

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

August 13, 2019 - 7 p.m.

Mission Statement:

Preservation, revitalization and the promotion of the neighborhood as a walkable 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.

Call to Order (7 p.m.):

- A. Introductions and welcome of new attendees
 - List of attendees below at the end of these minutes. Association President Dawn Olsen chaired the meeting.
- B. Last meeting's minutes
 - We will approve the June, July and August meeting minutes at the next meeting.

Committee and Representative Reports:

- A. Finance / Audit - Sarah Savage
 - Savage distributed the **attached** financial statement.
- B. Social / Events - Sarah Savage
 - Savage went over each of the upcoming events listed at the end of these minutes.
- C. Gateway Committee– Jeff Brown
 - Brown was not here, but Courtney Bills reported on the Gateway project. We are working now on where to locate signage, and the two subcommittees (new signage and fundraising) are functioning. As reported at the July meeting, we want to carry forward the theme now at the corner of Fletcher and Pine and to raise enough money to get the job done.
- D. Urban Times – Glenn Blackwood
 - Blackwood was not here, but Olsen reported on the stories in this month's edition and laid out our general plans for the rest of the year. The stories for the *Urban Times* included the President's message, a (hopeful) feature on "Fletcher Place Pets," notices about upcoming neighborhood events, and a summary of National Night Out, which was a success.
- E. Southeast Neighborhood Congress - Rauf Khalid
 - The next quarterly meeting will be October 24, location to be determined. The meeting will focus on celebrating ten years of the Southeast Neighborhood Congress, educating attendees on the Southeast neighborhood quality of life plan and invigorating people to provide ideas on how to improve and update the Quality of Life Plan going forward. There will be panelists presenting, followed by break-out sessions for people to participate.
- F. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - Bryan Truex
 - Truex was not here, but Olsen solicited interest in serving as a block captain.
- G. Land Use / IHPC / COA – Trinity Hart, Larry Pepper
 - There will be a hearing on September 4 on a rezoning from industrial to residential of two lots at 324 S. College.
- H. HUNI - Jim Lingenfelter
 - Lingenfelter was not here, but Olsen reported on the August 1 quarterly meeting that discussed the lighting on the Circle initiative launch in November. IHPC is in the

midst of updating neighborhood plans centered around preservation and other landmark issues. There will be a meeting on August 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Woodruff Town Hall. The next HUNI meeting is November 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Southeast Community Center and will focus on the new judicial center. HUNI will also sponsor a Mayor debate at the Landmark Center on September 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

I. Kids' Association

- Nothing new to report.

J. Membership - Dennis Carr

- Carr gave a membership report, including 109 residential members and 18 business. We are coming up on the new membership year starting October 1 and will solicit new members at the annual picnic and in emails and flyers.

Regular Guests:

A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

- McCoy was not here, but Olsen reported on the City's street sweeping initiative—see **attached**—and on a Neighbor Ways bike and scooter initiative, including a public input session on August 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Southeast Community Center.

B. Officer Kim Evans – IMPD

- Evans was not here, but Olsen read from an email thanking us for the National Night Out success.

C. Jefferson Shreve – District 16 City-County Councilman

- Shreve was not here, but Olsen report on the City's \$1.2 billion budget (and a very small surplus of \$171k), salary increases of 2% for police officers, fire officers, and all city employees, and a roads and infrastructure budget of \$118 million. Finally, we discussed a \$25 million diversion of funds to support the Bankers Life renovations.

D. Justin Moed – District 97 State Representative

- Moed was not here.

Old Business:

A. Homeless Camp

- Olsen reported that the City determined that the land upon which the homeless were camping was deemed City property. The City will be determining how best to reach out to them and handle the situation.

B. IndyGo Bus Stops

- Olsen reported on the opening of the Red Line on September 1, along with the City's plans to educate the City on its use. There are videos on the City's website about how cars and bikes are to use the new Red Line routes. Rides are free in September, and there will be music at some stops! IndyGo needs more volunteers to help in September.

C. North Split Context Sensitive Solutions Workshops

- The last of the Round 2 CSS workshops is August 14 at IvyTech.

Adjourn (7:40 p.m.)

