

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, Inc. (FPNA)
(www.fletcherplace.org)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Mission statement: Preservation, restoration, renovation, revitalization and the promotion of the neighborhood as a 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.

Boundaries: The FPNA represents the area east of East Street, south of Lord Street, west of I-65/I-70 and north of I-70. This encompasses two historic districts, the Fletcher Place Historic District and the Holy Rosary Danish Church District.

Meetings: The meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at 615 Virginia Ave (Calvin Fletcher's Coffee).

Note: These meeting minutes are for all FPNA members. If you know of other FPNA members not on the list, we would be happy to add them. For reading convenience, a Microsoft Word version of the minutes has been attached.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Robb Biddinger.

Attendees: Robb and Ginger Biddinger, Glenn Blackwood, Paul Buckley, Cynthia Buswell, Damien Chestnut, Georgia Cravey, Nate Davis, Scott Davis, Mike Delder, Julie Devine, Angela Dusendschon, David Edy, Jason Flora, Ty Hampton, Doug and Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Pepper, Ron and Sylvia Reichel, Peggy Spohr, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Joe Vorce, Jennifer Wolfe, Mike Wright, Julie Yeater.

Guests: Dennis Pappenmeier (MNL), Tonya Beeler (MNL), Officer Brown (IMPD).

Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were posted online. No changes. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

IMPD Update: Officer Brown stated that the safest thing we can do is to follow safety tips and not become a victim. Car larceny is the biggest problem and will always be a problem, so avoiding putting things of value in the car is the best preventative measure. For a list of safety tips, visit the Fletcher Place website at <http://www.fletcherplace.org/?p=crimeprevention>. Officer Brown also mentioned that every other month, on the second Thursday, there is a task force meeting for downtown and he asked if we would send a representative. Jeff will email the board asking if anyone is able to attend.

MNL Update: Dennis is officially moving on to DPW, to serve as general counsel and he introduced our new MNL Tonya Beeler. Tonya represents many of the other downtown neighborhoods. Tonya has been an MNL since early '08. In his final report to us, Dennis mentioned that the State of the City address by the Mayor is tomorrow night at the IMA. Martin Luther King Day will cause a shift in trash pickup by one day. Please try to remember to shovel your sidewalks and also clean out your storm drain gutters. Thank you Dennis for all of the wonderful service you have provided Fletcher Place over the years!

Census Takers: Two representatives with the census came to announce that the census bureau is looking for people for part time jobs. They only have 21% of the people they need. In particular, they are looking for

census takers. The only qualification is a test that must be passed. For more information, contact 1-866-861-2010 or you can check out www.2010censusjobs.gov.

COA/Code Compliance/Zoning

As a neighborhood, we need to monitor things happening w/o a certificate of appropriateness (COA), which is required for most work done on the exterior of the home as well as some interior work. Also, we need to watch for health code issues on older / abandoned homes.

Update: Currently there were no open IHPC violations and no open code/zoning issues to discuss.

401 S College: The owner of the gas station at this location came to speak. The site has been cleaned and cleared and ready for use. The building is currently zoned C-3. He asked for input on what we'd like to see at that location. General discussion was a small shop of some sort, something that could benefit the neighborhood. The owner then had some prospective tenants propose an idea for a used car lot, which would require a C-5 rezoning. We discussed that zoning is normally not recommended away from C-3 and the response to another car lot was not positive, particularly when it was suggested that several cars would be placed on the lot for sale. There didn't seem to be room on the lot to support that. We recommended the owner discuss ideas for how to use the lot with the IHPC, the land use committee, and the Economic Development committee.

Committee Reports

Finance: The neighborhood funds are raised through such events as the Home Tour, FPNA membership dues, and the Plant Sale. The funds are used for neighborhood expenses and improvements like the annual tree planting, the neighborhood Fletcher Place signs (including the wooden sign at Fletcher and Pine) and events such as the picnic. FPNA uses money from city grants to fund these items as well.

