

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9th, 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 Jennifer Wolfe.

Attendees: Louise Alexander, Glenn Blackwood, Paul Buckley, Jennifer Cole, Georgia Cravey, Bryston Cutter, Mike Deldar, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Mike McCormick, Larry & Rhonda Pepper, Ron Reichel, Gerold Schmid, Jennifer Wolfe

Guests: Officer Tony Brown, MPD.

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

IMPD Update: Crime stats continue to indicate FP has very low crime rate. There was one burglary in the neighborhood that is thought to have been a domestic issue. There were NO vehicle larcenies in the neighborhood in the last 30-day reporting period. New Police Chief Paul Ciesielski is on watch. New downtown district commander coming soon. Thursday March 11th at 4:00 pm at 25 W Ninth Street will be a task force meeting for the downtown area. Please come. Finally, August 26th (Thurs) will be Annual Community Day at the City Market. Officer Brown is hoping that FP will participate by attendance and staffing a neighborhood table.

MNL Update: Tonya Beeler was not present but asked us to mention the importance of calling in potholes to the MAC (327-4622). Also, the Dept of Code Enforcement's Lobby Hours will be altered during a software upgrade from March 24-31, 2010 so check before coming by.

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.

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 \$10,434.59, with about \$4,000 of that committed to various projects. 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.

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 trail received a \$20 Million grant from the federal government to help with unforeseen infrastructure needs. The next public meeting will be Tue 4/27 6:00 pm Fountain Sq Theatre building. Construction has been pushed back to commence in the Fall (originally it was this Spring) largely due to the federal grant monies that take more paperwork to process. There was discussion about revisiting the \$2000 FP commitment given the new federal grant monies. The members present voted to honor the donation commitment.

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: No update.

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: Next Progressive Dinner Date: May 1st Time: Organizer: Julie Devine
Start time is at 5:30pm but subject to change as it is organized. Need residents to volunteer stops for appetizers (Jennifer Wolfe has already volunteered), dinner and dessert. Julie is willing to host an after dessert stop for after dinner drinks, coffee and games such as euchre, pass the Ace, Pictionary, etc. She will also have her deck lit up w/ fire going for those that just want to relax outside. Do we want to create a "theme" to the dinner? Any one stop may be teamed up with neighbors so one household does not bear all the work. Contact information for Julie is 317-452-3346 or email: devine_julie@lilly.com or dtindygale@sbcglobal.net.

Some FP residents do not have email and therefore are not receiving the Social Events invite. Doug and Judy Litsey have volunteered to allow us to post events at the coffee shop. Other than the newspaper, email, and coffee shop postings what other ways can we communicate events? We don't want to make it so broad that people show up that are not even living in our neighborhood but yet we want to be sure everyone has an equal chance to participate.

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

Update: No Update

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 gjacoletti@mibor.net for the location.

Update: No update.

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: Cynthia Buswell passed on information that the Economic Development study is complete and copies are being printed.

Newspaper: The Parchment is a bi-monthly paper that comes out six times a year. We are always looking for stories for the Parchment. 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 latest issue is out. Kathy McKinney will be stepping down as editor of the Parchment now. Thus, we are looking for a new volunteer as our editor. 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. It was also suggested that we consider offering a stipend of perhaps \$50 per issue to an editor if that would make any difference. Bryston Cutter indicated he would be willing to check with college journalism students to see if there is any interest in an internship. Georgia suggested connecting with the Writer's Center to seek out additional prospects.

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: Keith said thanks to everyone who helped with the membership mailing last month. To date we have 72 members (14 are new) and 6 businesses. More are expected in the next several months. Memberships continue to arrive through June.

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

Update: None

Old Business

Dog Park: Doug Dilling is leading a task force to research the potential for a neighborhood Dog Park and is checking into locations. Once the committee decides on a recommendation to the association, it will be presented at an association meeting for discussion. If you are interested in discussing this topic at a committee meeting, please contact Doug at doug@dougdilling.com. There were concerns raised about this increasing traffic and parking at the bark park as well as the concern that dogs might wear it down, so these are items that the committee is looking into.

Update: There was a meeting on February 30th for anyone interested in discussing the idea of a dog park. The task force continues to explore options. Indy Parks indicated that Lacy Park is not an option as they require a minimum of 4 acres for a dog park. Farm Bureau has also indicated they are not interested. The group continues to explore other creative options and will report back as more information is available.

New Business

Pleasant Run Clean Up Please join us on Saturday, March 20, from 9am to 12pm for the next Pleasant Run Creek and Trail cleanup organized by SEND's Pleasant Run subcommittee. Volunteers are needed to help. We will meet at Orange Park located at 1900 E. Pleasant Run Parkway North Drive. Gloves and trash bags are provided. Please bring a flat or pointed shovel if you have one.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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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