

FPNA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Fletcher Place Arts and Books

Attendees

Glenn Blackwood Ben Blanton Sandy Blanton Rosemary Bova-Wood

Dennis Carr Georgia Cravey Malissa Escalente Vanessa Flora Jim Greig Andy Howard Chris Huckaba Julia Huckaba

Victoria Knowles

Beth Lindsay

Jim Lingenfelter Jeff Miller Larry Peffer Rhonda Peffer **Brad Perdiew** Sarah Savage Gerold Schmid Joe Shoemaker Bryan Truex Jackie Watts Stephen Williams Julie Yeater Ben Tapper

Topic

Comments/Actions

Call to Order

Glenn Blackwood - President glennblackwood@gmail.com

- A. Introductions and welcome of new attendees.
- B. Review of January 2016: Joe Shoemaker moved and Georgia Cravey seconded. January 2016 minutes are approved.

II. **Special Guests**

IMPD Downtown District Community Relations Officer

Officer Kim Evans kimberly.evans@indy.gov 317.327.6515

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Downtown

District Office: 317.327.6500

Non-Emergency Dispatch: 317.327.3811

- Not in attendance, but Glenn gave an update
- We have a new commander downtown district commander but Officer Evans is not scheduled for transfer.
- Glenn explained that our community relations officer and mayor's neighborhood liaison (advocate) attend every other FPNA meeting due to the need to attend other neighborhood meetings in their districts.

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, South Center Region Lisa Laflin 317.452.0316 (cell) Lisa.Laflin@indy.gov	Not in attendance
City-County Council/District 19 Jeff Miller jeff030167@indy.rr.com	 Council passed a proposal for protecting the homeless / homeless rights. Focused on camp closures and giving rights to those who are in homeless camps For example, a 15-day notice and storage for 2 months and services for those who want it. Passed 23-2. Indy Chamber and the Council are discussing ways to incentivize businesses to pay a living wage.
III. Committee and Representative Reports	
Finance	 Not in attendance. (See membership for our monthly income.) Glenn would like to establish a committee to set an annual budget (see old business).
Membership Dennis Carr <u>Carr550@gmail.com</u>	 Please renew your membership via email, online, or paper form We will be improving the ways you can sign up and renew membership Total: 45 Members (renewals and a few new members) 4 new business members \$1150 collected so far from this total number of members Coffee with Neighbors 10-11AM; The 2nd Saturdays will remain at Calvin Fletchers and the 3rd Saturdays will rotate to different locations. February 13th at Calvin Fletchers February 20th will be at General American Donuts at 10AM
Fletcher Place Land Use Glenn Blackwood Reported	 Glenn scheduled a meeting for March 1st at 6:30PM at 660 Virginia. Keith stepped down, but we haven't established a new land use chair. We need to determine a new chair. Hearings: RC approved a variance for a carport on Warsaw (2/2). The Noble Street alley vacation will be heard on 2/10. Hotel Tango has filed suit against IHPC to have their commitments prohibiting indoor live entertainment and closing at 10 pm repealed. The land use committee will need to discuss this and provide a recommendation to FPNA. Jeff Miller indicated this was there only answer because the LUC would not negotiate with them. Parking along College north of Fletcher to Washington has become an area of discussion. Parking on both sides "quiets" traffic.
Social Sarah Savage savsarah @gmail.com	 Happy Birthday to Calvin Fletcher! Dinner Club at Spice Box February 16th Social Committee on February 25th at 6pm For the 6:30 social time, there is a sign-up sheet for neighbors to contribute and bring a dish (snacks and drinks).
Urban Times Rhonda Peffer rlpeffer@sbcglobal.net	No update, but if you have ideas for stories, please let Rhonda know.
HUNI Jim Lingenfelter / Glenn Blackwood	 Georgia attended the annual meeting and reported back. They elected officers. Glenn Blackwood is the vice president of HUNI (3 year term). It's nice to get to hear the concerns and activities of other neighborhoods. Big topic for 2016: Signage/Bill board issue, and Red Line. Their goal is to bring historic neighborhoods together and present a unified voice to the city. Jim Lingenfelter will continue as the Fletcher Place representative to HUNI.
Southeast Neighborhood Congress SEND	March 24 th

