peggy Frame (the executive director of Southeast Community Services) at peggyf@southeastindy.org.
- E. 608-610 Stevens Street alley vacation -- Continued to April 13, 2022, to be specific. The board has voted not to take a stance, and will write a letter of “no position” to the plat committee.
- F. IndyGo updates -- Free rides on Christmas Day and on New Year’s Eve after 8 p.m. New hires can get up to \$20/hour, and they would also get full health insurance, retirement plan options, paid training, and free IndyGo transportation for themselves and their family. No appointment necessary to get the COVID vaccine or booster shots. Any questions about IndyGo, contact special programs manager Jordan Patterson at jpatterson@IndyGo.net or 317-559-4941.

Dec. 17 – Gingerbread Building & Beers, 6-8 p.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3049410002009977>

Dec. 17 – “It’s A Wonderful Life” at The Athenaeum, 7 p.m.
<https://www.heartlandfilm.org/>

Dec. 18 – Flurries on the Canal, 1-5 p.m.
<https://indyculturaltrail.org/support/winter-canal-happenings/>

through Dec. 24 – Carmel Christkindlmarkt
<https://www.carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/>

through Dec. 30 – Christmas at the Zoo
<https://www.indianapoliszoo.com/events/christmas-at-the-zoo/>

through Dec. 30 – Circle of Lights at Monument Circle

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve at Bluebeard
<https://bluebeardindy.hrpos.heartland.us/menu>

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve at Wine Market & Table

Dec. 31 – Family New Year’s Eve at the Indiana State Museum, 6-9 p.m.
<https://www.indianamuseum.org/programs/family-new-years-eve-sparkle-shine/>

through Jan. 2 – Conservatory Crossing at Garfield Park Conservatory
<https://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org/holiday2021>

through Jan. 2 – Winterlights
<https://discovernewfields.org/winterlights>

through Jan. 3 – Jolly Days at The Children’s Museum
<https://www.childrensmuseum.org/jolly-days-ad>

Jan. 7 – First Friday

through Jan. 8 – Festival of Trees at Indiana Historical Society
<https://indianahistory.org/events/festival-of-trees/>

through Jan. 17 – Jingle Rails at Eiteljorg Museum
<https://eiteljorg.org/exhibitions/jingle-rails/>

Charlie Richardson, Secretary

Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Many people in Indianapolis have suffered economically because of the COVID-19 crisis. The following are the most Frequently Asked Questions on the Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program.



What assistance is available?

Assistance is available to Marion County renters only.

Who's eligible for this program?

Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to households below 50% AMI **or** who have been unemployed for 90 days or longer at the time of application.

Household Size	<50% AMI	<80% AMI
Family of 1	\$28,600	\$45,750
Family of 2	\$32,650	\$52,250
Family of 3	\$36,750	\$58,800
Family of 4	\$40,800	\$65,300
Family of 5	\$44,100	\$70,550
Family of 6	\$47,350	\$75,750

Can I apply if I already participated in the program in 2020?

Yes, 2020 recipients are eligible to apply, as long as it does not duplicate any month already paid during last year's program. Assistance received in 2020 does not count toward the 12-month maximum.

How can I apply (new applicants)?

Go to indyrent.org and scroll down to the tenant section to begin a new application.

What documents do I need to provide?

Having a benefits letter from an approved program (TANF, SSI, EAP, SNAP, or HIP) from any time since January 1, 2020, **or** a copy of your 2020 IRS Form 1040 **or** other proof of income will help speed up the review of your application.

Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How many months of assistance are available?

Up to 12 months total (back or forward), including late fees accrued after **April 1, 2020**.

- If you need funds for back rent/past due rent, you can ask for as many months as you need at one time.
- If you need funds for current or forward rent, Federal guidelines limit the amount of rental assistance you can request to three months at one time.

A household may not receive a total of more than 12 months of assistance, whether it is past due rent, current, or future months' rent from all 2021 applications.

The maximum monthly amount of assistance cannot exceed Fair Market Rent.

What's the current Fair Market Rent?

Number of Bedrooms	Allowable Monthly Rent
Efficiency	\$678
One-Bedroom	\$781
Two-Bedroom	\$946
Three-Bedroom	\$1,248
Four-Bedroom	\$1,455

When can I apply for additional assistance?

Tenants who have already received rental assistance since April 5, 2021, will be invited back to request additional months. Tenants will be notified in groups beginning with those whose initial application was approved more than 90 days ago.

If your application was approved more than 90 days ago, please watch your email for an invitation to apply for additional funding.

If you have not received an email, it is not yet your turn to reapply. You can check the timeline at indyrent.org to know when it will be your turn.

Can I still request additional assistance if I have moved?