Mark Your Calendar:

Dinner with Neighbors – August 20, 6:30 p.m., #Tequila Street (250 S. Meridian St.)
Southeast Neighborhood Trivia – August 29, 7-9 p.m., Fountain Square Brewery
Neighborhood Yard Sale – September 7 (rain date September 14)
Neighborhood Picnic – September 15
Coming this Fall – Progressive Dinner and Home Tour

Attendees:

Courtney Bills	Dawn Olsen
Dennis Carr	Larry and Rhonda Pfeffer
Laura Giffel	Charlie Richardson
Renee Harness	Sarah Savage
Trinity Hart	Gretchen Syverud
Allissa and Matt Impink	Melissa Williams
Rauf Khalid	Deb and Jeff Zartman

Charlie Richardson, Secretary

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	June	July
Revenue				
Membership	\$1,876	\$2,000	\$2,041	\$2,041
Merchandise Sales	\$56	\$100	\$113	\$113
Sponsorship (Picnic T-shirts)		\$1,000		
Neighborhood USA Prize				
Sponsorship (FP Tote Bag)		\$400		
Home Tour				
		Tickets		
		\$3,000		
		Sponsorship		
		\$1,000		
Miscellaneous				\$400
Total	\$1,932	\$7,500	\$2,154	\$2,554

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	June	July
Expenses				
Contributions / Support	\$1,115			
		HUNI	\$15	\$30
		KIB	\$500	\$30
		SECS	\$100	\$100
		Lacy Park	\$500	\$100
		National Night Out	\$35	\$35
Improvement Projects	\$947			
		Ash Borer Tree Treatment	\$450	\$482
		Fletcher Woods	\$20	\$482
Yard Sale				
		Ad	\$60	
		Map Printing	\$25	
		Banner	\$300	
Merchandise	\$65			
		FP Totes	\$400	
		Picnic T-Shirts	\$1,000	
Operating Expenses	\$369			
		Biz Entity		\$23
		Website	\$325	\$23
		Paypal fees		\$15
Marketing / Public Relation	\$430			
		Urban Times Ad for Business	\$430	
Home Tour				
		Supplies	\$50	
		Printing	\$950	
		Insurance	\$250	
		Marketing	\$300	
Social Activities	\$507			
		Annual Meeting	\$120	\$122
		Membership Meetings	\$0	\$122
		National Night Out	\$100	\$122
		Picnic		
		Flyer (Urban Times or door)	\$65	
		Food	\$200	
		Entertainment	\$250	
		Kids' Halloween	\$100	
		Holiday Party	\$150	
		Special Event	\$50	
Other	\$165			
Total	\$3,598	\$6,745	\$807	\$807
Net Cash Change	-\$1,666	\$755	\$1,347	\$1,747
Beginning Cash	\$10,616	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Ending Cash	\$8,949	\$9,704	\$10,296	\$10,696

Kids Club				
Beginning Balance	\$294	\$89	\$89	\$89
Receipts				
		Poetry Books	\$135	
Expenditures				
		T-Shirts	\$340	
Ending Balance	\$89	\$89	\$89	\$89

Gateway Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$5,393	\$5,117	\$4,688	\$4,671
Donations	\$100			
FPNA Donation	\$500	\$500	***	***
Expenditures	\$876			
		Mulch	\$250	\$338
		Mowing	\$600	\$338
		Decor	\$25	
		Insurance	\$54	\$108
Ending Balance	\$5,117	\$4,688	\$4,671	\$4,671

Total Ending Cash	\$14,156	\$14,482	\$15,056	\$15,456
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Street Sweeping Facts

- The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) \$2.1 million street sweeping program preserves pavement and protects city infrastructure by removing salt, litter, gravel and other debris along Combined Sewer thoroughfares; streets in the downtown Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas; major county thoroughfares; as well as along bike lanes and trails. Street sweeping also protects water quality by removing dirt and surface debris, minimizing the burden on the city's sewer system. It also keeps leaves and other debris from clogging stormwater drains, which may result in flooding during rainy days.
- The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) plans to sweep 7,300 lane miles of thoroughfares within the city's Combined Sewer area (central Marion County), the Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas; and county thoroughfares. Recognizing the need to provide a clean, safe environment for bicycles and pedestrians, DPW will also sweep street bike lanes, trails as well as medians; this is an addition to the original sweeping agreement with Citizens Energy Group, which included only thoroughfares.
- DPW is not accepting service requests to add additional streets to its current sweeping program at this time.
- Sweeping routes address those streets which are salted in the winter or fall within in the Combined Sewer area, where Citizens Energy owns and maintains infrastructure. Under the previous sweeping agreement with Citizens, a vendor performed street sweeping in those areas; that contract ended in March 2019.
- Combined Sewer areas are places where stormwater and sanitary sewer systems are linked and contents must be treated before being released into waterways. Combined sewers are found all over Indianapolis, but generally in central Marion County. Many of the city's older neighborhoods near waterways, including White River, Fall Creek, Eagle Creek, Pleasant Run, Bean Creek and Pogue's Run, lie within the Combined Sewer area.
- A map of sweeping routes and a schedule is available at indy.gov/sweep. Sweeping includes:
 - Each thoroughfare in the Mile Square downtown at least four times each week;
 - Each thoroughfare **inside** of the city's Combined Sewer area at least three times per month;
 - Each major thoroughfare **outside** of the city's Combined Sewer area at least two times each year;
 - Each street bike lane and greenway trail swept at least four times per year.