	Woodlawn public parking lot—the economic development committee discussed what to do with this space that is owned by SEND Parking Meters—The city is looking for new places for parking meters to replace spots lost to Blue Indy.
IV. Old Business KIB	 February 11th—Greenspace alumni club meeting. Someone else will need to attend these when Glenn rolls off of the Board. Cultural Trail Spring Cleaning—March 26th Neighborhood Cleanup—April 23rd is our target date Bryan will be contacting the block captains to see if they want to continue to do it for the next year. Little Big Grant—Glenn applied for a grant to cover the costs of a garbage barrel and received it this past week. The plan is to place it in front of the Calvin Fletcher's School Apt. Building.
Great Indy Cleanup	Set for April 23 rd
Budget	 Discussion Open to the floor Dennis Carr suggested a budget committee to come up with ideas on what to do with the money in our accounts such as promote our neighborhood and the local businesses. Jim suggested a general outline for the yearly budget with other support throughout the year. FPNA is a 501c(4). We are tax exempt, but we are not a 503c(3). A (c)4 is a Social welfare organizations, not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and expected to give back to the community. Glenn suggested a budget committee. Glenn will post it on next door. Bryan moved to allow Glenn to make a call out for a committee. Stephen Williams seconded. Approved: Glenn will post this on Next door and Facebook to get the word out. One thing that the committee and FPNA will need to discuss is liability insurance. Jim L. suggested to ask HUNI to see what other neighborhood associations do or if they have liability insurance.
Voting	 Joe will invite Jesse Kharbanda (running for Indiana State) to attend a meeting.
TOP 5 Issues	 Jeff Miller uses these issues as talking points during the Leadership Summit Our Top 5: Parking—We don't want parking garages in the neighborhood. Hopefully with the Red Line, parking won't be too bad Traffic—Speeding on the through streets. Infrastructure—Repair Alleys and sidewalks. Planning and Preservation—Our Historical Preservation plan is 35 years old. Jim L. would like to do a study on the Virginia Ave corridor and figure out ways to make this move forward with both the historical side as well as the new business coming in. Georgia suggested a dog park somewhere in the neighborhood. Neighborhood ID-Signs throughout the neighborhood around the boundaries.
Infrastructure	 We need to survey our streets and alleys in order to prioritize reparis for DPW (Indy. The last survey was in 2009 (through SEND). A few roads and a few alleys are still on the list. Glenn suggested a new infrastructure chair or to roll this over into another committee (land use?) Vacating alleys was discussed. Tomorrow, February 10th, there is a plat committee hearing for an alley to be vacated.

V. New Business	
Revising bylaws	We would need to establish a committee to go through this process.
Political Candidates	Jim L. suggested that Joe Shoemaker should contact all parties and candidates running to speak at our neighborhood meetings.
Smoking along the Trail	 Georgia asked about a Little Big Grant to get a cigarette receptacle (smoke butler) for the smokers who are littering on Virginia by Anthem (the Swarm under the bridge). Jim L suggested contacting Anthem and the Cultural Trail. Glenn has discussed this at length with Lisa Laflin, Justin Moed, and the Southeast Neighborhood Congress
Southeast Community Services Ben Tapper btapper@southeastindy.org	 Chopped Fundraiser—This year they are having neighborhoods face off against each other at the beginning of March February 22nd. Let Ben Tapper know if you want a Chopped Team Andy Howard will be the Chopped Point Person for this activity.
Coming soon	 Coffee with Neighbors February 13th and 20th Dinner Club and Board Retreat February 16th Social Media and Website February 20th Land Use Committee meeting March 1st Next FPNA Meeting March 8th SE Neighborhood Congress March 24th The Cultural Trail Spring Cleaning March 26th National Night Out August 2nd
IV. Adjourn	

Respectfully submitted: Julia Huckaba