

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for August 11, 2022

New Circle Church

- 6:35 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:37 P.M. Review of minutes from July and approval of the minutes
- 6:38 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$3,183.67
 - Prudential Account - \$8426.53
 - Reminder that the end of September is the deadline for becoming a member in 2022 for eligibility to vote in the December 2022 election
- 6:40 P.M. Marion County Community Justice Campus - Judge Tiffany Vivo
- New Community Justice Campus (CJC) located at 675 Justice Way
 - Twin Aire Neighborhood, east of downtown
 - Residents of Marion County could need to go to the CJC for many reasons
 - jury duty (main opportunity)
 - legal help
 - attend a court hearing
 - witness or testify
 - Courts transferred to the new location in May of this year
 - Contains the offices of the clerks and judges
 - Ample parking
 - As before, must pass through security, metal detectors
 - Large info desk staffed by individuals who can help direct you
 - kiosks throughout the building (somewhat like an airport)
 - Displays that show active court cases and their locations in the building
 - Jury Duty
 - Call the day before to determine if you need to report
 - Report by 8 AM, Jury Assembly Room
 - Answer questionnaire and watch video explaining service as a juror
 - Could be chosen for a jury
 - 6 to 12 persons on the jury
 - civil or criminal cases
 - If chosen, \$40 per day
 - If not chosen, \$15 per day for reporting
 - payment checks mailed afterward
 - CJC is generally more friendly and accessible
 - Legal Resource center available to all residents
 - goal to help with those who are representing themselves
 - help persons file a claim or submit paperwork
 - Located on the 4th floor, library like
 - no attorney's available at this point, but hoping to staff with volunteers
 - Are there buses that go to the CJC?
 - Bus line operates to the CJC with bus stops on the property
 - Bus line 14 - Prospect (Transit Center to CJC)

- How do we get public information about active case hearings?
 - <https://www.indy.gov/activity/court-listings>
- 6:49 P.M. 3530 Birchwood Ave - WDI Architecture Proposal - Daryl Williams-Dotson
- Daryl introduced herself
 - WDI Architecture is a 26 year old design firm
 - Registered architects, bonded and insured
 - The attached plan is a proposal for what could be
 - WDI strives to get support for their projects from the local community
 - See attachment to agenda
 - Site plan has Building A and Building B
 - A to the north has work/live spaces, apartments, and office space
 - B to the south has 3 rental units
 - 3 work/live spaces would be support for business start ups
 - no rent to get started
 - Elevations show materials
 - nice finishes
 - colors are initial renderings for contrast
 - metal roofing system
 - goal is to blend in but stand out as a new build and asset
 - Design attempts to maximize value relative to factors of the site
 - Concerns about cars on the corner
 - already some cars from neighboring properties
 - challenging to see when entering and exiting Birchwood
 - has parking/traffic analysis been completed?
 - Minimum parking is met relative to the number of units required by zoning
 - Neighbors want something to fill the space, but concerned about the parking issues that could be created
 - What would the price point be?
 - projected to be in line with Indiana housing about the midpoint between affordable vs. market rate
 - 3 bedroom unit - guess at \$1100, but not precise or selected at this stage
 - Back to parking - can be fluid
 - Businesses would be using some of the space during the day and residents would flow in after work hours
 - The work/live spaces would be the same resident
 - typical businesses may not have much traffic (less retail more professional services)
 - This is a Quasi-Request for Proposal
 - City has held this property for greater purposes based on historical zoning of mixed use
 - WDI is looking for projects in and around their headquarters (northside) to complete and support the communities
 - The city hasn't released the property for RFP, but WDI is trying to bring this proposal to the city with neighbors' feedback
 - Comments related to the location
 - about a decade ago, trees were planted and a little library was added
 - goal was to provide some greenspace and maintain what the city wasn't

- Neighbors of the block would like some consideration for outdoor community space and/or features that could be used by the neighbors outside of business hours
- This initial plan appears to be a lot of things to put on an awkward corner lot
- Design is conceptual and profitable based on the given constraints
 - reducing the number of units would put the project at risk given the construction cost
- Neighbors suggested looking at 3504 Evergreen Avenue as another opportunity property that has long been dormant
- Would this property proposal be owned and managed by the WDI firm?
 - Yes, WDI would retain control
- General sense that there is no perfect solution, but the property remaining idle for longer will not improve the situation
- MFCNA plans to follow up with notes and feedback from neighbors
- no vote taken at this point given mixed feelings and the project being more conceptual
- Neighbors are encouraged by WDI's desire to bring projects to our neighborhood and their ongoing support

7:16 P.M. Board Member Vote

- Introduced Matt Downey during the July meeting
- Filling openings is important to the continuity of the board
- Our Board Secretary has stepped down as of last month
- Voice vote held after no opposition was confirmed
- Matt was approved unanimously
- Next board election will occur in December