Thoroughfares outlined in red will receive sweeping service. The schedule =gives residents who park on-street enough notice to move their vehicles in preparation for street sweeping.

- Schedules for countywide routes outside the Combined Sewer area are under development.
- DPW has purchased six new street sweepers, including High-Efficiency Dustless models, to sweep thoroughfares. Those sweepers will be used along with DPW's two existing sweepers in the program. A small Urban Cleaning Machine was also purchased to sweep bike lanes and paved trails.
- Since April 1, 2019, 20 employees, including two supervisors, have been hired and trained to form a dedicated DPW Street Sweeping Team. These employees have been trained to operate the specialized sweeping equipment on thoroughfares, bike lanes and greenways within the designated sweeping zones.
- During May and June 2019, employees have been training on the new equipment and optimizing street sweeping routes while addressing excess debris left over from the winter.
- Currently, streets are swept in two shifts – during the day Sunday-Thursday and overnight Tuesday-Saturday; Fridays are used to address emergency sweeping needs.
- As of August 1, all thoroughfares within the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) area, including the Mile Square and Broad Ripple, have been swept 2-3 times as crews address sweeping routes and fulfill contract obligations.
- The program is funded through a contract with Citizens Energy Group, which was previously responsible for street maintenance in Combined Sewer infrastructure areas; redirected funds from a prior vendor contract which expired in March 2019; and revenue from expanded fee-collection hours on city parking meters fund following approval by the Indianapolis City-County Council in January 2019.

Program Goals:

- Keep litter, yard waste and debris from reaching storm drains and, eventually, our waterways.
- Expand street sweeping on all thoroughfares, eventually adding secondary roads, to include all surfaces which receive salt.
- Prioritize sweeping of gutter lanes, curb lanes and lanes closest to the median while improving efforts to sweep medians previously cleaned by hand.



Why do city streets need to be swept?

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) street sweeping program preserves pavement by removing salt, litter, gravel and other debris from roads which are salted in the winter or which are in the Combined Sewer area, or places where stormwater and sanitary sewers are linked. Stormwater in the Combined Sewer area must be treated; street sweeping protects water quality by removing dirt and surface debris, minimizing the burden on the treatment process. Street sweeping also keeps leaves and other debris from clogging stormwater drains, which may result in flooding during rainy days.

Which streets will be swept?

The city has been divided into two zones - North of 16th Street and South of 16th Street. Zones include thoroughfares within the city's Combined Sewer area (central Marion County), the Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas; and county thoroughfares. DPW will also sweep street bike lanes and trails.

A map of streets is located at indy.gov/sweep. Streets highlighted in red will receive street sweeping service.

DPW is not accepting service requests to add additional streets to its current sweeping program at this time.

How many miles will be swept?

DPW plans to sweep 7,300 lane miles of streets, including thoroughfares within the city's Combined Sewer area (central Marion County), the Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas; county thoroughfares, bike lanes, trails and medians.

What is the sweeping schedule?

- Each thoroughfare in the Mile Square downtown will be swept at least four times each week.
- Each thoroughfare **inside** of the city's Combined Sewer Overflow area will be swept at least three times per month.
- Each thoroughfare **outside** of the city's Combined Sewer Overflow area will be swept at least two times per year.
- Each street bike lane and greenway trail will be swept at least four times per year.

How do you decide which streets will be swept?

The selection was based on a prior sweeping agreement with Citizens Energy Group, which is responsible for maintaining certain infrastructure in Combined Sewer areas.

