

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13th, 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 Greg Townsend.

Attendees: Doug Dilling, Ron Reichel, Greg Townsend, Keith Holdsworth, Rhonda Pepper, Priscilla Tucker, Mike McCormick, Gerold Schmid, Paul Bukley.

Guests: Kevin Lauerman – Safe Neighborhoods, LLC
Victoria Rutt -- Owner of Lavon Building

Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were posted online. There was one change to the address of the home on Lord Street that was working on the retaining wall. It is 517 Lord instead of 715 Lord. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

IMPD Update: No officer present

MNL Update: No MNL present

Police Patrol: Victoria Rutt came to share ideas on the police patrol program she has done in her neighborhood. Victoria and her husband Kishan Ranasinghe own the Lavon Apartment building at 615 S College and therefore have an interest in helping make the neighborhood safe. She is the crime committee captain in Herron Morton where she lives and wanted to tell us about a Police Patrol program she started in King Park with the King Park Public Safety Cooperative after the crime levels began to grow a bit. It has had some good success so far. Of course it does not eliminate all crime, but it has helped them proactively get people with warrants off the street, reduce loitering and speeding and also help pass info back and forth to the district officer more efficiently. She is interested in helping with a crime watch program in Fletcher Place as well. She and Kevin explained how they work together to reduce crime and build community.

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: Correction to the minutes last month. The work on the retaining wall was being done at 517 Lord Street not 715 Lord Street.

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 \$8,782.15. 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. Mike McCormick has moved the accounts to PNC (National City). There was some discussion about restricted funds – specifically the grant funds for the flower pots on Pine Street. We need to be certain those (if any) accounts are reported on a regular basis. We will have the quarter to date financials at the next meeting as we haven't gotten everything ready yet with the transition over to the new treasurer.

Cultural Trail: This committee has the goals of helping bring the leg of the Trail that will be coming through Fletcher Place to life.

At a recent FPNA meeting we were asked how we would feel about a 24/7 construction schedule, both to minimize the time and impact to our neighborhood and to help meet the completion date of February (Super Bowl), 2012. Over the past three meetings, Bill Lovejoy has lead an ongoing discussion about where and when the affected neighbors would tolerate a 24/7 schedule.

Update: Bill made updates to the proposal from the last meeting, including:

1. Renamed the three basic areas of Virginia Avenue to eliminate confusion
2. Re-categorized FPNA's position on construction on the bridge spanning I-65 to mirror our position on the (mostly) residential area of Virginia.
3. Mentioned that we do not support Sunday construction on the ICT in any area of Fletcher Place.
4. Although he searched extensively to try and confirm the hours of the Marion County noise ordinance, he could not find a definitive source. Most sources are saying that the "quiet hours" extend from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., so that's what we used here. We will try to confirm this somehow.

A Motion was made to adopt the Proposal For Construction Schedule for the Indianapolis Cultural Trail as presented in Draft Form, revised July 11, 2010. Motion made by Doug Dilling on behalf of Bill Lovejoy. 2nd by Mike McCormick. Motion passed.

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: No updates.

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

Update: No updates.

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: No updates.

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 a report that the Economic Development committee is now working with Pulse Creative Partners (a new business here in Fletcher Place) who has offered to help Fletcher Place with branding and marketing efforts for our commercial area. Stefan and Amanda Bean are our contact people there. Items such as a neighborhood brochure, banners, press releases, etc. have been discussed. More details to follow in the next couple of months.

Also, there is another new business in the area:
- VooDoo Vintage (634 Virginia Ave)

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 Parchment returned with a July/August issue this week! Copies are in the hands of block captains and should be hitting the doorsteps soon. It is also posted on the website.

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: No new members last month. Keith opened the discussion about the membership directory. There was agreement that the directory should proceed. Doug Dilling offered to sponsor along with others. Keith will begin the process of preparing. It was suggested that the advertisers in the Parchment might be approached to see if they wanted to sponsor the directory.

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

Update: Jeff attended the recent Rebuild Indy meeting where it was discussed what projects would be funded should the water company be sold. Noble Street was on the list, which is great news. Jeff also took documentation showing the needs at Greer and Harrison.

Old Business

Dog Park: There is a task force to research the potential for a neighborhood Dog Park and is checking into locations. Georgia Cravey is taking the "leash" of the committee and will continue the work 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. Georgia Cravey is now leading the committee and will be providing status updates

Update: No update this month.

NeighborWoods Project: Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a "neighborwoods". There was a meeting on May 4th at the Gazebo at Lacy Park to generate more support to develop the lot. Andrew Hart from KIB made a great presentation. KIB has a vision of planting an additional 50 trees to fill in and create the buffer. Additional ideas generated included making it dog-friendly, including exercise stops, including art and benches. Eli Lilly and INDOT are already coordinating a mass planting project between downtown and the airport. The largest challenge is getting water to the new trees. The project will be in September of this year.

Update: Wednesday July 14, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at 930 Noble Street is the next meeting. The design for this project is

now ready and will be presented by the landscape architect at the meeting. A representative from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will be in attendance to answer any questions. Additional information about the project will be available and updates will be provided regarding sources of water, approval by the Indiana Department of Transportation and work with other organizations helping out with the project.

New Business

Picnic and Yard Sale: We need to pick a weekend for both events. Typically the picnic is the second week after Labor Day and the Yard Sale is the first week after Labor Day. We need to decide if those two dates good with everyone. We also need volunteers for either event.

It was a consensus that the yard sale should be kept to the same weekend as prior years – the first Saturday after Labor Day. The group thought the separate date for the picnic was a good idea. If you are interested in volunteering for either event, please contact Jeff Miller at jeff030167@indy.rr.com.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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. WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGING DATES FOR TRASH PICK UP. GO TO WWW.INDYGOV/TRASHIMPROVEMENTS
- 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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