

# Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

January 12, 2021 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**CHANGES BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE:** Since the Coronavirus quarantine began in March 2020, we have held virtual monthly Association meetings. We will continue to do that for the foreseeable future. So, tune in the **second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.** on Facebook and Zoom to hear Association President Dawn Olsen and other Association and community leaders give an update on all things Fletcher Place. Below are the minutes of our January 2021 meeting on Facebook and Zoom. We've had good attendance at the virtual meetings and continue to appreciate how everyone is staying connected as we move thru the pandemic together!

## **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 (7:00 p.m.)**

- A. Introductions and welcome of attendees
  - Association President Dawn Olsen convened the virtual meeting and presided, with good attendance both on Facebook and Zoom.
- B. Last meeting's minutes
  - The December 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

## **Special Guests**

- A. Jake Rupp & Jake Smith – The Flower Boys
  - The two Jakes gave a compelling summary of their new business coming to the building to be renovated at College and Lexington. They will be moving their flower business from the City Market to Fletcher Place, with exciting plans to renovate, expand, and create a bigger business. They gave details about their plans, both for the building and the business, and answered a lot of questions. They are talking with our Land Use Committee as they work on various City approvals. We are delighted to welcome this new business to Fletcher Place.

## **New Business**

- A. Senate Bill 168
  - For now, legislation to place certain limitations on the leadership structure of the City's police department has died in the Indiana General Assembly.
- B. District 97 and 100 Legislative Surveys
  - Rep. Moed and Rep. Johnson have legislative surveys out now, so be sure to respond.

## **Regular Guests**

- A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate
  - McCoy was not able to attend, so Dawn Olsen gave his report. You can dispose of your Christmas tree at Garfield Park through the end of January. Be sure not to bag your recyclables and follow the instructions the City has given. See **attached**. The City's Office of Sustainability now has a way for you to dispose of your old electronics—you can do that on January 23 at 605 High School Road between 9am and 2pm.
- B. Officer Kim Evans - IMPD

- Officer Evans went through four reported incidents the last month, including the high number of catalytic converter thefts.
- C. Kristin Jones - District 16 City-County Councilor
- Councilor Jones gave a report on several recent developments, including the Council's approval yesterday of \$12.9 million of additional COVID relief (rent assistance, homeless relief, etc.) Be sure and continue to report clogged storm drains, so that Councilor Jones can continue her cleaning project during okay weather. The City has several websites to give information, tool kits, and travel suggestions, including for Indianapolis families. Councilor Jones also reported on the City's efforts to deal with food insecurity and homelessness.
- D. Justin Moed - District 97 State Representative
- Rep. Moed is in the middle of the General Assembly, which will need to pass a budget, approve a redistricting plan, and deal with other pressing Pandemic issues. Rep. Moed is working on a variety of Indianapolis-related issues, including IndyGo funding, the leadership of IMPD, attempts to change the leadership of the CIB, affordable housing, and education funding.

### **Old Business**

- A. SEND Dessert Auction Update
- The annual fundraiser raised almost \$1800. Kellie Mirgeaux gave an update on SEND's home repair help program, the Virginia Avenue economic development district status, the CJC, and the RFP that just went out to do a feasibility study for the 1100 Woodlawn Avenue Parking Lot (that started in 1995).
- B. Adopt-A-Stop Program
- The Board met on January 10 and decided not to continue this trash can program.
- C. North Split Update
- Work has started on the significant North Split project that will impact our neighborhood over the next two years. See **attached** Construction Schedule.

### **Additional Updates (open floor discussion)**

- A. Gabe Myers will be chairing the Gateway Committee. Allissa Impink and Gretchen Syverud, with help from Dawn Olsen, continue to work on the new Diversity/Equity/Inclusivity Committee and will have their next virtual meeting on January 23 at 10am. Sarah Savage will present a 2021 budget at the February meeting; she will be working on the annual financial review as she also considers the "5-year audit" that is in our Bylaws. Dawn Olsen gave a report on the January 10 Board meeting at which the Board started considering new ideas for the Association's meetings and projects.

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

**Mark Your Calendar:**

Next Association Virtual Meeting – **February 9 at 7 p.m.** on Facebook and Zoom

**Charlies Richardson, Secretary**