



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Fletcher Place Arts and Books

Attendees	
Topic	Comments/Actions
Blackwood, Glenn Duncan, Emily Fields, Chris Flora, Vanessa George, Terry and Patricia Knauer, Jim and Jill Litsey, Judy Lovejoy, Bill Miller, Jeff and Gabe Phoebus, Julia Romer, Paul Truex, Rick Weiner, Andrea	
I. Call to Order <i>Glenn Blackwood, President</i> <i>Glenn Blackwood</i> glenn.blackwood@gmail.com	
A. Introductions and welcome B. Review of April minutes	
II. Special Guests	
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) <i>Joe Jarzen</i> <i>Community Engagement</i> jjarzen@kibi.org 317.264.7555, ext. 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIB is now committed to working with partners over a 3 year period. • The Merrill Street townhouse pocket park will include art. • The Adopt-a-Block Program was introduced, providing a way to work with neighbors to keep a block clean. • The Ambassador Program, a new opportunity for volunteers who want to become more engaged with KIB, was also introduced. • The green space by the I-70 exit ramp was discussed as a possible project. Applications are due by July 9. (Andrea Weiner has expressed willingness to spearhead this project.)
City-County Council <i>Jeff Miller</i> jeff030167@indy.rr.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Blackwood and Terry George attended the "Department of Public Safety Graffiti Eradication Efficiency Team," which is helping set policy and procedures around graffiti abatement. According to a newly-passed law that goes into effect July 1, it is now protected under the Good Samaritan Law that a person can abate graffiti on a vacant or abandoned property without the owner's permission. It is best to try to reach the owner, but it isn't required. • A panhandling proposal will be discussed at the next city-council meeting (no solicitation zone in city mile square). • Budget cuts will be coming.
Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison <i>Lisa Laflin</i> 317.452.0316 (cell) Lisa.Laflin@indy.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPW bike boxes will be created – green painted area for cyclists to wait at intersections, allowing them to turn safely ahead of traffic. • Three locations for toxic drops are available on Saturdays (one Saturday per month at each

	location). The 1725 West Street location accepts toxic waste on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11 am.
III. Committee Reports	
Social Vanessa Flora flora.vanessa@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A garden exchange will take place Saturday, July 13, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m. at Fletcher Place Arts & Books. The exchange is open to Fletcher Place and Fountain Square residents. RSVPs are to be made to Vanessa via email or on Next Door. Andrea Weiner and Marta from Biz are assisting Vanessa with this event.
Indianapolis Cultural Trail Bill Lovejoy blovejoy123@yahoo.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill will give feedback to the Cultural Trail planning committee regarding the opening activities for the trail. These events were considered highly successful by attendees. • The neighborhood association expressed appreciation to Bill and Jeff Miller for their work over the past months to make the trail a possibility.
Italian Street Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lacy Leadership Association has scheduled a cleanup for Lacy Park, Friday, June 7, 2:00 p.m., before the Italian Street Festival.
Infrastructure Terry George tgeorge@indot.in.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is investigating to see if a plan is in place for short and long term needs for Lacy Park. The Lacy Foundation and Parks Foundation have handled park maintenance and upkeep. • Some current needs include: picnic tables, signage, benches, seeding, mulch.
Newspaper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn suggested taking out ads in the <i>Urban Times</i> listing Fletcher Place merchants, and/or producing a brochure.
Holy Rosary-Danish Church Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilly is requesting the plot with the demolished Bova House on East Street be rezoned from commercial to industrial. • The hearing regarding 741 Greer St property took place today.
IV. Old Business	
Bonding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consultation with a lawyer, it has been determined that it is not necessary for the neighborhood association to purchase insurance.
V. New Business	
Southeast Neighborhood Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Southeast Neighborhood Congress will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Garfield Arts Center in Garfield Park. • Plans for Rapid Transit will be one item of discussion.
VI. Adjournment	