

**Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, Inc. (FPNA)**  
([www.fletcherplace.org](http://www.fletcherplace.org))

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 10th, 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 325 S College (College Place).

**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 Bill Lovejoy. A huge thanks to **Tori Calvert** for taking minutes at the meeting as Jeff was not able to attend.

**Attendees:** Robb & Ginger Biddinger, Tori Calvert, Julie Devine, Jim Dewes, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Jyl Kuczynski, Bill Lovejoy, Tanikia Meeks, Rhonda Pepper, Matt Schiffler, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Greg Townsend, Craig Von Deylen, Jennifer Wolfe

**Last meeting's minutes:** Jeff Miller posted minutes online. Greg Townsend made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Robb Biddinger seconded, and the motion was passed.

**IMPD Update:** No officer present at the meeting.

**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 are 1 open IHPC violations and 0 open code/zoning issues.

The following properties have open or proposed requests with the IHPC and/or zoning board:

**324 S College:** The owner of the property has requested to demolish the building. The board discussed the request in depth and recommends that while the property is in bad shape, it has potential for rehab and we would like to ask the IHPC to help facilitate a discussion with the owner regarding his future plans for the structure. A motion was taken at the December meeting and all voted in favor of this position.

Update: The board decided to support demolition.

*Additional information added by Jeff Miller while transcribing the minutes:* The board vote was based on the fact that the costs to repair were exorbitant (\$600K – 800K), the building is not of primary significance, and the IHPC was also in support of demolition. The commission granted approval for demolition at the February commission meeting. However, the board was against putting up a fence on the property. The owner wanted it there to stop illegal parking and dumping. The IHPC suggested an ornate fence instead, but the board was opposed to this as well. The commission approved the ornate fence against the board's wishes.

**518 S College:** This is the home that was recently burned in a fire. The owner now wants to tear it down. While the board believes that the back part of the building which is not in good shape could be removed, the building itself should be saved. Jeff shared that if anyone was interested in working with the land use committee on the case, please contact him. Otherwise the board will put together a recommendation to the IHPC.

Update: There is a request to demolish. The hearing has been continued to March

### 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 balance is \$11,415.95, and \$2K of that is from a grant for planters.

**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](mailto: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: The next Parchment deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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: The membership mailing is being assembled at this meeting. In this mailing, there was an additional piece added to offer the opportunity to donate to the Cultural Trail. Details specified that checks should be separate from any membership checks.

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

Update: All updates were given above.

**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](mailto:giacoletti@mibor.net) for the location.

Update: There will be a meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Jennifer Cole's home on Noble Street to discuss conservation. Check with Jennifer for the time.

**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: Still working on direction. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. to discuss the

merchants association. Linton Calvert will speak about working with Fountain Square.

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

Update: Robb Biddinger requested lights on Lord Street and is trying to identify storm sewers that are collapsing. The Pierson Printing building owners are going to paint over the graffiti on the building soon. The boat on College Avenue has been moved. Snow removal was paid for and was a success overall.

**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: Julie is the new chair. Please e-mail any ideas for activities to her at [DEVINE\\_JULIE@LILLY.COM](mailto:DEVINE_JULIE@LILLY.COM).

**Cultural Trail:** This committee has the goals of helping bring the leg of the Trail that will be coming through Fletcher Place to life.

Update: The next meeting is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Fountain Square Theater building.

**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: Rhonda Peffer has volunteered to lead and will have some new ideas soon.

### **Old Business**

All old business was reported under committees.

### **New Business**

**Her Kloset:** Tanikia, the owner, shared that her consignment shop, Her Kloset, at 634 Virginia Ave. is open. Hours are Friday 6-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**M.A.I.L of Indy:** Craig Von Deylen presented designs for the M.A.I.L. Indy building. The building is zoned for I3U now, and there is a zoning request for CBDS. The parking is zoned for I3U, and will be D8 with about 60 covered parking spots. The building will be four stories with the retail on the first floor facing Virginia Avenue and the residential units in the back. Patios will be on the second level. The residential units will be marketed as luxury rentals in the range of \$900-1,000 per month. Other plans include a green roof. Closing is planned for June, and construction should start soon after. Opening is planned for January 2011.

**Race thru Fletcher Place:** The Shamrock Run & Walk is Saturday, March 14, 2009, and the path includes Virginia Avenue.

Meeting adjourned.

### **Info presented after the meeting adjourned**

David passed on information from Jennifer Martin. She was asked if there were any restrictions on the number of vehicles that one household could park on the street. According to Tony Brown at IPD, there are not restrictions on the number of vehicles that one household can park on the street, unless there is an inoperable or abandoned vehicle.

**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](mailto: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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