

# Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Agenda/Minutes

October 8, 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.
- B. Last meeting's minutes
  - The September meeting minutes were approved.

### **Committee and Representative Reports:**

- A. Finance / Audit - Sarah Savage
  - Savage distributed the **attached** financial statement. We are now in the middle of our annual membership drive (our year is September to September).
- B. Social / Events - Sarah Savage
  - Savage went over each of the upcoming events listed at the end of these minutes. Lots going on for the remainder of the year!
- C. Gateway Committee– Jeff Brown
  - Brown was not here, but we discussed the ongoing plans to do markers at the north and south ends of Virginia Avenue.
- D. Urban Times – Glenn Blackwood
  - Blackwood urged members to submit stories and story ideas. We can also submit pictures.
- E. Southeast Neighborhood Congress - Rauf Khalid
  - Khalid reminded us that the next quarterly meeting of the Congress will be October 24 at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at the Southeast Community Service at 901 Shelby. The Congress will be tackling the important subject of how we update the quality of life plans for neighborhoods downtown.
- F. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - Bryan Truex
  - Truex led a discussion of the annual tree planting, as well as neighborhood cleanup. Dawn Olsen asked members to let her know if interested in leading the cleanup initiative.
- G. Land Use / IHPC / COA – Trinity Hart, Larry Peffer
  - Hart and Peffer discussed the wine tasting room/art studio project at 430 Virginia Avenue and 529 Fletcher Avenue that was considered recently by the Land Use Committee. The owners of that project are likely to come to our November meeting, assuming they have plans and specifics by then.
- H. HUNI - Jim Lingenfelter
  - Lingenfelter discussed the HUNI Mayoral candidate debate on September 19. Early voting in Indianapolis began today.
- I. Kids' Association
  - We continue to look for a leader of the kids' initiative. If interested, please call Dawn Olsen.

J. Membership - Dennis Carr

- Carr briefed us on the membership drive that kicked off at our annual picnic. Renewals and new memberships are in full swing—be sure and review pronto, online if you can.

**Regular Guests:**

A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

- McCoy was not here.

B. Officer Kim Evans – IMPD

- Evans led an interesting conversation about neighborhood safety, police/neighborhood relations, and events coming up. She went through the statistics over the last month, the need for all of us to lock our cars at all times, how best (and when) to use bank machines, and the general approach to care and foot traffic, after the opening of the new Red Line.

C. Jefferson Shreve – District 16 City-County Councilman

- Shreve was not here, but Dawn Olsen read an informative email from Jeff Miller about the responsibilities of our District 16 City-County Counselor. See **attached**.

D. Justin Moed – District 97 State Representative

- Moed was not here.

**Special Guests:**

A. IndyGo Outreach Team

- Jordan Patterson from IndyGo gave a terrific update on the Red Line and answered lots of questions from the audience. He covered ridership, timing of routes and reliability, future plans to make the system more efficient, and ways that IndyGo will respond to information needs, particularly on weekends.

**Old Business:**

A. Runs/Races – Run 317, Indy Monumental

- B. We will continue to get information out to the neighborhood when traffic patterns are interrupted by races and events downtown.

**New Business:**

A. Pleasant Run Corridor

- The Association voted to support the neighborhoods' push to maintain the 60-foot right of way corridor after an update by Jim Lingerfelter.

**Adjourn (8:00 p.m.)**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

SEND Celebration & Fall Festival – October 23, 5:30-9 pm, Biltwell Event Center

Kids Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving – October 27, 2-4 pm, 642 Virginia Avenue

Progressive Dinner – November 16, 6 pm, email [savsarah+fpna@gmail.com](mailto:savsarah+fpna@gmail.com) to RSVP

Fletcher Place Home Tour (focusing on multi-family housing) – November 23

Neighborhood Yard Sale – September 7 (rain date September 14)

Caroling with Neighbors – December 7, 7 pm

Fletcher Place Annual Holiday Party – December 8, 5-8 pm

**Attendees:**

Sandy Blanton	Jim Lingenfelter
Glenn Blackwood	Erin and Andreas McGrew
Dennis Carr	Gabriel and Ashly Myers
Georgia Cravey	Dawn Olsen
Kim Evans	Jordon Patterson
MaryAnn Fleetwood	Larry and Rhonda Peffer
Jason Fletcher	Charlie Richardson
Laura Giffel	Libby Roberts
Renee Harness	Sarah Savage
Trinity Hart	Gretchen Syverud
Chris and Julia Huckaba	Rick Truex
Kristin Jones	Bryan Truex
Rauf Khalid	Jeff and Deb Zartman

