



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.
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Time	Topic	Comments
	Call to Order and Welcome to New Attendees by Greg Townsend	
	Acceptance of August Minutes	
	Special Guests	
	Police Update (Officer Brown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different media outlets have recently stated that downtown crime is at the highest ever • Tony informed that the media uses a different geography for downtown district than the IMPD so # could sometimes be in conflict • Per Tony, <4% of all crime in is the downtown district so it is still very safe; the crime for downtown is largely quality of life crimes (larceny, etc) • Tony stressed that it is important to report suspicious activities (do not email friends) • Peggy Spohr also reminded the residents in attendance that there is an email crime watch for the neighborhood. Please reference the safety tips on the www.fletcherplace.org website for more information
	Mayor's Neighborhood Liason (Lisa Laflin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa apologized for lack of representation from Mayor's Office • There were multiple association meetings on the same night making it difficult for Mayor's Neighborhood Liason to attend all meetings; situation has been rectified and Lisa is now dedicated to FPNA • Her role is to be a bridge between neighborhoods in the city and to help navigate the various offices in the city • Lisa presented information on Rebuild Indy. Reference www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy, call 317.327.2656 or email RebuildIndy@indy.gov for more information • She also shared information on Indy's "Recycle & Reuse" Program. For more information visit www.kibi.org. The Recycle & Reuse Guide gives information on how to reuse and recycle nearly everything • Request from Georgia Cravey was to get the streets finished. Streets are not painted and/or temporary lanes are confusing, particularly on Fletcher and College. Also manhole covers are raised, wreaking havoc on cars • She can be contacted at 317.327.5595 or lisa.laflin@indy.gov • Lisa will do her best to get back to you in 24 – 48 hrs
	We Care (Donna Graebel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna discussed the "We Care"- a trash and litter campaign • It is a resident driven campaign to improve and maintain the beauty and appearance of Southeast neighborhoods, yards, streets and alleys through regular maintenance and monitoring • Request is for neighbors to complete a simple pledge form to proclaim their care for the neighborhood and encourage other residents to join the campaign. In return you will receive a window decal, sign or garden sign • Please contact Donna at 317.631.8709 if you have questions or would like more information • There is no conflict with "Adopt-a-Block" campaign
	Cell Phone Tower (Sherilyn Bodi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherilyn discussed changes to the AT&T wireless communications tower located at 460 Virginia Ave • Request is to update the tower to allow for 3G or 4G capabilities • This requires update the structure to allow for new antennae adding an additional 20 ft to the tower • Due to rule changed in 1998 a variance is needed • Motion made and accepted to increase the height by 20 ft • Letter will be sent to IHPC from FPNA to support the variance
	David Kingen (City of Indianapolis, City Planner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David discussed variance for the property located at 401 North College • There is a desire to turn the property into a deli/convenience store • The property is appropriately zoned but a variance is needed for the following items:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce # of required off street parking from 10 spaces to 3 ○ Allow for carryout of food service within 100 ft of protective district ○ Allow for outdoor dining in C-3 district ○ Legally establish the existing front transitional yards reduced setbacks ● The request is for FPNA support to the above 4 variances and an update to the façade ● David also asked for input for the name of the facility and suggestions for what the the neighborhood residents would like to see in a /convenience store ● Suggestions from residents in attendance at the meeting were to ensure garbage can is outside, that the store sell newspapers, the Coca Cola sign is kept, and a Redbox video be available on the inside (IHPC would likely not allow one on the outside) ● IHPC Hearing is October 5th ● Beer/liquor could not be sold without an additional variance ● The FP Land Use/ COA/Code Compliance/Zoning will evaluate the variance and make a decision by Sept 24th. ● Greg will then email the decision to the residents
	<p>Tony Pearson (Melina Kennedy Campaign)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tony discussed the 2021 Plan: A Vision for Education ● This plan will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase the number of children who can read at a third-grade level ○ Focus on job skills and worker training ○ Recruit and retain the most effective teachers ○ Expand access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math ● Read Melina's full education plan at www.MelinaKennedy.com or call 317.777.7276 with questions.
Committee Reports:		
	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total unrestricted cash balance is \$8,255.63 ● 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.
	<p>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: • 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 completed after Super Bowl is done (Feb. 2012).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update provided ● Please reference www.indyculturaltrail.org for more information
	<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"> ● GREAT PICNIC on 09.11.11! ● Special thanks to Judy Litsey for her efforts!
	<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"> ● Please see notes above on 401 N. College



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	<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"> • Joe Giacoletti, chair of the HR/DC Land Use Committee, submitted an update/recommendation via email on the proposed development of the BMV property on Virginia Ave. • A second meeting was held to review the proposal by Milhaus Development. • It appears that the basics of the original site plan remain intact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The entrance/exit to the project will be via Merrill Street ○ The basic design of the structure, along Virginia Ave, with no access to Virginia Ave remains the same from the original plan. The implications of this are there will be substantial traffic flow by not only apartment residents but also trash trucks and service vehicles, as well as commercial patrons directed to and from Merrill Street. • Changes made include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating 17 parking spaces that are accessible from the alley between Warsaw and Merrill St. (which will impact Merrill St indirectly) ○ The solid waste/trash enclosure will be relocated from Merrill Street to the West edge of the property(as was recommended by FPNA) • To that end, the HR/DC Land Use Committee recommends the Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association oppose the site plan for the project as it exists in this plan. It was further recommended that the FPNA insist that access/egress be from Virginia Ave. • After discussion, a motion was made and accepted to support the HR/DC Land Use Committee position.
	<p>Newspaper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update
	<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>By Laws Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda presented primary updates to the Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificates of membership will no longer be printed and dispersed to members ○ Elected directors will be asked to commit to a three year term with the option of serving a second 3-year term. After a director has served two consecutive 3-year terms, he/she is ineligible to serve again for one year. ○ Standing committees will be the membership and land use committees ○ All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issues in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by any two directors consisting of the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. • Other changes to the bylaws are minor. Contact Rhonda Peffer if you have questions on any of the changes. • Motion made and accepted to present the proposed changes to the membership via email, or hand delivery if needed, in the next two weeks requesting approval, following with a final vote to accept or reject the revised bylaws at the October 2011 meeting
	<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"> • Please see notes above from Mayor's Neighborhood Liason



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	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At request of Farm Bureau, Greg has informed FPNA that the Farm Bureau would like for dog owners to pick up dog residue in the Farm Bureau green space; At the request of some of the residents, Greg will suggest to the Farm Bureau to provide trash receptacles and provide bags to help reduce the amount of dog waste • Regarding the removal of Fletcher Place signs on the HRDC side of the neighborhood: There has been no response from HRDC Neighborhood Association after a month and a half of FPNA's request to return the FPNA signs and remove the HRDC signs from the FPNA brackets. Motion was made and supported to remove the HRDC signs from the FPNA brackets.
	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FPNA meeting next month and thereafter will be held at 642 Virginia Avenue
	Attendees	Peggy Spohr, Paul Romer, Erin Romer, Donna Graebel, Rhonda Pepper, Kathleen Murphy, Larry Pepper, Georgia Cravey, Shannon Kikendale, Tony Pearson, Sharilyn Bodi, David Kingen, Chris Fields, Jennifer Wolfe, Jeff Miller, Tony Brown, Greg Townsend, Doug Litsey, Judy Litsey
	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 642 Virginia Ave. • 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.