Yes. If you have received rental assistance after April 5, 2021, but have moved since then, you will have an opportunity to update your address, rent, and lease information. You are still eligible to request additional months of rental assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

If I receive federal rental assistance through Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) or Project-Based Section 8 Rental Assistance (PBRA), can I still apply for this program?

Yes, the renter's portion of HCV or PBRA is eligible under this program.

How will I know if I am approved?

You will be contacted at the email address and/or phone number you provided in the application. You can also check the application status at indyrent.org.

What happens if my landlord does not respond?

Three attempts will be made to contact your landlord (via phone, email, and/or USPS mail) based on available information. If your landlord does not respond within 21 days, tenants will be contacted to provide additional information necessary to complete the application - including proof of identification, a copy of the executed lease, proof of residency, and prior payment history. Payments could be made directly to the tenant in some cases.



Questions? Call **317-912-1260** if you need more information.

This program has been developed in partnership with the Indianapolis Community Response Network. If you're currently receiving services and need assistance completing the application, contact your case manager at: John Boner Neighborhood Centers, Christamore House, Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFE), Concord Neighborhood Center, Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center, Flanner House, Hawthorne Community Center, Indianapolis Urban League, MLK Center, La Plaza, Edna Martin Christian Center, Mary Rigg Community Center, Southeast Community Services.

Last Updated: October 2021

Need Help Paying Rent?

Many people in Indianapolis have suffered economically because of the COVID-19 crisis. Are you having a hard time paying rent? The Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program might be able to help.



Is this program for me?

The Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program was created to help Marion County renters whose income and ability to pay rent have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply.



How much of my rent could be paid?

Up to **12 months** of rent paid, including back rent and late fees accrued after **April 1, 2020**.



How do I apply (new applicants)?

STEP 1 – Go to **indyrent.org** and scroll down to the tenant's section to begin a new application.

STEP 2 – Provide requested documentation including, but not limited to, proof of income and COVID-19 impact.

STEP 3 – Speak to your landlord and let them know you have applied. Once you apply, you will receive a unique code to give to your landlord or property manager to complete their portion of the application. If you provide your landlord or property manager's email address, they will receive the code automatically.

STEP 4 – Payment will be sent directly to the landlord.



Questions? Call **317-912-1260** if you need more information. We're happy to help!

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SECS IS A PERMANENT FOOD PANTRY!



**NEW HOURS: THURSDAYS, 3-6 P.M.
924 SHELBY STREET**

Attn:

Subject:

Hello (Name),

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful would like to invite you to participate in our Community Advisory Committee. As you may know, KIB has been working to strengthen our ties to communities and create equitable channels for feedback and opportunity within local neighborhoods. We believe the creation of our Community Advisory Committees will enable KIB to work closely with communities concerning their environmental and beautification goals.

The KIB Community Advisory Committees will be divided into seven sectors: Northwest, North, West, Central East, Far East, South West, and South. You have been invited to join the _____ sector. For further clarity concerning the KIB Community Advisory Committee boundaries, please view the attached map and legend.

What does it mean to join one of KIB's Community Advisory Committees?

The purpose of the KIB Community Advisory Committees is to provide recommendations and feedback regarding the goals, objectives, and programming of our community-centered projects. In summary, you would compose a group of essential partners, groups, associations, and other stakeholders within your sector who provide input for community engagement, KIB projects, and neighborhood involvement.

Responsibilities of an Advisory Committee Participant

- Become and/or continue to be an essential point of contact for your community regarding opportunities for engagement
- Provide input and assist on the structure of programming within your sector
- Assist in the delivery of KIB information and surveys
- Help attract and encourage volunteer participation among your community and/or sector

Time Commitment & Pay

- KIB Advisory Committee meetings will take place quarterly (four times a year)
- Members will be paid for their time and input for attendance at official quarterly advisory meetings at the rate of 20 dollars per hour for each participating member.
- Other forms of input such as community engagement meetings within your community or standard KIB involvement, such as volunteering or habitat restoration, will not be paid.

We hope that you will consider our invitation to join the KIB team and look forward to your response.

