

**Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, Inc. (FPNA)**  
([www.fletcherplace.org](http://www.fletcherplace.org))

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 13th, 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 Bill Lovejoy. This month's meeting was held at Calvin Fletcher's Coffee Company. Special thanks to the owner Doug Litsey for hosting the meeting.

**Attendees:** Robb Biddinger, Paul Buckley, Jennifer Cole, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, Jason and Vanessa Flora, Keith Holdsworth, Doug and Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Pepper, Gerold and Marlina Schmid.

**Guests:** Officer Tony Brown (IMPD), Dennis Papenmeier (Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison).

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

**IMPD Update:** Officer Brown came and reported the following:

- Vehicle theft is the biggest downtown issue right now. It has been particularly bad down by Lucas Oil Stadium. Increased police presence will hopefully address this.
- Graffiti is the next biggest issue. We will send the address of the Pierson Printing building to Officer Brown because of the graffiti that has been there for awhile.

**MNL Update:** Dennis shared info about the following items:

- Dennis reminded us that it is flu season and we need to get our shots and he handed out flyers about the H1N1 virus
- Dennis will be looking into ways to get some of the larger nearby corporations (Anthem, Farm Bureau, and Lilly) involved in the neighborhoods
- Bill asked when we would know about the infrastructure list for 2010 and mentioned pothole issues in the alleys. Both Jeff and Dennis asked to know if potholes are turned in and are not being corrected within three approx. days.
- It was asked what is being done about the homeless people at the gateways to our city. Dennis said there are multiple things being looked at and that it is a very complicated issue.

## 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: Jeff, who leads the auditing committee, presented the quarterly summary of the finances. After three quarters, the total revenue is \$5,157.69; the total expense is \$4,837.16; and there is a change in net assets of \$320.53. The cash balance is \$11,900.34 with about \$2,000 of that committed to various projects. We recently paid for planters and for yard sale banners.

We discussed doing snow plowing again, as we did last year. We also discussed needing an article in the Parchment to remind folks to move cars if they can so that the plowing can occur. We only plow when it is 6" or more, due to the large cost of plowing (\$600 last year).

**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: The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 at the Fountain Square Theatre building. The closer we get the more final the plans get, so make sure to attend if you are interested in seeing how things will look. There was a call for poetry entries for the bus stop art work along our Virginia Ave leg. There were also several articles about the Cultural Trail and other Fletcher Place and Fountain Square projects in the latest Urban Times.

**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: Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is the daffodil plantings for next spring, starting at 9:00, and meeting at the intersection of Pine and Fletcher. There will also be a tree planting of 22 trees. We may also have 4 additional oak trees that need a home. One idea that Rhonda is pursuing is looking for ways to reduce the travel of noise down Pine Street from the interstate by adding trees.

**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 was a great day on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Julie Devine for planning the event and Jim Lingenfelter for getting the grill for us. We are also looking at a Progressive Dinner in December. Jeff will send out an email to the neighborhood to ask people to email Julie if interested.

**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](mailto:giacoletti@mibor.net) for the location.

Update: Joe was not able to make the meeting, but Jeff shared the update that Joe gave him on 518 Warsaw. The hearing for the demolition permit will be held October 15th, at 10:00 AM. Those interested in supporting or opposing the petition are encouraged to attend. The Land -Use Committee, and it appears the City Regional Center staff, are opposing the petition.

After giving the report, a vote was taken to support the LU Committee position and all were in favor.

**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: The economic development work plan for Virginia Avenue is almost complete.

**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](mailto: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: The next issue is a picture issue so send Kathy your pictures for consideration.

**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 update.

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

Update: Harrison will be replaced next month but we are unsure of how much of it will be replaced. Jeff is also checking on why the Fletcher exit isn't being mowed regularly.

### Old Business

**Community Garden:** Robb gave an update on garden. The owner wants the association to sign liability statements for it, but we would prefer that individual gardeners sign. Robb is working with the owner on it.

**Dog Park:** Doug Dilling wrote an article in the Urban Times regarding a Dog Park for our monthly Fletcher Place article, so make sure check it out. If you are interested in a dog park in the neighborhood, please contact Doug using the email at the bottom of the minutes. Keith suggested that the area needs to be large or the dogs will wear it down.

**Bike Racks:** There is an effort to put in bike racks in Lacy Park. This would be a wonderful amenity.

**Parking the wrong way:** It was reported that there are cars on Noble that have been parking the wrong way. They may begin to be ticketed so owners should take caution to park the correct direction.

### New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

### 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](mailto: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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