Charlie Richardson, Secretary

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	August	September
<b>Revenue</b>				
Membership	\$1,876	\$2,000	\$2,066	\$2,506
Merchandise Sales	\$56	\$100	\$119	\$145
Sponsorship (Picnic T-shirts)		\$1,000		\$700
Neighborhood USA Prize				
Sponsorship (FP Tote Bag)		\$400		
Home Tour				
<i>Tickets</i>		\$3,000		
<i>Sponsorship</i>		\$1,000		
Miscellaneous			\$400	\$400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,932</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$2,585</b>	<b>\$3,751</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
Contributions / Support	\$1,115			
<i>HUNI</i>		\$15	\$30	\$30
<i>KIB</i>		\$500		
<i>SECS</i>		\$100	\$100	\$100
<i>Lacy Park</i>		\$500		
<i>National Night Out</i>		\$35	\$35	\$35
Improvement Projects	\$947			
<i>Ash Borer Tree Treatment</i>		\$450	\$482	\$482
<i>Fletcher Woods</i>		\$20		
Yard Sale				
<i>Ad</i>		\$60		\$50
<i>Map Printing</i>		\$25		\$18
<i>Banner</i>	\$65	\$300		\$27
Merchandise				
<i>FP Totes</i>		\$400		
<i>Picnic T-Shirts</i>		\$1,000		\$972
Operating Expenses	\$369			
<i>Biz Entity</i>			\$23	\$23
<i>Website</i>		\$325		
<i>Paypal fees</i>			\$15	\$24
Marketing / Public Relation	\$430			
<i>Urban Times Ad for Business</i>		\$430		
Home Tour				
<i>Supplies</i>		\$50		
<i>Printing</i>		\$950		
<i>Insurance</i>		\$250		
<i>Marketing</i>		\$300		
Social Activities	\$507			
<i>Annual Meeting</i>		\$120	\$122	\$122
<i>Membership Meetings</i>		\$0		
<i>National Night Out</i>		\$100	\$195	\$195
<i>Picnic</i>				
<i>Flyer (Urban Times or door)</i>		\$65		\$0
<i>Food</i>		\$200		\$161
<i>Entertainment</i>		\$250		\$0
<i>Kids' Halloween</i>		\$100		
<i>Holiday Party</i>		\$150		
<i>Special Event</i>		\$50		
Other	\$165			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,598</b>	<b>\$6,745</b>	<b>\$1,002</b>	<b>\$2,239</b>
<b>Net Cash Change</b>	<b>-\$1,666</b>	<b>\$755</b>	<b>\$1,583</b>	<b>\$1,512</b>
<b>Beginning Cash</b>	<b>\$10,616</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>
<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>	<b>\$9,704</b>	<b>\$10,532</b>	<b>\$10,461</b>

<b>Kids Club</b>				
Beginning Balance	\$294	\$89	\$89	\$89
Receipts				
<i>Poetry Books</i>	\$135			
Expenditures				
<i>T-Shirts</i>	\$340			
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$89</b>	<b>\$89</b>	<b>\$89</b>	<b>\$89</b>

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

<b>Total Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$14,156</b>	<b>\$14,482</b>	<b>\$15,292</b>	<b>\$15,221</b>
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## Richardson, Charles T.

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**From:** Jeff Miller <jeff4indy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Jeff Miller  
**Subject:** Election Day thoughts

Election day is just around the corner and with early voting starting today, I wanted to send an email to all of the people I've had the pleasure to meet during my nearly seven years serving on the council and beyond. In some ways I've felt like I never left, as I've had the wonderful opportunity to work with Councillor Shreve on his weekly emails and on some of the trickier issues that have come up over time. He's done a great job of representing the district and I've loved being a small part of his efforts.

I hope everyone gets out to vote as the choice for a new city councillor is an important one. As it is also a personal one, I don't want to recommend one candidate over another, but I would like to suggest some key considerations for you to ponder as you cast your vote. The role of city councillor is very important as they are the voice of the district when you need someone to go in and fight for a key issue or champion a critical need. So I recommend looking at each candidate and deciding which best fits these important traits and/or has experience in these areas:

- **Zoning laws:** When you need someone to fight off a bad development, such as the music venue that was proposed at the old GM Stamping Plant site, the gravel crushing facility that wanted to open next to Germania Creek, the scrapping company that opened illegally next to Garfield Park, or the strip club in the Old Southside that was causing issues for the neighborhood (all of which I had to fight and more), you need someone who understands how to stand boldly before the zoning board and point out the reasons that a zoning case or variance should be denied.
- **Abandoned Housing:** This is more than just addressing one bad house at a time, as you want someone who has worked on comprehensive housing surveys in their neighborhood, advocated for changes to improve housing laws (such as landlord registries or changes to high weed policies), and worked with the city on a holistic plan to improve troubled areas.
- **Infrastructure:** The city budget is so strapped when it comes to street, sidewalk, and alley repairs that you need a representative that looks at needs across the district and advocates for the worst of the worst. This means meeting with neighborhoods and helping them prioritize their lists and document their needs to help advocate the most effectively that they can.
- **Public Safety:** While the district has not seen as much violent crime as other areas of town, we have still experienced enough violent crime, as well as theft and garage break-ins, that this needs to be a focus. You want a representative that has worked with the police, gone on ride-a-longs, hosted roll calls, and partnered with the key members of IMPD and built important relationships over time.
- **Economic Development:** Each neighborhood is at different stages of growth, but all of our neighborhoods need someone advocating for good projects and developments that will improve the quality of life of the area. Your representative should be someone that has worked with the city to promote the various needs of their neighborhood in a way that attracts good developers and partners with them on the success of the neighborhood.

There are likely many more considerations, but all of these are key. At the end of the day, you need someone that will be a pitbull for the district needs, for your neighborhood needs, and for your own needs. As long as this is what drives them each day, then you will have chosen a great candidate. I do hope you vote in the election and that you give

consideration to these thoughts as you do. I truly enjoyed serving the district and I look forward to supporting our next city councillor in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Jeff