



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12th, 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 June Minutes	
	Special Guests	
	Police Update (Officer Brown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No officer present
	Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Ross is our new MNL and was introduced to the group. He has been on the job for 12 weeks and is excited to represent the area. There are four other neighborhood meetings on our night, so he has to do some juggling, but was appreciative to be early in our agenda Jeff mentioned that there are some areas on the repaired sidewalk along Fletcher Ave between College and East that still have dirt left on the sidewalk and need to be fixed up. Paul will find out the status.
	Certificate of Appropriateness request: Harold Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 642 Virginia Ave will be Harold Miller's residence and 646 S Virginia will become an advertising photography studio. It is basically a 9 – 5 business. His desire is to redesign the storefront. The garage door would be replaced with a window made of glass and aluminum. The entrance door would also be relocated. There were no major objections to the plans discussed at the meeting. While replacing historic materials with modern materials isn't always preferred, it is a guideline that materials of the day are used when making additions. The decision was to allow Keith, the land use committee chairman, to review the plans and send a formal land use committee recommendation to Greg. The hearing for the case is on August 3rd at 5:30. At this point we don't know the staff opinion on the case.
	Adopt a Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kylie, Michael, and Eric came to present on the program. It focuses on connecting the community with the struggles of downtown hotel workers. There are 66,000 service jobs for in downtown. The average income for hotel workers is \$20,000, which is about ½ the average income of other downtown jobs. There are many tax dollars that have been given to the hotels. There will be an ordinance brought before the council on August 15th that will give a refund back to anyone earning less than \$25,000, coming from local income tax breaks. They are asking for support at the council meeting. Georgia Cravey spoke in support of the group and their cause. If you are interesting in supporting the group, you can check them out on Facebook or email Georgia at gcravey@sbcglobal.net.
	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 provided by Mike McCormick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total unrestricted cash balance is \$8,350.63. There was a check recently written to the Fletcher Woods project and we are waiting for the final donation to come in from Calvin Fletcher Coffee for the project. 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.
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work in Fletcher Place for now We met with the ICT group and we will be able to put both existing historic markers on the trail, likely parallel to the trail. The two historic markers are the Calvin Fletcher marker in front of the Villaggio and the US Colored Troops marker that is on McCarty. In addition, there will be a Fletcher Place Historic District marker and two Holy Rosary / Danish Church Historic District markers on the trail. The HRNO purchased a second Historic District marker.



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	<p>completed after Super Bowl is done (Feb. 2012). Update provided by Bill Lovejoy</p>	
	<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 Yard Sale is Sept 10th and the Picnic is Sep 11th. We need to get this in the Urban Times. We also need someone to run point on advertising for the yard sale. If you would be willing to help post advertising in the Star and other locations, please let Greg know at iiiimpress@aol.com.
	<p>FP Land Use/ COA/Code Compliance/Zoning This Land Use Committee represents the Fletcher Place Historic District and meets upon request. Further 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The case was heard earlier in the agenda
	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Lingenfelter spoke regarding his clients Tom and Cheri Batista who purchased the buildings at the southeast end of Virginia, including the Barber shop and all buildings north to the Torta shop. It is currently zoned I-3-U. They would like to rezone to CBD-S. This is a special business district rezoning. It would be limited to CBD-2 usages. They are open to adding restrictions to the usages if these are suggested. Jim mentioned that this is the recommended zoning by SEND and the Planning Division. The additional request would be for no parking requirements. This is due to being older property that currently has little to no offstreet parking. It is possible that parking can be found on Noble and Norwood.. Proposed uses are a winery, an Italian bakery, a toasted cheese shop, and a potential coffee shop. Jim will return next month with a request for support from the association, but this month he is just presenting the information. If you have any questions, Jim can be contacted at jimlingenfelter@five2fivedesign.com. We will ask Joe Giacoletti if he can review the plans and present a land use committee recommendation.
	<p>Newspaper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Things going well and articles are being submitted each month by the committee.
	<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"> No update.
	<p>Bylaws 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"> The committee will meet on the 21st at Rhonda's house at 8:30 pm. They will review the current bylaws and make suggestions.
	<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"> No update
	<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update
	<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff summarized what had recently happened with the Indianapolis Star. An article was written which was making the point that neighborhoods with higher vacancy rates have higher crime rates. In the course of making that point, all of the census data from the entire census tract of which Fletcher Place is located was assigned to the neighborhood. Thus, the crime and vacancy rates for the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods were all



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		<p>assigned to Fletcher Place. We requested and received a retraction in the Star as this made the neighborhood look much worse than it truly is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a recommendation to invite the Star to come and get an in-depth look at the neighborhood so they know more about us. Ron would be glad to help facilitate and Georgia would also help.
	Attendees	<p>Michael Baumann (Adopt a Worker), Kyle Christianson (Adopt a Worker), Georgia Cravey, Eric Gomer (Adopt a Worker), Jim Lingenfelter, Mike McCormick, Harold Miller, Jeff Miller, Rhonda Pepper, Ron Reichel, Paul Ross (MNL), Greg Townsend</p>
	Miscellaneous	<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. • 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.