



FPNA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Fletcher Place Arts and Books

Attendees

Bills, JD and Courtney Blackwood, Glenn Blanton, Ben and Sandy Cravey, Georgia Deer, AJ Devine, Julie Flora, Vanessa George, Terry Holdsworth, Keith Howard, Andy Kikendall, Shannon Knauer, Jim and Jill	Litsey, Doug and Judy Mobery, Keith Moore, John and Dawn Murphy, Don and Kathleen Peffer, Rhonda and Larry Perdue, Linda Phoebus, Julia Sheets, Dennis Truex, Bryan Weiner, Andrea Wood, Aaron Wright, Mike
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Topic	Comments/Actions
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I. Call to Order <i>Glenn Blackwood, President</i> <i>Glenn Blackwood</i> glenn.blackwood@gmail.com	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introductions and welcome B. Review of June minutes | |
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II. Special Guests

IMPD Downtown District <i>Officer Tony Brown</i> <i>Community Relations Officer</i> 317.327.6515 Tony.Brown@indy.gov Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Downtown District Office: 317.327.6500 Non-Emergency Dispatch: 317.327.3811	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Brown gave out the following pieces of information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Security Tips (see PDF document) ○ Crime Watch informational brochure ○ Serial Number form • Officer Brown reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An increase in burglaries, especially bicycles ○ About the homicide near Circle City Center ○ Graffiti in neighborhood is from a tagger; it is not gang graffiti ○ Task Force meetings for the Downtown District are held every other month at 4:00 pm. The meetings take place at the Indianapolis Central Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, in the Goodrich Houk Meeting Room, and are open to all who wish to attend. Upcoming meetings include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August 6 – 30th Annual National Night Out Against Crime – District and City-Wide 2. August 8 – 11:00 am Annual Community Day @ Center Block of Georgia Street 3. September 10 4. November 12
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Indy Connect, Bus Rapid Transit Red Line <i>Jen Higgenbotham, AICP, Senior Planner</i> <i>Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</i> jennifer.higginbotham@indy.gov 317.327.5950	Jennifer reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Red Line of the Indy Connect Rapid Transit project will be a bus line. • Station areas are being studied. • A series of public meetings are scheduled to begin on August 6 and continue through August
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	<p>22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets will not have dedicated bus lanes. • House Bill 1011 pertaining to mass transit funding in Central Indiana has gone to a summer study committee. <p>The Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association has been asked to make a recommendation on the location of the Red Line (see PDF document):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Ave/Shelby St • Madison Ave • Virginia Ave/Shelby St with a jog out from Fletcher Ave <p>A motion to table the decision was passed to allow for further study.</p>
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III. Committee Reports

<p>Social <i>Vanessa Flora</i> flora.vanessa@gmail.com</p>	<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 Nextdoor. • A Fletcher Place Playgroup Ice Cream Social will take place Sunday, July 14, 3:00 p.m. at Lacy Park. • The Fletcher Place Neighborhood Picnic will be held September 15 at Lacy Park from 5-7 pm. Judy Litsey is chairing the event.
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<p>Membership <i>Julie Devine (serving in Byron Robinson's leave)</i> devine_julie@lilly.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members have been added since last month.
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<p>Infrastructure <i>Terry George</i> tgeorge@indot.in.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two sessions will be held on July 11 (4:00 and 6:00 p.m.) to explain the upcoming project at the south split. That section of the interstate will be closed for 90 days. Sound walls will not be a part of this project. • Over the last month work has been done in Lacy Park and the Neighborwoods. • The neighborhood has applied for a KIB grant for the green space by the I-70 exit ramp. Andrea Weiner submitted the application today, July 9.
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<p>Newspaper <i>Rhonda Peffer</i> rlpeffer@sbcglobal.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Urban Times</i> articles continue to go well.
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<p>Holy Rosary/Danish Church Land Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Shumaker spoke to the group about the court order to tear down his garage at 849 Greer.
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IV. Old Business

<p>Neighborhood Garage Sale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The neighborhood garage sale will take place Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 am-2:pm.
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V. New Business