Update: The cash balance is \$10,900.03 with about \$4,000 of that committed to various projects. The year-end finances were also shared, which included total revenue of \$6,071.25, total Expense at \$6,741.03 and a change in net assets of \$-669.78. It was noted however, that we spent a grant this year that we received in 2008, so taking that \$2000 grant into account, we had a positive change in net assets of over \$1300. If anyone is interested in the detailed breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Jeff at jeff030167@indy.rr.com.

Jeff also reported that we found two snow plow vendors that are willing to plow the neighborhood. We only plow when it is 6" or more, due to the large cost of plowing (it will be \$800/plowing). The vendors we found have a 7' plow, so this should fit down all of our streets and alleys. However, it is recommended that each block work to coordinate cars being moved before a large snow storm. When cars are parked on both sides of the street it is difficult to get a plow down them. As a recommendation, when a large snow is in the forecast, cars should all park on the East side of North/South streets and the North side of East/West streets, so that they are only on one side of the road.

Cultural Trail: This committee has the goals of helping bring the leg of the Trail that will be coming through Fletcher Place to life. The closer we get the more final the plans get. Changes at this point are relatively minor, so it is pretty fixed. The timetable is the same, letting in April and getting started very soon after. It will take two seasons, and is targeted for being done in 2011. The parking situation has been mostly resolved. Additional parking was added on McCarty, which greatly helped. The interstate bridge is getting a very nice makeover.

Update: The groundbreaking will be in late spring. The association will be making a donation soon to the trail. Trail plans are at the 90% stage. The next meeting will be in mid to late February.

Similar to last year we will including a letter with the membership drive offering to collect donations for the trail. It will once again be a private donation from the member to the Trail, and does not reduce the member's

FPNA dues if they donate to the Trail. Last year those donations totaled nearly \$1,200.

Garden Club: The Garden Club committee goals are to build community / connections among neighbors, beautify the neighborhood and education / information sharing in all things green.

Update: Christmas trees were added to the planters on Pine and Elm. Priscilla reported that she planted 12 trees along Buchanan in a second tree planting, which the association provided some funds for. Thanks to Ron Reichel and Mike McCormick for helping with the planting!

Social Committee: This committee is tasked with coming up with and implementing ideas that would bring the neighborhood together to have fun events with the goal of promoting one big neighborhood.

Update: The Progressive Dinner was on December 12th and there were three stops. The dinner began at the Peffer home, continued to the Edy/Holdworth home, and then ended at Calvin Fletcher Coffee. There were two appetizer stops and two dessert stop stops (the middle stop was a combination of the two). We had about 18 people and it was a very fun night.

Julie reported that she is looking to form a movie night and/or super bowl party in Feb / March.

FP Land Use: This Land Use Committee represents the Fletcher Place Historic District and meets upon request.

Update: Jeff gave an update on the discussions around making College Ave two-way from Virginia to Fletcher. It has strong support from businesses (and is highlighted in the recent economic development study) but has concerns from residents. There will be an informational article in the Parchment to make sure everyone is aware of what is being discussed and can provide input. If you have interest in discussing College and making it two-way, please contact Jeff at jeff030167@indy.rr.com.

HR/DC Land Use Committee: This Land Use Committee represents the Holy Rosary Danish Church Historic District and anyone is welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. The location is rotating, so please contact Joe Giacoletti at giacoletti@mibor.net for the location.

Update: Over Thanksgiving, a letter was delivered to the HR/DC historic district from an entity identifying itself as "The Gadget" and it focused on the conservation district efforts in the district. It contained a lot of misinformation and the board and the HR/DC land use committee worked on a response to the letter which was delivered recently.

Marketing/Econ Development: This committee's purpose is to increase the profile of FP in the Indy community. They are looking at a vision and marketing plan. They meet every third Wednesday at the Impact Group (501 Virginia) at 12:00 noon.

Update: At the last Econ Dev meeting the Unsung Indy program was discussed. We'll see whether the program is funded for next year and if Fletcher Place is able to be included. In particular, the focus would be on the Virginia Ave business corridor and bringing attention to it. Also, the economic development plan is still being completed, but can be viewed on the website under News.