Under the agreement, a vendor was hired to perform street sweeping in those areas; that contract ended in March 2019.

How will I know when my street will be swept?

Residents will be able to access a schedule, similar to trash collection schedules, at indy.gov/sweep to learn their designated sweeping day so they can temporarily move vehicles. Residents who park on-street are encouraged to temporarily relocate their vehicles on their designated street sweeping day. By doing so, street sweepers can fully access the curb and completely sweep the street.

Why should I move my vehicle during street sweeping?

Moving your vehicle(s) and/or removing large objects or obstructions in front of your home helps street sweepers get as close as possible to the curb to remove all dirt and debris to completely clean the street.

What happens if I don't move my vehicle before street sweepers arrive?

We understand you may not know what day your street is swept or have time to move your vehicle before the street sweeper arrives. Sweeper operators will maneuver around parked vehicles, trash and/or recycling containers or other large obstacles that prevent them from sweeping a section of street on its scheduled day. We encourage residents who park on-street to visit indy.gov/sweep to learn when sweepers will visit their street so they can move their vehicle(s).

Will I be cited or face towing if I don't move my vehicle?

No, residents will not be cited or have face towing if they aren't able to move their vehicle. We understand that not everyone knows when their street will be swept and encourage you to visit indy.gov/sweep to learn when street sweepers will be back to sweep your street. Moving your vehicle allows street sweepers to be more efficient in debris collection by allowing full access to the curb.

Do I need to move my trash or recycling containers?

No. Street sweepers will sweep around trash or recycling containers. They will also sweep around parked vehicles; however, we encourage residents who park on-street to visit indy.gov/sweep to learn the sweeping schedule for their street and temporarily relocate vehicles to help sweepers reach debris at the curb.

How is street sweeping being paid for?

The program is funded with revenue from the expansion of fee-collection hours at city parking meters, which was approved by the Indianapolis City-County Council in January 2019; redirected funds from a previous vendor contract that expired in March 2019; and a partnership with Citizens Energy Group, previously responsible for street sweeping in Combined Sewer areas.

Where are Combined Sewer areas?

Combined sewers are found all over Indianapolis, but generally in central Marion County. Many of the city's older neighborhoods near waterways, including White River, Fall Creek, Eagle Creek, Pleasant Run, Bean Creek and Pogue's Run, lie within the Combined Sewer area.

What about rain or snow? Can sweepers still operate?

Street sweepers operate effectively in both dry and damp conditions, including light rain, at temperatures above freezing (32 degrees). Street sweeping will not occur during heavy rain or snow or when temperatures are lower than 32 degrees. Street sweeping will be suspended during snow due to the need for additional manpower to remove snow and ice from city streets, etc.

What kinds of sweepers are being used? How fast can they travel, etc.?

- DPW has purchased six new street sweepers, including High-Efficiency Dustless models, to sweep thoroughfares. Those sweepers will be used along with DPW's two existing sweepers in the program. A small Urban Cleaning Machine was also purchased to sweep bike lanes and paved trails.
- Sweepers travel approximately 30 miles per day at speeds of less than 10 mph, depending on the amount of debris on streets.
- Sweepers are designed to carry up to 250 gallons of water, which is used in combination with the brushes to assist with dust control and debris collection.
- Currently, streets are swept in two shifts – during the day Sunday-Thursday and overnight Tuesday-Saturday; Fridays are used to address emergency sweeping needs.

What else can I do to help?

There are other ways you can help street sweepers to preserve the beauty of your neighborhood:

- Remove large sticks and branches from the curb that may clog and jam the sweeper's operating system.
- Remove leaves, twigs or other debris from storm drains following bad weather to prevent flooding.
- Don't rake or blow leaves, grass, litter, twigs, branches or other objects into the street. Street sweepers will bypass debris piles to avoid hidden objects that might damage sweeper equipment and won't be able to fully clean your street.
- Keep street trees and bushes trimmed so the sweeper can reach the curb. If you're unsure who owns the tree, call the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622 or visit [RequestIndy](#) from your mobile device or desktop.

How can I report debris in the right-of-way?

If you live in an area where street sweeping occurs, (Combined Sewer area, county thoroughfares, or use street bike lanes or the trail system, contact the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622 or use [RequestIndy](#) on your mobile device or desktop to report debris in the right-of-way, clogged storm drains or other issues.