<p>Neighborhood Brochure/Statement about Neighborhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Blackwood presented a draft of a brochure introducing the Fletcher Place neighborhood to newcomers. • The group voted on two possible statements describing the neighborhood which will be used on The Cultural Trail website.
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<p>Neighbors Against Bad Bugs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information was distributed regarding the emerald
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ash borer. (see PDF documents)

- Representatives from Urban Forestry and Purdue Extension will be at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment



Neighbors Against Bad Bugs:

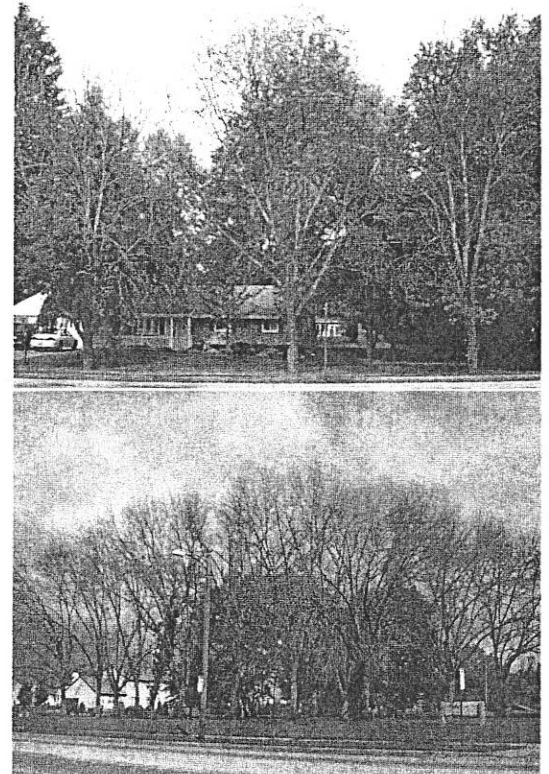
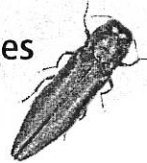
Empowering Indiana's public to combat emerald ash borer

Authors: Annemarie M. Nagle and Cliff Sadof

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive Asian beetle that threatens to kill nearly 100% of ash trees that are not protected with insecticides. In city and suburban environments, where ash is widely planted in the landscape, **the majority of the costs for EAB management are borne by Indiana's property owners.**

What is at Stake? Landscape trees increase property values, aid in storm water management, and provide energy savings in homes and businesses. EAB can devastate all the ash trees in an area in just 2-3 years, which can denude previously shady, tree-lined streets. **Trees killed by EAB are very dangerous, and can drop limbs or fall on people or property.**

Many homeowners only find out about the magnitude of EAB's damage AFTER their trees have started to die. By then, it is too late.



Loss of neighborhood ash trees due to EAB

Proactive Management of community ash resources can save money, save trees, and preserve the aesthetics of neighborhoods.

The NABB Program is here to help your neighborhood prepare for EAB's arrival. It is a collaborative initiative that teams Purdue Master Gardeners, neighborhood associations, county extension educators, and concerned citizens to empower community members to determine best management practices for the trees in their neighborhoods. The program:

- ❖ **Motivates action before the arrival of EAB**
- ❖ **Raises awareness of where ash trees are through ash identification and tree tagging**
- ❖ **Educates communities about EAB management options and where to get research-based information**
- ❖ **Provides advice for contracting with tree-care professionals**

For more information about NABB and preparing your community for EAB, contact your local Purdue Extension Educator at 1-888-EXT-INFO (1-888-398-4636) or the Purdue EAB Outreach Team at (765)494-0822

Some Ash Can be Saved

from EAB. Many people think their only option is to cut ash trees down. Research by university scientists has shown that **certain insecticides can effectively protect trees.** Not all ash trees can or should be treated, and not all insecticides will kill EAB. Only healthy, vigorously growing, high-value trees should be considered for treatment, and early action is key to saving them.

Don't let EAB decide how your neighborhood looks.

Get Planning!
Visit the NABB page at:
www.eabindiana.info