Newspaper: The Parchment is a bi-monthly paper that comes out six times a year. We are always looking for stories for the Parchment, so please feel free to submit them to Kathy McKimmie (kmckimmie@sbcglobal.net). Ads are \$5/column inch for a one-time ad and \$3/column inch if you run the same ad six times. If you patronize one of the people who advertise in The Parchment, please let them know where you saw their advertisement.

Update: Jan/Feb issue of the Parchment is at the printer and will be delivered soon. The next Parchment is March/April. It has a deadline is the February 14th for articles. Kathy will be stepping down as editor of the Parchment when two years for her rolls around, which is after the March/April issue. Thus, we are looking for a new volunteer as our editor. Kathy is hopeful to find one by early Feb, which would allow her to work

on the March/April issue together with the new editor, to see how it is done. Thanks, Kathy, for two great years with the Parchment!

If we don't find an editor from within the neighborhood, it was suggested that we could think outside the box and look to someone else to edit from outside the neighborhood, such as SEND which edits for the Southeast Square News or perhaps someone else.

Membership: To become an FPNA member, it costs \$5/year for individuals and \$20 for businesses. There is a discounted price for joining after June.

Update: Next month is the annual membership drive.

Infrastructure: This committee will work with the FPNA and City representatives to improve sidewalks, lighting, traffic signage, alleys, safety, etc.

Update: Robb said that there wasn't much to report, other than the sidewalk was replaced on Harrison from College stretching East to the dead end at the interstate. This year only the north side is being replaced, but hopefully the south side will be replaced at some point in the future.

Old Business

Dog Park: Doug Dilling is leading the effort for a neighborhood Dog Park and is checking into locations. The buffer by the interstate near Buchanan is the most logical spot. The area needs to be large or the dogs will wear it down. If you are interested in a dog park in the neighborhood, please contact Doug at doug@dougdilling.com. There were concerns raised about this increasing traffic and parking along the south end of the neighborhood, but hopefully these can be mitigated.

Update: There is a meeting on the 30th for anyone interested. Doug Dilling can be contacted for information (doug@dougdilling.com).

Nominating Committee: Each November a nominating committee is chosen to help find new members for the next year's board slate. The nominating committee presented their suggested slate at the December meeting. Nominations were also able to be taken from the floor at that meeting. The committee was composed of Georgia Cravey, Glen Blackwood, Gerold Schmid, and Larry Pepper. Georgia headed up the committee. The slate is then voted upon at the annual meeting in January.

Board member Jennifer Cole is moving next year and thus is stepping down. Board member Robb Biddinger is taking over as the Fountain Square Merchants Association president and thus is stepping down as well. In December, the nominating committee therefore submitted the remaining seven board members and added Glenn Blackwood (555 Lord Street) and Mike McCormick (729 Noble) as the slate of nine board members. Officers were presented with Jeff as President, Greg as Vice President, Doug as Secretary and Mike as Treasurer.

Update: The slate was voted upon at the meeting and was unanimously approved.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Always On Tap

- **MEMBERSHIP:** To become a FPNA member, it costs \$5/year for individuals and \$15/for businesses. Discounted price for joining after June. Contact David Edy (see below) or look for a form in an issue of the Parchment or on the website to join.
- **SIGNS:** Anyone can purchase a Fletcher Place sign to hang in their window. It is \$5 for FPNA

members and \$10 for non-members. Contact David Edy to purchase one (contact info below).

- **DIRECTORIES:** Neighborhood directories are available from David Edy (contact info below) at the cost of \$1.50. Call for them at 638-6802.
- **MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION:** The Merchants Association meets every third Wednesday at 12:00 at 501 Virginia. Please contact Cynthia Buswell at cbuswell@impactgroup.org for more info.

Miscellaneous

- Heavy trash pick-up day is the 4th Thursday.
- As a neighborhood, we need to police things happening w/o a certificate of appropriateness.
- Please let us know if you are aware of any new members to the neighborhood, so we can give them a warm welcome.

Key Contact Information

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