



Monthly Meeting

March 12, 2024

Location: Flower Boys

702 Lexington

6:30p- 7:30p

FPNA Board of Directors Meeting held: Monday, March 11, 2024

I. Call to order | Matt- 6:30p

Introductions (most folks at a meeting in quite a while. Way to go, crew!!!!) and a Toast by President Matt Impink

II. Vote

Motion to accept December's meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Neighborhood updates:

President's Report:

- Board Retreat (Jan. 2024)
 - Goals for 2024
 - Membership Improvements
 - Setting aside a position for membership engagement (Brian Truex)
 - Engaging more with individuals
 - Starting sponsorship packets that will be given to new neighbors
- INRC Grant Update (Amy McAdams-Gonzales)
 - Update and description of the park, where we're at, and what we plan to do.
 - Charlie asked about the business owners and what is up with the issues they've had. Laura Giffel explained where things are with the current owner (not the same as the previous owner with issues).
 - Question about doggy bags and potential trash can. Discussed we have plans for trash can purchase and city to pick up waste.
- 2024 Budget (Laura Pickett)
 - Laura prefaced budget with it being a strategic plan with transparency
 - Explained the \$7,500 line item for Shoe Nook would be offset by that income. We have allotted \$1,000 of neighborhood funds for activation
 - Matt - we allocated \$1000 to put toward Welcome Packets.
 - Larry Peffer asked about funds that went to the Gateway Upkeep. Laura did not know where these funds currently reside. Laura Pickett noted there isn't a specific fund breakout within our budget, but if there are any remaining dollars, they would be reflected in beginning cash. Later in the meeting, our SEND representative, Kelly Mirgeaux, noted she was familiar with

the fund Mr. Pepper inquired about as SEND was the fiscal agent. In her update she also noted all funds had been expended.

- Jim Lingenfelter asked about earned vs. unearned income. Laura said it's just a bottom line figure.
- Laura mentioned swag for sale and how it will add to our income
- Budget Finalization: Beginning cash of \$13,875, approved 2024 spend of \$2,885 to result in ending cash of \$10,990. The budget was unanimously approved
- Membership Revamp (Jake Rupp)
 - Jake talking about how we can streamline our online system. Vetted 15 different software companies. Most cost effective option was Stripe. Walked through how the new website page looks. All encrypted and secure. Would bill annually and can cancel anytime.
 - Amy McAdams-Gonzales talked about the issues we've had collecting information and how this new system will help us be more organized and have more funds to support future endeavors.
 - Question about costs going up. Matt told individual they could sign up either via newsletter link or new Stripe system
 - Fielded question about if \$100 membership came with swag. Yes to free shirt and Jake through in a free bouquet

Community Partners

- IMPD | Sergeant Kim
 - Quiet month. Two incidents reported on 700 Greer Street (motor vehicle stolen) and 800 block of Noble (burglary).
 - FP remains to be one of the more quiet parts of downtown.
 - Downtown accounts for only 6% of the crime in the city.
 - Any concerns, get contact info from Matt to reach out
 - Preparing for lots of events (St. Patrick's Day and NCAA, Solar Eclipse (expecting 125K). Traffic will be up and they are preparing for the influx
 - NBA Allstar - no significant incidents
 - Attendees asked about 529 Lord Street residents on Sunday demanding hands up. Sgt. Kim didn't know anything about it. Jim Lingenfelter said it was a swot incident (2 men fighting). Potentially a squatting incident because homeowners were out of town.
 - Any recommendations for if this happens: Best thing to do is stay inside and be a good witness. If you hear anything or see anything, it's okay to call 911 and relay information.
- Mayors Community Advocate | Lasima
 - Indy Parks are hiring. Has flyer and promoted indyparks.gov to find out more info.
 - Short Term Rental Issues - how to alleviate having problem properties. Surveys available to help with database. Legislation is starting this spring/summer to have homeowners register their properties.
 - How to contact the Office of Public Health and Safety
 - Eclipse-hosting Park Sites. Listed parks. All free except Eagle Creek (\$6/car).
 - Programming leading up to Eclipse (more info at parks.indy.gov)
 - How to get in touch with Lasima.Packett@indy.gov
- Elected Officials (Justin Moed and Black Johnson)
 - Done with sessions
 - Two issues: Blue Line and EED

