

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10th, 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 Doug Dilling.

Attendees: Glenn Blackwood, Paul Buckley, Georgia Cravey, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Joe Lamusga, Doug Litsey, Jeff Miller, Rhonda Pepper, Priscilla Tucker, Mike McCormick, Peggy Spohr.

Guests: Cindy Budyn – Smoke Free Indy

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

IMPD Update: No officer present

MNL Update: No MNL present

Smoke Free Indy: Cindy Budyn came to share that Smoke Free Indy is doing a series of public education talks regarding tobacco use in Indianapolis. They are looking for opportunities to provide information about the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) and answer questions regarding passing a comprehensive smoke-free air ordinance in Indianapolis that would make all bars, nightclubs, bowling alleys, etc smoke free. They gave a brief presentation on the topic. Information can be found at www.smokefreeindy.com. The desire is to have something before the city county council sometime in the mid to late fall.

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: It was mentioned that work is being done on 605 Lord Street w/o a COA, however it seemed to all be internal work. As we were happy to see progress on this home, we decided we would just keep an eye on the work for now.

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 \$8,704.42. 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 is moving the accounts to PNC (National City). There was some discussion about restricted funds – specifically the grant funds for the flower pots on Pine Street as well as any funds restricted for the economic development group. We will get these amounts for Mike.

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 sent along the proposal for the construction schedule that was approved at the last meeting to the Cultural Trail team and they were very appreciative to receive the information.

There is an upcoming public meeting on Tuesday, August 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fountain Square Theatre on Prospect. There will be updates on the latest progress on the plans for our leg of the trail.

The Fountain Square Merchants Association is worried about how construction could impact them, based upon what happened on Mass Ave. They are requesting specifics on the requirements being given to the contractors for the bidding process and what penalties will be inflicted if the requirements are not met.

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: The picnic is set for the 18th of September. Jim/Georgia will get the grill once again. The association will fund food and utensils. Attendees will bring a side dish or desert. It was requested that we ask for spraying for mosquitoes, but that we keep spraying limited to the park. We also discussed getting it mowed before the picnic. The yard Sale is 11th. David will get flyers ready again for this year. We are hopeful Rick can get up the signs once again.

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

Update: 555 Lord Street is enhancing the fence in the back yard. It is a very well laid out project. We voted to wholeheartedly support the project. 534 Fletcher Ave is working on a garage. We voted to support those plans as well, as they have been revised as per the advice from the Land Use Committee and the IHPC.

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: No new news regarding the branding and marketing efforts for our commercial area this month.

There are two more new businesses in the area:

- Harloh's (630 Virginia Ave)
- Redwall Live (427 S College)

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 next deadline for articles is the 20th. The Parchment would be September/October, assuming we are able to keep it on schedule. We also discussed needing an Urban Times article. Priscilla agreed to pass along the exciting FletcherWoods article from the Parchment.

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.

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

Update: Jeff shared that the city is authorized to begin spending the \$140 million from the PILOT funds due to the water deal and that Noble Street is on the list for repairs. There will then be another \$325 million to spend, should the water sale go through. Jeff was asked to sit on the RebuildIndy advisory committee if the \$325 million is able to be allocated, due to the work he has done in assessing nearly 160 city miles for infrastructure need.

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: Georgia is working with Susan Beauchamp on the area just East of Fletcher Place over the interstate on Fletcher Avenue.

NeighborWoods Project: Priscilla is coordinating an effort with INDOT and KIB to develop the Buchanan lot as a "neighborwoods". Andrew Hart from KIB has presented 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: The most recent meeting was August 3rd. A lot of progress was made. The neighborhood planting date will be Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, which is good as it will be cooler then. We were fortunate to get that date, as the later in the fall that trees are planted the better the chance that they will survive. Lilly will also plant 50 trees on September 21st. Also, please consider how our current trees are suffering. People to help water on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. are still desperately needed. Please put that evening on your calendars to help out if you can.

Phase 2 will be the art and garden portion. We have applied for a KIB application to fund this. It is recommended that we contribute to phase 2. We normally spend around \$1000 for tree plantings anyway, and this could be considered the associations planting for the year. We voted to provide up to \$2,000 to the project, assuming the remaining portion of the funds are raised. The total project is about \$2500 - \$3000. We will only provide the money up to the amount needed to reach \$3000, should fund raising prove to raise more than \$500 - \$1000. Priscilla will do a solicitation for

donations and we voted to pay for the expenses to do the mailing. The project is very exciting. Way to go Priscilla!

New Business

Lacy Park Maintenance: It was suggested that the board contact Indy Parks and ask if the Lacy Park mowing schedule could be moved to Thursday or Friday's. DPW currently mows faithfully Monday mornings, so by the weekend, the grass has grown and looks the worst of the week's cycle, which is when we have many family picnics, volley ball games, bocce games and even weddings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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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