

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 7:05 by Bill Lovejoy.

Attendees: Robb & Ginger Biddinger, Tori Calvert, Jennifer Cole, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Doug Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Justin McCain, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Peffer, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Greg Townsend, Jennifer Wolfe

Guests: Officer Tony Brown (IMPD), Sarah Grain (KIB), Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison)

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

IMPD Update: Tony Brown mentioned that we are definitely seeing an increase in graffiti in our neighborhood. Please make sure that any graffiti found is reported to the MAC as well as a picture emailed to Tony. He assured us that it is not gang related, but it is "taggers" who are just trying to compete with each other.

MNL Update: Dennis said he has asked for workers to help clean-up under the East Street Bridge just south of Washington. He is also working on getting the smoking rubbish addressed appropriately. Dennis is trying to get inroads with Anthem and Farm Bureau and is looking for anyone with connections. Dennis is working on additional pedestrian units at Washington and East. Indy Parks is doing maintenance on several southeast side pools. The pothole portal is up and running. Goal is to have potholes fixed in 72 hours.

Adopt a Block: Sarah Grain came to share news about this exciting KIB project. Robb is the only one in the neighborhood currently to adopt a block. We'd like to see more folks doing it as this helps build a stronger volunteer base by getting more folks involved. When you sign up, you get some tools to equip you, including broom, shovel, dust pan, litter grabber, gloves, trash bags, and door hangers to help get neighbors involved. The blocks are scored and a report is given to you each month. There are prizes for the blocks that score a consistently good rating. If you would like to get involved with your block, contact Sarah at 264.7555 x106

or email sgrain@kibi.org.

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:

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: The board voted not to support the request to demolish because the owner had not proved hardship, which we required of the last owner who requested to demolish a property (324 S College). However, the commission voted to allow demolition at the March hearing.

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 \$12,559.76, 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). 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 current edition should be delivered very soon. The next Parchment deadline is April 20th. Tori Calvert is leaving the neighborhood and will be sorely missed. In particular, we need a new author for the Hoosier Neighbor article in the Parchment. Jeff suggested Doug Litsey.

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: Membership letters went out last month. We've had a lot more returns this year that the address is not valid. About 60 households and businesses have signed up so far. Also, the optional donation for Cultural Trail has resulted in \$750 so far.

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 for the location.

Update: The focus group continues the discussion of making the district a conservation district. They are also having a meeting with Craig Von Deylen on the proposed IMOCA building. It is next Tuesday at 6:30 at 410 S College.

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: Jeff provided the update for Cynthia. The last meeting had Linton Calvert as a guest to speak about working with Fountain Square's merchant association.

The committee has completed reviewing the first half of the Vision Plan – each Board member now has a copy of it to approve. We are going to take the second half of the plan – the tactical skills worksheets - and give those to specific committees to work on. These worksheets will be distributed once the first half of the plan is approved.

The committee will discuss any Board recommendations at our next Economic Development Committee meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at the Impact Group building on Virginia Ave.

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

Update: We were asked by DPW for a list of the worst alleyways in the neighborhood. We are hopeful this means that the city is focusing on alleyways in addition to streets and sidewalks. Jeff passed on the worst areas in our neighborhood.

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 presented the calendar for the year. She specifically asked for homes that are interested in being on a Progressive Dinner as a host house in April. Also, contact Julie if you are interested in helping with the committee. Events proposed for the year include: Progressive Dinner, Wine Tasting, Ice Cream Social, Scavenger Hunt, Picnic, Yard Sale, Costume Party w/ S'mores, and a Dessert Night.

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 April 15th at 6 p.m. in the Fountain Square Theater building. This is a very important meeting because it will be a sharing of the trail design for our leg of the trail, art work designs, and other important updates.

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 the committee and will pursue the Adopt-A-Block program. Also, she is working with Keith on getting the planters addressed at Elm and Pine.

Old Business

Robb proposed that we need to have a discussion about appointing officers for 2009 from the board members.

New Business

Meeting adjourned shortly after 8:00.

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.

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