- Blue Line - undermining effort for the bills undermining the Blue Line (SB52). They fought to have the project moved forward and the bill was killed, moving the Blue Line forward and allowing us to get the funds for the project to move forward
 - EED - House passed full repeal of EED (designed for Mile Square because funds are going away to help with beautification, safety, etc). Commercial properties in our neighborhood are now included, but not residential. Blake thinks a variation of EED will survive. EED funds will mostly be used for the housing hub. Mayor announced today we were awarded federal funds to help with our homeless population.
 - Justin's Tree Giveaway - passed out fliers
 - Blake has one for the Far East Side Districts.
 - Blake - Happy Hours have been outlawed for some time in our state. July 1, this will be updated to where it can actually happen!
- Fountain Fletcher District Association (FFDA) | Laura Giffel
 - Merchants have a desire to bring First Friday events into Fletcher Place. More merchant-based here in our neighborhood.
 - Providing programmatic assistance as well
 - Artist Market on the Plaza in FS will now have vendors here in our neighborhood (triangle near Greeks, etc). Starting in May.
 - Hosting a Cleanup on April 20th. The median on Calvary (paint and beautify that area). See it from Google Earth.
 - INDOT Fence was fixed
 - Volunteers needed for cleanup (mentioned above)
 - Master Plan - just released and they want to promote local artist and funding the resurgence of Street Surface (8 murals in FS). Artists who will be painting panels. This could come into play at Shoe Nook, since panels would be more desirable. This starts late May.
 - Call out from SE Community Services to cover windows.
 - Applying for next round of IHRC grants. Vinyl Window Coverings to cover abandoned windows. 628 Virginia would be on of our locations.
 - Staring Plaza Program in FS on May 18th. District-wide sales. Yoga (both in FS and in FP). Retro Mariokart tournament in FS Plaza
 - Art Squared coming up in September
 - Volunteer signup for FFDA on the website. Volunteer!!!
- SEND | Kelly Mirgeaux
 - Intro to SEND
 - Gateway partner. Confirmed to Larry P that these funds have dried up.
 - They are the fiscal agent for Shoe Nook.
 - Annual neighborhood grant (\$400). We should apply for this.
 - Leaving behind a monthly announcement printout. Overview of all the items listed on the leave behinds (including safe neighborhood handouts and Homeless Initiatives Town Hall Meeting info)
 - Call to support SEND. Plug them in, like a podcast.

Fletcher Place Leadership & Committees:

- Land Use Committee - no report
- Events - Please see your monthly Events newsletter (it's in your email inbox) or email events@fletcherplace.org. Please see the reverse side for Events Calendar for 2024.

- Abby Reckard mentioned the open house for Lille Bonne this coming Saturday to see the “before” and meet the owners (her and Will Lonneman). Spoke to the use of the space and what to expect from Lille Bonne. Kickoff for crowdfunding campaign as well.
- Communications/ Marketing - no report
- Membership - Jake/Joel → New tech to manage memberships
- Fletcher Place Inclusive Community Committee (FPICC) - New Chair needed in 2024
- Fletcher Place Kids - Jen Renzi
 - Next event is in April (Sunday dinner). Call to have kiddos get on their newsletter and FB Group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Events for 2024:

- March
 - March 16, 9am: Gateway Cleanup
 - March 20, 5:30pm: Equinox Happy Hour @Four Finger Distillery
 - Saturday, March 23, 9am: Coffee with Neighbors
- April
 - Saturday, April 13, 8am: Neighborhood Cleanup
 - (meet at Calvin Fletcher’s)
 - After Party, 12 pm, Mr. Tequila
 - April 16, 6:30 pm, Dinner @Tupelo Honey
- May -
 - May 11th, 11am: Calvin Fletcher Historical Marker Dedication @Cultural Trail @Villagio
 - May 18, Lacy Park Yoga in the Park
- June
 - June 14-15, 5-11pm: Holy Rosary Italian Street Fest (Not an official FPNA event)
 - June 18th: Ice Cream Adventure @Square Scoop
- August
 - August 6, 6-8 pm: National Night Out
 - August 15, 6:30pm: Dinner with Neighbors @Kumas
- September
 - September 7, 8am: Yard Sale; 10am: Artisan Market
 - September 15, 4-7pm: Annual Picnic
- October
 - October 31, 5:30-8pm: Scare in the Square
- December
 - Sunday, December 8: Holiday Party

Committees

Finance: Includes the treasurer’s report on the final balances in the checking account, and on a quarterly basis a year-to-date recap of the cash inflows and outflows. To join this committee, contact Laura Pickett.

Marketing/Communications/Social: The Social Committee handles posting on social media sites. Content includes neighborhood events, meetings, promoting neighborhood awareness and any other neighborhood related content. Includes Urban Times. To join this committee, Contact Krissie Aguilar, Amy McAdams- Gonzales or Matt Impink for more information.

Membership: Includes updates on the current totals for membership in the association. Once a year, involves the membership drive and mailing efforts. To join this committee, contact Jake Rupp.

Land Use: This committee meets when proposals for zoning or COAs need to be reviewed. Their role is to provide a suggested position for the association to take regarding a given proposal. They also look at other issues that affect the land usage of the neighborhood. To join this committee, contact Joel Aguilar.

Events: This committee has the goals of building community & connections among neighbors, welcoming new residents, and promoting involvement in the neighborhood. To join this committee, contact Sarah Savage.

FPICC: The Fletcher Place Inclusive Community Committee promotes and sustains an inclusive community that embraces diversity and advances equity in every area of the neighborhood; to fulfill this vision, the FPICC will engage in ongoing, reflective efforts to foster a sense of belonging and to provide empowering transformative learning experiences for all neighbors, businesses, and community stakeholders