

Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

March 9, 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 March 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! We again this month also had a half hour virtual social time right before the meeting started.

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 (5 minutes)

- 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 February 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Special Guests (10 minutes)

- A. What the heck is Fountain-Fletcher – Kelli Mirgeaux
 - Kelli Mirgeaux briefed the Association on the Greater Virginia Avenue Master Plan, generally, and the new proposed “The Fountain Fletcher District” branding, specifically. The Lakota Group has worked with many stakeholders on the branding front, which likely will be finalized this summer as the Master Plan gets implemented in 2022. Mirgeaux gave an explanatory slide presentation, copy **attached**, and answered a lot of questions

Regular Guests (20 minutes, 5 minutes/guest)

- A. Ike McCoy - Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate
 - McCoy gave several helpful reports, see **attached**, starting with the \$190 million Circle City Forward infrastructure program just announced by the Mayor. McCoy also discussed the pothole repair app and program, the process to clean storm drains, and ways to dispose of large trash items. Also, there are a lot of programs going on this Spring at Garfield Park!
- B. Kristin Jones – District 16 City-County Councilor
 - Council member Jones briefed the Association on City programs to deal with rental assistance and utility help, rapid response PPP loans, vaccine distribution, and a couple of neighborhood parking, storm drain, and land use matters she has been working on for us. See **attached**.
- C. Justin Moed – District 97 State Representative
 - Rep. Moed summarized where the General Assembly is at the half-way point of the session and some of the troubling pieces of legislation (e.g. wetlands, IndyGo, renter rights) making

their way thru the super-majority GOP Houses. In particularly, Association members need to communicate with Sen. Sandlin about the 5G tower legislation that could restrict the City's control of the massive towers in neighborhoods like ours.

D. Officer Kim Evans - IMPD

- Officer Evans reported on two thefts the past 30 days (catalytic converter and bike), and Sergeant Huxley talked about the bike and foot patrols that continue to help our neighborhood. They also discussed the replay app for non-emergency crime reporting.

New Business (10 minutes)

A. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful – Bryan Truex

- Bryan Truex is going to distribute a chart showing where we have gaps in the Adopt a Block program as Spring unfolds! If you're interested in being a block captain, let Truex know.

B. Gateway Commission Updates – Gabe Myers

- Our new Gateway leader, Gabe Myers, went through all our plans for (1) mulching the Gateway (5:30 pm on March 17 and 10 am on March 18), (2) neighborhood cleanup for 90 minutes at 3:30 pm on each of the next four Tuesdays (March 16, 23, and 30, and April 6), meeting at Calvin Fletchers. See **attached**. Andrew Watts will be posting these, fun neighborhood volunteer opportunities on our social media sites. Pitch in!

C. Land Use Committee – Update on The Flower Boys

- The Land Use Committee has continued to work with The Flower Boys on their exciting project at College and Lexington. There was a very constructive meeting with them last night, leading to the recommendation of the Land Use Committee that the Association issue a letter of support-that recommendation was unanimously approved. Assuming necessary approvals, construction could begin in the next 30 days with business opening in June.

D. Land Use Committee – Update on Justin Miller's Project (Dunaway's Building)

- The Land Use Committee will meet virtually with Justin Miller at 5 pm on March 10.

E. IHPC Update on the Pool at 726 Lord Street

- The Land Use Committee is considering a request it has received about a proposed residential pool.

Open Floor Discussion (15 minutes)

A. Cinco de Mayo block party update

- A scaled back event will be held on May 8, details to follow.

B. Fountain Square Merchants Association Membership

- The Association will be making a small contribution to the FSMA.

C. Rook on Virginia Avenue

- A new restaurant will be going in the space previously occupied by Rook adjoining the Villaggio by the name of Aroma. Dawn Olsen is getting details.

Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar:

Next FPNA Virtual Meeting – **April 13 at 7 p.m.** on Facebook and Zoom

Charlies Richardson, Secretary