

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11th, 2009 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 Pfeffer.

Attendees: Peggy Spohr, Paul Buckley, Jennifer Cole, Doug Dilling, Greg Townsend, Bill Lovejoy, David Edy, Jennifer Wolfe, Julie Devine, Rhonda Pfeffer, Marlina Schmid, Gerold Schmid, Larry Pfeffer, Keith Holdsworth, Ben & Sandy Blanton.

Guests: Deputy Mayor Olgen Williams, Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison).

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

Deputy Mayor Olgen Williams, Deputy of Neighborhoods (phone 327-3711 or Olwillia1@indy.gov).

Primary philosophy: neighborhoods should be empowered to make decisions that affect their own areas, as they know best what the concerns are and can usually find the best solutions. Today public safety is #1 concern. Security is a fundamental quality of life issue that directly impacts the health of the neighborhoods. Involvement is the key and maintaining involvement is tough because it takes a lot to be and stay involved. Deputy Mayor Williams welcomes hearing concerns. Problem is there is no money – none in 2008, none in 2009. City was able to speed up reporting and repair of potholes. Keith suggested that while the city is cutting back, some preventative maintenance like street cleaning might be a good idea to preserve existing streets. Mr. Williams said he would look into it and report back.

IMPD Update: No officer present.

MNL Update: Jeff Miller emailed Dennis the top ten infrastructure items for the neighborhood and Dennis is working to ensure DPW understands these are not minor issues. He mentioned East St repaving, specifically some concern about the possibility of moving 512 Warsaw and the affect that move, if it does occur, may have on the new pavement. Dennis passed out an updated version of the MAC guidelines. There is a pending request for DMD to come to the next meeting in September. That is still on AND he will likely bring another person from the Indianapolis Land Bank for a formal presentation. Finally, as daylight shortens, Dennis wants to take one person from the neighborhood and look at street lights and assess which

ones need attention. The big storm that came through on August 4th didn't seem to cause very much damage to FP. Normal trash pick up will collect properly bundled limbs and branches at regularly-scheduled times. If you have very large trunks that you can get to the curb, notify MAC and they will have DPW come out and pick it up with heavy trash service.

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 were no open IHPC violations and no open code/zoning issues to discuss.

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 approximately \$13,000 with about \$4,000 of that committed to various projects.

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: Newspaper deadline for the next issue is fast approaching. Any submissions are welcomed. We are still looking for someone to help with article writing.

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 had one new member last month. There are currently 132 active individual members and 12 business members in the association.

It was asked if it was time to do a new directory. We do them about every 2-3 years and it is time to consider updating the 2006 directory. Doug Dilling offered to sponsor the next directory.

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

Update: No report from the FP Land Use Committee

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: 518 E Warsaw. (NOTE: Keith Holdsworth stepped out for this report) The request for demolition permit has been continued at the request of the Villaggio Development LLC. City Zoning officials, Dave Gilman, Historic Landmarks Foundation and the HR/DC committee members toured the property on Friday, 8/7. The building is not in bad condition, and had been occupied as recently as February. Villaggio has no immediate plan for redevelopment of the site. But they anticipate constructing attached townhouses, once the

property to the West, 514 Warsaw, can be purchased, which is not imminent.

Villaggio has offered to donate the house structure to the neighborhood, provided it could be moved at Historic Landmark Foundation' expense, and placed on a vacant lot to be purchased at HLF (or FPNA) expense using FLIP funds. Our response to that was to inquire the costs of demolition to the structure, and to inquire of the Villaggio, their willingness to fund the relocation lot purchase and redevelopment as a private venture. Jeff York has indicated that the City's position is that 518 Warsaw is still a contributing structure, and that the interior could feasibly be updated to allow for habitation. The City will oppose the request for demolition.

There are 2 side issues that complicate this demolition request:

The electrical utilities were removed from the property at the request of the developer earlier this year. And their reasoning that the property is deteriorating is they do not now have access to restore electricity. Secondly, the property has already been re-assessed as a "vacant lot". **Before the demolition occurred.** We are asking now, how a property can be re-assessed so quickly. (Especially given there are over 12,000 appeals for tax re-assessments pending.) How did Villaggio get this reassessed?

The HR/DC Land Use Committee will await word from the petitioner as to their next request.

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 report.

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

Update: No report.

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 next event is the Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, September 19th. All neighbors are encouraged to come out, bring a covered dish. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by FPNA.

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: Reminder that Wednesday the 19th of August from 6-8pm at the Fountain Sq Theatre building is the update on the trail's progress.

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. We are also working with KIB to do a significant daffodil planting at the top of the Fletcher Street exit from I65/70 the last weekend of October.

Update: Garden club is planning plantings for next spring. There is no update on the soil sample taken from the lot on College.

Old Business

Fall Tree Planting: Keith reported that is committed to organizing the tree planting this year in early November. We missed the KIB free tree deadline, but we will be using Association funds to purchase the trees.

Pleasant Run Cleanup – September 19th is open to any interested persons.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

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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