



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Calvin Fletcher Coffee Company

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Time	Topic	Comments
	Call to Order and Welcome to New Attendees	by Greg Townsend
	Acceptance of February Minutes	Minutes had been sent to the board but had not been posted online yet. Thus, the motion and vote to accept the minutes was made by the board. Minutes will be distributed this week.
	Special Guests	
	Police Update (Officer Brown)	Officer Brown shared that our neighborhood had another safe month, other than a few issues with stolen vehicles. Rhonda read the proposed letter from the association asking for an ordinance regarding minors at malls in the evenings. There was a question about the letter should define minors as 16 or 17 and Officer Brown suggested 17. There was a question regarding whether the letter should be directed to the council or to the malls. It was felt that sending it to both wouldn't hurt.
	Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Report (Lisa Laflin)	No update.
	Bosphorus Tavern Permit (Orhan Demirtas)	Mitch Sever came to represent the Bosphorus and their request to be zoned as a tavern, which also requires 20 spaces of parking rather than 3. He explained that it is only being done to allow for looser smoking restrictions that come with being a tavern and that he is willing to add commitments not to post a sign about being a tavern nor to use the establishment as a tavern. Additionally, he would add commitments that there would be no live music nor hard alcohol (only beer/wine). There were some residential concerns about parking and the association discussed them with the concerned resident. Due to the fact that the parking situation won't get any worse or better after this zoning request (due to the commitments) it was felt that we should continue to keep an eye out on parking issues, but that it doesn't impact this particular request. Due to being good neighbors and a good business and with the addition of the commitments, a vote was taken and passed to support the zoning request.
	Fountain Square Urban Times Representative (Jason Burk)	Jason Burk came to the meeting to share that the Fountain Square area is looking to approach the Urban Times regarding getting a neighborhood entry in the paper. The Southeast Square News was the umbrella paper for the southeast side for many years and Jason helped produce it. He was going to ask if Fletcher Place would like to join in the umbrella of Southeast. We thanked him for the invitation, but due to our plans to have an entry in the Urban Times ourselves, replacing the Parchment, we decided to stick with that plan. But we offered to help support Jason's efforts however we could.
	City County Council Candidate (Jeff Miller)	Jeff came to present to the association that he is running for city council in our district (19) this year. He is running unopposed in the primary and will run against current councilor Mahern in November. He shared that he isn't running for political reasons but simply to provide solid representation for the area. He feels his experience on the Fletcher Place Board and on the board of Southeast Neighborhood Development has given him experience in the key issues of our area such as infrastructure, abandoned housing, and crime/graffiti. He stated he has also built many relationships with key city agencies. He will work with our MNL and state reps to put in place legislation that will make the city run more effectively and efficiently and will focus on infrastructure as a key issue. Jeff can be reached at jeff030167@indy.rr.com and you can email him if you would like to be added to his campaign update email list and/or would like a yard sign.
	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cash balance is \$8,283.42. Expenses for the month included pizza at the annual meeting and membership mailing costs for stamps and envelopes. • If anyone is interested in the detailed monthly breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Mike at mike@cpamccormick.com.



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	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>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 construction timetable goals are: • From Washington St. south to East St. - Construction complete early Sept. 2011; landscaping by mid-Nov. 2011. • From East St. south to FS - Construction complete by end of December, 2011; landscaping will be completed after Super Bowl is done (Feb. 2012).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill attended the recent groundbreaking ceremony for our leg of the trail and spoke on behalf of the association. Things are now getting underway. Joe asked if we might consider a plaza area at Pine and Virginia Ave. This is a good idea, but will require analysis. A committee was proposed for this and will be composed of Joe, Doug, Ron, Keith and Rhonda. If anyone else is interested, they are very welcome to join as well.
	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Committee is in need of a Chairperson. • Please contact Greg Townsend if you are interested in leading this committee for 2011.
	<p>FP Land Use This Land Use Committee represents the Fletcher Place Historic District and meets upon request. A certificate of appropriateness (COA), is required for most work done on the exterior of the home as well as some interior work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith gave an update on 608 Lexington. After examining the case closely, the land use committee at the last meeting recommended we choose not to oppose it, but due to the complexities, we didn't take a position to support it either. However, Keith sent in a letter explaining the reasons for this and giving some recommendations for the case. This allowed the IHPC and the commission work through the issue. In the end, it was approved with 2 parking spaces, one less than originally required. • Lord Street Parking issues continue to be discussed and this is headed by Jim Lingenfelter
	<p>HR/DC Land Use Committee This Land Use Committee represents the Holy Rosary Danish Church Historic District and anyone is welcome to be part of the committee. The location is rotating, so please contact Joe Giacoletti at giacoletti@mibor.net for the location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update
	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marketing/Econ Development Committee is in need of a Chairperson. • Please contact Greg Townsend if you are interested in leading this committee for 2011.
	<p>Newspaper Fletcher Place has now joined the Urban Times, supplying articles which will appear under the name of "The Parchment". Rhonda Peffer is in charge of gathering articles for submission each month</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We delivered our first issue to the association this month. Big thanks to Greg for getting all of the block captains organized for delivery. If you have an article you'd like to submit, it can be sent to Rhonda.
	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had our neighborhood membership mailing last month and have received 90 applications back so far, with 45% from the Fletcher Place Historic District and 55% from the Holy Rosary/Danish Church Historic District.
	<p>Infrastructure This committee will work with the FPNA and City representatives to improve sidewalks, lighting, traffic signage, alleys, safety, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noble street has been assigned a project number and will hopefully be re-paved soon.



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<p>Old Business</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noble/Greer Streets: discussion continues on the best options for the roads. Top 5 Neighborhood Issues identified in January Meeting. Jeff provided an update: <u>Issue #2:</u> It is felt that water pressure is too low in the neighborhood. Jeff has contacted the water company and they are installing temporary meters to gauge the overall water pressure in the area. They asked if there are certain times of day when pressure is better or worse. The consensus was that it is pretty low most of the time and the addition of new units (such as the Villaggio and soon the Fletcher Arts building) without the addition of greater pressure is likely the issue. However, it was mentioned that with our old pipes, increasing water pressure could damage them. Joe suggested pressurized supplemental pumps as an option. <u>Issue #5:</u> It was requested that we get a sign indicating how to reach the Fountain Square Historic District once you exit I-65 at Fletcher as people divert down Pine in confusion. The sign has been installed.
<p>New Business</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug shared brochures that were handed out by Indianapolis Downtown, Inc on how the new parking meters will work. Joe mentioned that the spring bocce league is starting. Applications can be found at www.italianheritage.org. Andrew Wells with Lewis and Wells on 427 S. College came to introduce himself and said he is glad to be part of the neighborhood. Jeff will add a link on the Fletcher Place website for their business.
<p>Attendees</p>		<p>Jason Burk, Georgia, Cravey, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Joe Giacoletti, Keith Holdsworth, Bill Lovejoy, Pat and Vaughn McFarland, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Larry & Rhonda Pepper, Ron Reichel, Paul Romer, Greg Townsend, Andrew Wells</p> <p>Special Guests: Mitch Sever (Bosphorus), Officer Brown (IMPD)</p>
<p>Miscellaneous</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Louisiana 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). 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. Trash Pick-up: Heavy trash pick-up day is the 4th Thursday of every month. New Neighbors: Please let us know if you are aware of any new members to the neighborhood, so we can give them a warm welcome.