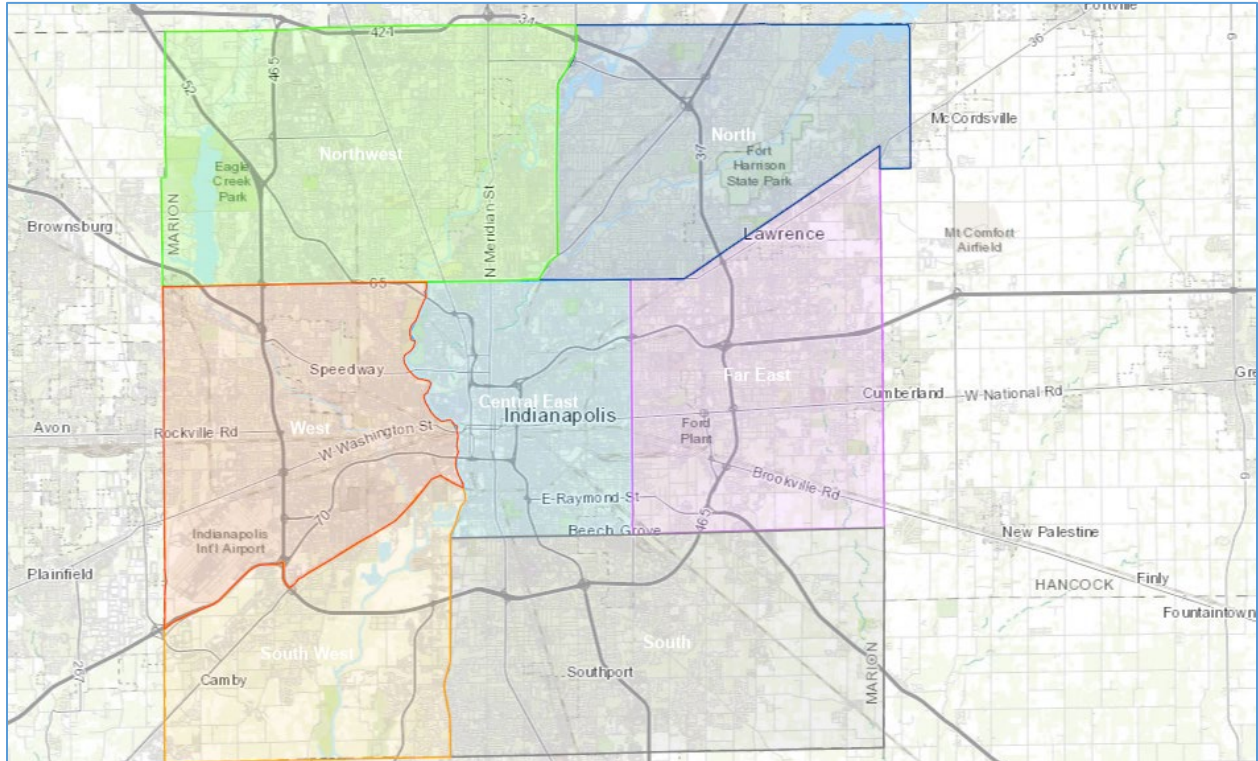
Thank you for your time.

(Insert staff member name and information)

KIB Community Advisory Committee Outline

1. Committee Boundaries :

- a. Seven Advisory Councils
 - i. Northwest
 - ii. North
 - iii. West
 - iv. Central East
 - v. Far East
 - vi. South West
 - vii. South



2. Committee Structure:

- a. P.O.P:
 - i. **Purpose:** the purpose of the KIB community advisory committee to:
 - 1. Fulfill *objective A, key result 2* of the strategic plan.
 - 2. Allow for additional methods of community level input be available to Marion county residents
 - 3. Provide KIB with opportunities for community level partnerships and collaborations

KIB Community Advisory Committee Outline

- ii. **Outcome:** the expected outcome of the KIB community advisory committees will be:
 - 1. A higher level of community confidence and acceptance rate among KIB implemented projects and plantings
 - 2. An increase in consistent community contacts among all eight identified focus areas
 - 3. A higher level of community input concerning KIB decision making processes among all eight focus areas.
- iii. **Process:** the process in which the community advisory committee will be achieved is:
 - 1. Once focus areas are decided, there will be 1-2 community representatives that represent each savi community
 - a. Larger communities may be asked to have more than 2 representatives.
 - 2. Members will be asked/ invited to participate in their prospective community advisory committee
 - 3. Meetings will occur on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis
 - 4. Advisory committee members may be asked to submit feedback on specific KIB projects at any time between bi-monthly or quarterly meetings.
- b. **Number of Members:** the number of committee members will depend on the following factors:
 - i. Number of savi determined communities within the respective focus area
 - ii. Size of community
 - iii. Number of community associations, community centers, HOAs, and other community centered organizations.
- c. **Location:**
 - i. *In person:* If there is a meeting in person. The meeting will take place at KIB headquarters with food and refreshments required.
 - ii. *Zoom:* If not in person, meeting will be conducted over zoom and count as 1-2 hours of KIB community service hours.