7:17 P.M. Events Review

- 120 is Enough - mural painting was completed by the Martin Luther King Center students at 34th Street and Guilford Ave in late July
- Appreciate their efforts and Charity Malone's direction in getting the mural done
- Back to School giveaway events occurred at Broadway UMC and Tab
- MFCNA participated in the Tab giveaway with an info table and donation of tissue boxes
- National Night Out was just about a week ago
- Big thanks to New Circle Church for allowing us to host it here
- Many neighbors made it out and enjoyed some free hot dogs
- Thanks to IMPD, IFD, New Fields and the Children's Museum for having reps

7:18 P.M. IMPD – Officer Harrison, absent but provided updates via email

- 2 Aggravated Assaults within the last month
- 3 Burglaries. The burglaries are down in Mapleton Fall Creek
 - Multiple thefts from vehicle reports in Mapleton Fall Creek. Citizens are continuing to leave valuable items in vehicles.
- Other Topics
 - National Night Out was a success. Thanks for the invite
 - Next Task Force meeting is September 8. Location and time to follow

- Unit just went through class for active shooter training so if anyone is interested in sitting through the presentation, please let Officer Harrison know. This is not hands-on training. That will possibly come later.
- Lastly, IMPD North is working in the area of 32nd St and Central Ave. Narcotics complaints, trash, and other issues they are looking into. Mainly the apartment complex.

7:20 P.M. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

- Nassif Kouton has been selected to fill the position
- Hope to have him at a meeting soon to share info

7:21 P.M. Midtown Indianapolis

- Excited to share that Danita Hoskin (Crown Hill) has accepted a position with Midtown Indianapolis to serve as their Community Engagement leader

7:24 P.M. Friends of 38th Street and National

- Cars and Gravy, Saturday, August 20 - 9AM to Noon
- Blues and BBQ - Saturday, August 27, 2 - 7 PM

7:25 P.M. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis - Angelina Moore

- Emmett Till & Mamie Till: Let the World See
 - Opens September 17, recommended ages 10 and up
 - Covers his personal story and legacy
 - The effect his murder had on the Civil Rights movement
 - have one of the vandalized signs (bullet holes) on display
 - Panel talk as a part of the exhibit
- Hiring many positions at the Museum
- Reciprocal offers with your free membership
 - Fort Wayne Zoo - Ticket discount
 - Jurassic World Live at Gainbridge in December

7:32 P.M. Newfields - Clarence Cannon

- Lume - Monet and Friends Alive
 - Looking for local artists to feature digital artwork in LUME
- Stephen Sprouse - Rock Fashion and Art
- Juried Exhibition of the Watercolor Society of Indiana - through Sept 23
- Penrod Arts Fair - September 10
- XVIII We. The Culture. - Opens September 23 through 2023
- Representing at the Indiana State Fair - come see us

7:36 P.M. Freewheelin' Bikes

- Great summer success
- 80 students participated in the programming and events
 - many students directly from the MFC community
- Major Taylor at the State Museum
 - Exhibit ends at the end of October
 - Still a few more dates to come out and see Freewheelin' and the exhibit
- Fall Community Rides coming back
 - Last 2 Saturdays of the month, 10 AM (9/17, 9/24)

- September 17 - Donation Day for donating bikes
- Fall Brake Camp - October, ages 8 - 18, \$50
- Nancy's Ride - September 10, Saturday
 - 5th Annual in honor of the founder
 - Ride focuses on seeing the sights in Mapleton-Fall Creek
 - Lunch provided, t-shirts
- MFCNA presented a \$200 check to Freewheelin' as a donation towards Nancy's Ride

7:40 P.M. MCPHD - New rep starting in September

- electronic monthly report available if needed

7:41 P.M. INRC - Ari Beedie introduced herself and wanted to say "Hi!"

- shared about the resources INRC can provide
- Fall grant cycle
- attending meetings to get to know what MFCNA is doing and where they can help
- More to follow

7:42 P.M. Other updates from the floor/Open Discussion

- StorageSpace - Art Exhibit - August 19, Friday 6 PM
- Indiana State Fair through August 21
 - enjoy the food
- Alpha Health and Wellness - Neighborhood Block Party!
 - 2802 Central Ave
 - August 27
 - 1 PM - 6 PM
 - Sign up to donate blood
 - Food, music, fun, open for all neighbors
- 2022 Fall Clean Up - considering planning and dates - TBD
- 29th and Broadway Park Clean Up - tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 11 in partnership with the Parks Department and MFCDC
- Last day to register to vote is October 11
 - Election Day is November 8
- September 10 - St Joan of Arc host their annual French Market

7:45 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors