

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9th, 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 Jennifer Wolfe.

Attendees: Robb and Ginger Biddinger, Glenn Blackwood, Glen Burkhart, Georgia Cravey, Nate and Angie Davis, Julie Devine, Doug Dilling, David Edy, David Fishburn, Jason Flora, Keith Holdsworth, Joseph Lamusga, Doug and Judy Litsey, Bill Lovejoy, Billy Mattingly, Mike McCormick, Jeff Miller, Larry and Rhonda Pepper, Linda Perdue, Andrew Renke, Ron and Sylvia Reichel, Gerold Schmid, Dennis Sheets, Peggy Spohr, Greg Townsend, Priscilla Tucker, Jennifer Wolfe, Laura Zarco.

Guests: Officer Brown (IMPD), Juan Solana (Mexican Consul), Scott Travis (North of South project).

Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were posted online. They were accepted unanimously.

IMPD Update: Officer Brown reported that vandalism and graffiti has been an issue over to the East of the neighborhood but mostly no issues in our area. From a statistics standpoint, downtown is about 1% of the total city crime, which is an amazing stat about how safe it is.

MNL Update: No MNL present

Mexican Consul: Mr. Juan Solana with the consul came to share information about the project coming to our neighborhood on East Street. They provide services to Mexican and US Citizens. There are about 12 or 13 employees and they try to keep the crowds small, averaging around 10 to 20 customers in the building at a time. They have about 20 parking spaces at or near the building. They are looking to get meters installed in front of the building on East Street. The building will likely be ready in December, but probably won't open until February. All in attendance welcomed the consul to the neighborhood.

North of South: Scott Travis with Buckingham Cos presented the North of South project. It is planned on land that now houses a parking lot north of South Street between Delaware Street and Virginia Avenue. The land is owned by Lilly who hired Buckingham to create the project. Among the plans for the mixed-use project is a 148-room hotel (aimed at corporate travelers for the three large businesses across the street: Lilly, Farm Bureau and Anthem), 320

high-end apartments, 40,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space, and a 27,000-square-foot YMCA. There would be a lot of improvement of the roads for traffic and pedestrian travel. Scott shared that parking should be more than sufficient for the needs. The project will go before the council in December and before the Regional Center in January. If all goes well, they will be breaking ground in February with completion in 2012. The tallest structure is planned at six stories with other structures at five or four stories.

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: No update.

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 \$7,283.57, with inflows during the calendar year of \$16,734.87 and outflows of \$20,449.62, for a net decrease in funds of \$3,714.75. If anyone is interested in the detailed breakdown of the finances, it can be emailed to you by contacting Mike at mike@cpamccormick.com.

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).

Update: December 8th is still the date that bids will be let. Next public meeting will likely be the first week of January

[Update after the conclusion of the association meeting: Bill reported that the next public meeting won't be until February at the earliest].

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: Looking at a December social event, normally a progressive dessert event. Julie will send out an email asking for host homes.

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

Update: No update.

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.

Craig Von Deylen came to share at the October meeting the project he's been planning for awhile is now ready to get underway. The project is the old Mail of Indy building at the south end of Virginia. Craig presented on the project several months ago and the association voted to support it at that time. Craig is now proposing a change to it. In particular, the building is going down one story. Because height was the only lingering concern that some association members had with the original plans, this will likely be very well received by everyone. The plans are to break ground

for the residential portion late spring of next year and the business portion would start six months to a year later. There is a letter of intent from the IMOCA to occupy the building. We voted to write a letter of support for the revised plans.

Update: The new formed Holy Rosary Neighborhood Association did not receive notice of the hearing, as they were not registered with the city at the time, but Craig decided to continue the case to allow the president, Tony Simeone, to review the plans. It will likely be approved at the next hearing.

Jeff also confirmed with the city that it was okay for us to have overlapping neighborhood associations. Thus, the Fletcher Place neighborhood association will continue to represent the entire neighborhood (including the Fletcher Place and Holy Rosary / Danish Church Historic Districts) and the Holy Rosary neighborhood association will represent the Holy Rosary / Danish Church Historic District. As we commence upon our future membership drives, we will continue to represent both historic districts as long as residents in both districts continue to join the association. David did mention that it will take a bylaws change if we decided our boundaries should be revised.

