

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14th, 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 Rhonda Peffer.

Attendees: Louise Alexander, Glenn Blackwood, Sandy Blanton, Paul Buckley, Julie Devine, David Edy, Keith Holdsworth, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Rhonda Peffer, Rebecca Pendarvis, Ron Reichel, Rob Simonds, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Jennifer Wolfe.

Guests: Officer Brown (IMPD)

Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were posted online. There was one small change to last month's minutes. The funding that was committed to the FletcherWoods project by the association, which is up to \$2000, is for the hardscape and paths, which is part of Phase ONE. Phase TWO is the garden at the East St. end, and no money is needed for that; KIB is handling all costs. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

IMPD Update: Officer Brown presented phone numbers for all of the different districts. The downtown district is 327-6500. Larceny continues to be our biggest issue. We have had some tagging issues, so continue to turn in any issues with larceny and tagging.

MNL Update: There is a list for roads that will be repaired with the first \$55 million from the water sale. The link is [http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Documents/\\$55%20Million%20Investment%20List.pdf](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Documents/$55%20Million%20Investment%20List.pdf). The Mayor's Night Out for the Southeast side is Thursday, August 16th.

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: None.

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 \$8,674.98. Debits for the year \$4,160.07 and credits \$6,483.41. 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. 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 committee. We will get these amounts for Mike.

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.

The neighborhood planting date will 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 for Phase 1, there is a proposed trail going through the project. The total path cost is about \$2500 or \$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.

Phase 2 will be an art and garden portion. Priscilla applied for a KIB application to fund this.

Update: The updated estimate for the path is \$4200. A second bid came in at \$3800, but the second contractor suggested we go with the other bid. This includes just the trail itself at 5' wide. It does not include the more grandiose neighborhood entrance at East and the interstate. Priscilla also shared that she received the INDOT permission. There was a question on whether the contract was fixed price or not and wording was suggested to give to the contractor to ensure that it is a fixed contract.

We will donate up to \$2000 to the completion of the current bid. The current bid will be reviewed by the board if it changes. We authorize Mike to sign for and make payment on the contract and we authorize Priscilla to be our agent for dispersal of funds.

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: We had great turnout at the most recent (10th!) public meeting for the CT committee meeting for the Southeast Corridor on Tuesday, August 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fountain Square Theatre on Prospect. Nearly 50 people were in attendance, including residents, business owners and other interested parties on/near Virginia Ave., mostly from Fletcher Place and Fountain Square.

Information shared

- ICT organizers shared "99.9% finished" plans with the group. (Since then, the plans have been 100% finalized.) ICT has listened to feedback from business owners and residents and the final plans reflect the following tweaks:
- Virginia St. (FP) will move to 24/7 parking, no longer AM/PM
- Now included are outdoor cafe areas in front of the Calvin Fletcher Coffee House and the Dugout, and the 500 Festival Building.
- Two historic markers from FP will be repositioned at FP expense to a landscaped area on the Trail.
- Stick lights in FS retail area are now farther apart (were 45', now 60')
- Contractor will provide access to all businesses and buildings at all times.

- Contractor cannot provide advertising to promote businesses (not in the budget)
- Contractor/ICT will provide a three-week notice before any street can be closed
- FSMA and FPNA opinions on 24/7 construction have been forwarded to the City, who will work with the selected contractor to ensure that the organizations' wishes are followed.

Next Steps

- IHPC approved the plans for the Southeast Corridor on Sept. 1. That clears the way for the ICT to prepare information to solicit construction bids. The bid contracts will be let on Dec. 8 (tentative date). Assuming a 45-day review, that means the selected contractor could start work in late January, 2011.

Construction timetable goals (subject to change)

- 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).

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. It was also discussed that we should contact the fire dept regarding bringing a truck. Jeff will do this.

The yard Sale was on the 11th and was a good success. Thanks to David for getting the flyers ready, Jeff for collecting the names to go on them, Joanne for advertising, and Rick for putting up the banners. A question came up regarding whether we should consider a yard sale in the spring. Perhaps we could even do two. We have heard feedback that we are one of the few that does it in the fall and thus it is a highly anticipated event, versus in the spring there would be a lot more competition from other neighborhood sales.

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

Update: 322 S College asked for permission to demolish the block garage. It only requires staff approval as it is a non-historic structure. A question was brought up regarding 525 S College and why that isn't demolished yet so we will check on it.

We also discussed the Mexican Consulate that is coming in at 333 S East Street (the old printing building). We are hopeful someone from the consulate could attend an upcoming meeting to talk with us about the plans. Those who have friends at the current consulate (which is in Union Station) have said that they consider the consulate to be a very good neighbor. The people who visit there usually must have appointments, so it's not a big crowd. The people are polite, well-behaved and "rules-oriented".

The only concern that has been raised is parking. Lord Street residents are considering resident only parking due to this. Jeff will assist any residents that are interested in this.

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, which is what the committee is currently focused on.

There is another new business in the area:
- Tortas Guicho Dominguez y El Cubanito (641 Virginia)

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: No update.

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: The RebuildIndy link was shared above during the MNL report: [http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Documents/\\$5%20Million%20Investment%20List.pdf](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Documents/$5%20Million%20Investment%20List.pdf). Fletcher Ave is being resurfaced as part of another project and East is being resurfaced as part of this project. Also, Noble is on the list for next year as far as we know.

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. We will add this item back in once there is additional info on it.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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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