

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9th, 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 Rhonda Pepper.

Attendees: Robb Biddinger, Paul Buckley, David Edy, Tiffany Ellefson, Keith Holdsworth, Jeff Miller, Larry & Rhonda Pepper, Gerold & Marlina Schmid, Peggy Spohr, Eric Strickland, Greg Townsend

Guests: Tony Brown (IMPD), Dennis Pappenmeier (MNL)

Last meeting's minutes: Jeff Miller posted minutes online.

Police Report: Tony mentioned that bike theft is a big problem. We need to secure our bikes if they are sitting out. We also need to lock our garages. 327-3811 (the non-emergency line) will be more closely monitored and will be more efficient in getting reports to the correct district. Eric asked about a house on Fletcher Ave near the West end and whether there are any reports about it. It seemed there is potentially suspicious activity. Tony will follow-up.

MNL Report: Dennis reminded people that they can sign up for the mayor's newsletter. Please email Dennis if you would like to be signed up for an electronic copy each month. Dennis also asked people to fill out the MNL customer satisfaction survey. He reminded us to check the KIB website www.kibi.org for volunteer activities that are available in our area to help make the area more beautiful. The INRC is hosting "Front Porch Fridays" event to share ideas on how to be better neighbors. More info can be found at www.inrc.org. Dennis mentioned that high weeds and grass can be turned in and will be addressed as soon as possible.

Robb mentioned the construction signs that are still sitting on Fletcher Ave. He also mentioned mowing at the Fletcher Place interstate exit that needs to be done. He is also checking to see if the city will empty trash cans if we add more. Jeff asked about what to do regarding the butts that are left at East and Virginia by Anthem employees, which has been very hard to address.

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:

Update: None.

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 ending balance is \$12,382.63. This does not include a check that needs to be written for the Parchment this month. There is also still \$1,200 set aside for planters (a portion of the planters has been purchased), \$2K set aside for the econ dev study, and an upcoming donation to the Cultural Trail.

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 next Parchment deadline is June 16th.

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: We currently have 128 individual members, 12 business and 140 total members. We have now exceeded last year's 138 members, but are still under 2007's record 158 members. Jeff sent an email to all residents who were members last year but have not yet renewed.

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 giacoletti@mibor.net for the location.

Update: The land use committee is still looking to pursue conservation district status. Last month there was discussion about an offer from Paul and Nancy Pappas to donate the property at 909 Wright Street to the association. The board discussed it after the meeting and decided not to accept the land because there is not a clear plan for how to use it and w/o having a foundation to accept the property, we would owe property taxes each year as well as have to maintain it.

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: We have now agreed that the corridors will be the Virginia Ave corridor primarily, with some consideration given to the College Ave corridor if possible. We wanted the East Street corridor included as well, but that would have significantly driven up the cost. At the next meeting we will have a planning discussion with the firm doing the assessment.

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

Update: The neighborhood clean-up went very well. The residents that came out to help with the clean-up included: Bob West, Keith Holdsworth, Robb Biddinger, Ron Reichel, Rhonda Pepper, Peggy Sprohl, Ken Kemp, Todd Deylen (Craig's brother), Deb Tate, Gerold and Marlina Schmid, Georgia Cravey, and coordinator Jeff Miller. Jim Whittimore loaned his truck for picking up bags and debris. Also, community courts helped out by lending 12 workers to the effort. And big thanks to KIB for the dumpster, bags, gloves and water.

Robb mentioned that we need to continue to call in potholes. Also, East Street has been refinished and many of the sidewalks along it as well. We discussed that for next year we will again turn in Noble Street as the worst.

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. No new events coming

Update: The Progressive Dinner was Saturday, May 16th and was a great event. Italian Fest is this weekend.

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: No committee meeting in June. Make sure to patronize the Northeast leg of Mass Ave during the construction of the trail.

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: Since the last meeting, there were two Garden Parties: May 19th at Mary Ann Petrosino's home and June 6th and David Edy and Keith Holdsworth's house. There was also a Master Gardener in attendance to answer questions and give advice.

Additionally, two planters have been installed at College and Pine and two more are on the way.

We have been given okay for a community garden. Robb will be working on it. We are awaiting topsoil from the owner. There was a discussion about remediation regarding the soil. It was suggested we call KIB. Finally, don't forget that the Adopt a Block program is still going. Rhonda recommended we all try to get involved in it.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Meeting adjourned shortly after 8:10.

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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