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: – Two offices of professionals have relocated to Fletcher Place Terrace, the mixed-use buildings constructed last year by Perkins VonDeylen Architects in the 400 block of South College Avenue. They are:

- Lewis and Wilkins, a law firm specializing in a variety of specialties including business law, family law, health care law and real estate law. The firm, previously located in the Guaranty Building on Monument Circle, occupies 2,033 square feet of space. It features a staff of seven, including four attorneys. Lewis and Wilkins also has offices in South Bend and a newly opened office in Fishers.

- Wound Vision, a medical firm which recently produced an infrared scanner to detect the formation of bedsores. The firm, founded by head and neck surgeon Dr. James Spahn, also specializes in software which gives physicians more sophisticated information about a patient's medical condition.

The Fletcher Place Terrace recently lost its first tenant when a strategic services firm known as Pulse Creative Partners dissolved.

It was also mentioned that Donato's has opened in the Villaggio.

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.

We do need to search for a new editor. If anyone is interested, we would love to have the Parchment back up and running again. It is our preferred means of communication with the association. Please contact David Edy (davidkeith89@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

If we can't get the Parchment going again, we should start discussing the Urban Times as an option for being our official means of communication with the association. This has responsibilities as well, such as home delivery like the Parchment, but we don't need a formal editor (we just need to send a monthly submission) and we don't need to do the graphic arts layout work. However, we are hopeful we can find a Parchment editor.

Update: We still have no editor, so need to decide what we want to do soon. Georgia asked about a Facebook site. We have a linked in site, but no Facebook, so that could be worth considering.

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: Jeff asked if there was a reason we have done the membership drives in February and instead suggested

perhaps the January or December meeting. Keith will consider it and get back to us.

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

Update: Jeff mentioned that work continues on getting resident parking on Lord Street and on the south side of Fletcher. Robb said that he didn't like the idea of it on Fletcher, so Jeff suggested he talk to the residents, as this is a resident driven request. The association simply helped residents know the steps to take.

David mentioned we need to keep an eye out for graffiti. Robb mentioned that some of the street lights have been turned in along College. There was a question regarding when the asphalt will be finished on Fletcher, and Jeff will check into it. Georgia also suggested we get a stop sign at Lord and Cincinnati, as this is a dangerous intersection. Robb said he would look into it.

Old Business

Holy Rosary Neighborhood Association: Last month we discussed the new neighborhood association that is forming. Its boundaries include the southern half of the neighborhood, south of Virginia Ave. This overlaps with the current Fletcher Place neighborhood association. 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.

Update: See the updated information under the Holy Rosary / Danish Church Land Use Committee report above.

New Business

HUNI Report: Jim Lingenfelter, our HUNI representative, reported on the recent HUNI meeting in early November. There was a report from the HUNI web site committee. The committee is working to complete a website that ties together information from all the historic neighborhoods. Fletcher Place has shared the information on our current web site for consideration and inclusion.

The summer study committee reviewing the Preservation district process gave their report and recommendations. The study committee was responding to legislation proposed last year by Senator Pat Miller (SB 177). The study committee was proposed by HUNI representatives and established by the city county council. Councilors Ben Hunter and Brian Mahern were joined by Scott Pannike representing McANA and Kate Flock representing realtors and Mike Arnold representing HUNI. Other HUNI members organized presentations including the effect of the Preservation District rules on things like property values, tax assessment, permit issuance and a focus on how districts are created. Gary Chillufo (St Joseph), Sally Cook (Woodruff) and Marg Keinle (Lockerbie) gathered information, prepared information and helped with the presentations.

A brief synopsis of the recommendations: Sen. Miller will not pursue SB 177, but will instead pursue legislation that will require real estate agents to disclose if a property is in an historic district.

IHPC will review the processes used to establish a district. IHPC will also place a one year moratorium on establishing new districts. Councilors Hunter and Mahern will investigate ordinances that would place signs identifying districts. They will also look into new sections of the contractor licensing process to make sure contractors are aware of historic district requirements.

Mayor's Award: Jim also shared that Jeff received the Mayor's Community Service Award, which was announced at the HUNI meeting. Jeff served as HUNI president for three years.

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.
- 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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