3. Committee Member Profile:

- a. The members of the community advisory committees should be one or more of the following:
 - i. A member of the community who demonstrates an involvement in community wellness
 - ii. A member of the community who has demonstrated an investment in the future environmental and beautification goal of their community

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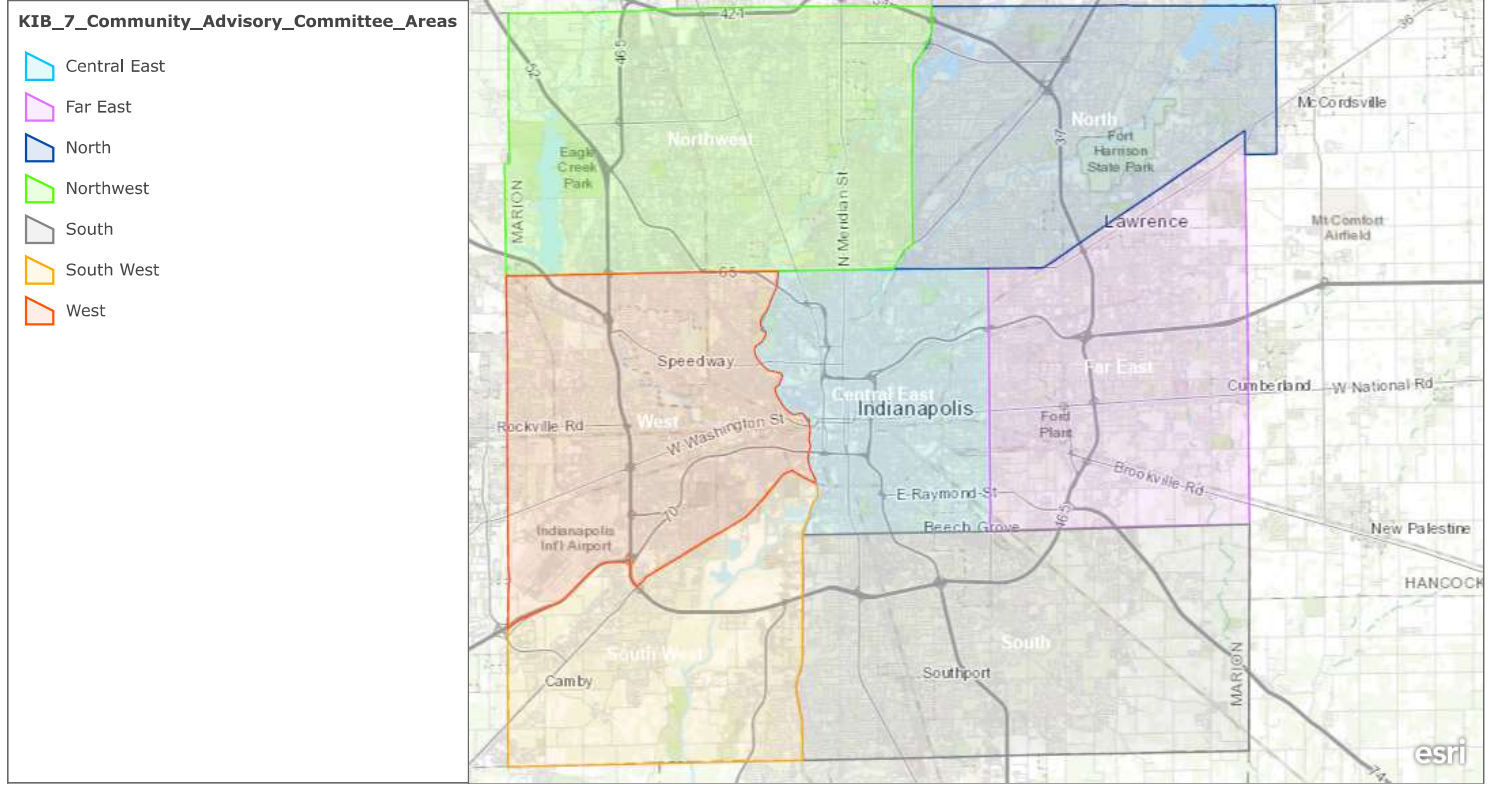
- iii. A community stakeholder who is involved in community meetings and has a connection to one or more “gathering-wells” within a community
- iv. A community organization or school representative that has organizational and community support
- v. A community member that is tied to a community centered place of worship

4. Budget:

a. In person meeting:

- i. Quarterly meetings: 4 meetings a year x (10-20 people at 25 dollars per person)= 2500
 - 1. This is the number per committee
- ii. There are seven focus areas: $2500 \times 7 = 17,500$

Engagement Score 1.1



Score1 = volunteer value + donors value
 Volunteer value = total amount of volunteer hours in 2017-2019, multiplied by \$24.23 (IN volunteer hour value average for 2017-2019 according to independent sector [dot] org
 Donor Value = total amount of don

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