

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for December 8, 2022

New Circle Church

- 6:32 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:33 P.M. Review of minutes from November and approval of the minutes
- 6:34 P.M. Marion County Public Health Department - Yoreya Warren
- Let her know if you have any questions about property cases
 - Reports and more information can be provided as needed
- 6:37 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$3218.64
 - Prudential Account - \$7973.08
- 6:38 P.M. 3445 Washington Blvd Variance Request - Chuck Brewer and David Kingen
- David Kingen and Chuck Brewer introduced themselves
 - A map of the property layout and description of the use case was provided
 - Chuck owns 3447 and 3445
 - His goal is to fix up the property and preserve the character of the old home
 - In the 1960s, the home served as the headquarters for a Butler Sorority
 - In the 1980s, a film studio was setup in the back of the office space
 - This is the current variance allowed in the zoning
 - Film studio is too specific and likely not a future use case
 - The request for the variance was triggered by the language of the existing variance and the need for a primary residence versus a secondary residence located in the main residence (not a carriage home)
 - As shared before, the front of the historic home would be a residence/apartments
 - The back attached space would be used for a business/warehouse/storage
 - Currently used by a nonprofit supporting women with clothing items
 - The large basement would be the secondary residence and allowed business operation (storage)
 - Currently used by an electrical contractor for a living space and minimal storage of business related supplies
 - Most materials/equipment are stored in company vehicle
 - Chuck has worked with Tab and the sports activities (retrieving soccer balls)
 - Established parking lot is fenced in and adequate for expected persons on site
 - The request for a sign out front has been removed from the variance request
 - Chuck and David are working with the city to clarify the language
 - The first hearing has been continued to January
 - Surrounding neighbors are very positive about this variance (verified by MFCNA outreach)
 - MFCNA will follow up with any questions and eventually a letter after the variance language is finalized

- 6:50 P.M. 2023 MFCNA Board Election - Nominations and Election
- Reviewed Board members for 2023
 - Matthew Downey
 - Travis Tatlock
 - Ryan McDuffee
 - Andres Limon
 - Eric Hart
 - Jewel Middleton
 - Terms ending, retiring, or stepped off the board
 - Jordan Rodriquez
 - Molly Wedding
 - Rachel Dickerson
 - Jeremy Morris
 - Chuck Madden
 - Open nominations for voting
 - Chuck Madden nominated himself for a second term
 - A motion was made and accepted for a vocal vote of confirmation
 - The vote for Chuck was unanimous
 - Reminded all that we will continue to have open board positions going into 2023
 - Please let the board know if you are interested in serving on the board
 - We can elect board members at a future monthly meeting with proper notice
 - Currently have 4 open positions (11 member board, based on bylaws)
- 6:55 P.M. Variance Request Updates
- 2803 N New Jersey St
 - Postponed hearing until February
 - Also reviewing allowance of existing garage attached to main building
- 6:58 P.M. 32nd and 34th Streets and College Ave - Ordinance Change
- This ordinance would restrict the east/west lanes entering College Ave at 32nd and 34th street to right lane turns only
 - Vehicles would not be able to cross College Ave or attempt left turns on to College Ave
 - Ordinance change was initiated by DPW and sponsored by our Councilor Duke Oliver
 - The ordinance was presented at the December City-County Council meeting
 - It was referred to the Public Works Committee for further review
 - Hope to have further updates and get more specifics from the city by the January meeting
- 7:01 P.M. IMPD - Officer Harrison shared his monthly report
- Crime is generally down across the city
 - 50 less homicides at this date compared to last year
 - 8 burglary reports in MFC
 - typically houses that are being renovated and may not be fully occupied
 - 2 robberies reported in the last month within MFC

- IMPD and city have installed license plate cameras in strategic locations for crime tracking
- Recent carjacking case was solved by using the plate cameras to track where the vehicle was headed
- Carjackings are up and are a crime of opportunity
 - avoid leaving your car running unattended during cold weather
- Hit-and-runs are also up
 - don't follow the vehicle
 - try to get a plate, make of the vehicle, direction of travel, etc.
 - plate cameras may help if you have some of this basic information
- Scams, financial
 - false stories of families in need of quick help
 - phone scams trying to get people to pay or asking for money
- November 2nd - Shooting victim
 - Exxon Mobil gas station at 32nd and Central Ave was robbed at gunpoint
 - Clerk was injured in the shooting
- SWAT response at 33rd and New Jersey St, 12/5
 - related to a covert operation
 - serial robbery suspect
 - suspect was barricaded in home, so SWAT was used
- Homicide at 37th and Wash Blvd - 12/2
 - not much information shared by detectives to street officers
 - responding officers did work with surrounding neighbors for any camera footage
- Shots fired incidents - Fairfield/Guilford/Winthrop
 - some targeted shots fired
 - hit multiple homes
- IMPD is always looking for ways they can be involved in our neighborhoods
 - share about upcoming events and make sure to invite IMPD

- 7:08 P.M. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate
- Nassif Kouton has taken another position within the Mayor's Office
 - He will continue to support us until a replacement is hopefully hired early next year
- 7:09 P.M. MFCDC
- Central@29 - funding application process was delayed to allow for estimate adjustments related to market conditions
 - Recipients will be announced in January based on the new schedule
- 7:10 P.M. Newfields
- Hopefully, you had a chance to use the free tickets for Winter Lights
 - Winter Lights continues through the first part of January
 - Tentatively planning a neighbors' week for free access to the LUME exhibit
 - more details to come
 - Make sure to get signed up for your free membership through their website
- 7:12 P.M. Freewheelin' Bikes - LaNisha Clark
- Shop closed for holidays, but open in January

Travis Tatlock, President

- Sale this Saturday 11AM - 2PM
- Classes paused till after holidays, new classes starting on a rotation
- Winter is a great time to get your bike fixed
- Special deals for tune up, annual maintenance

7:15 P.M. INRC Grant Cycle

- Grant approved for the Broadway and 29th St Park
- Total amount to be announced
- Updates on progress will be upcoming at future meetings

7:17 P.M. Early Learning Indiana - Lilly Family Center (3522 N Central Ave)

- Marienid González Meléndez and Darvin Lewis
- Early Learning Indiana has 11 facilities in Indianapolis
- Serve infants to Pre-K
- They have a rolling enrollment and wait list
- Ongoing employment opportunities also - Teachers, etc.
- Looking to continue to partner with neighborhoods and volunteers
- Have about 67 students at the Lilly Family Center
- tuition based with acceptance of CCDF vouchers
- Playground and outdoor space is available and can host events

7:23 P.M. Other updates from the floor/Open Discussion

- Open House for Good Living Indy Realtors - 451 E 38th St
 - Blue Roof, Kelly Lavengood
 - December 14 - 4PM - 7PM
- New Jersey St Pocket Park - Interest expressed by neighbors to improve lots
 - Working with MFCDC (owner) for planning
- Mid-North Churches (including the churches of MFC) has been hosting non-profit luncheons to help connect all the non-profit organizations of our neighborhoods and start conversations and partnerships

7:23 P.M. IVY Tech - Tea's Me Cafe

- IVY Tech just announced a Tea's Me Cafe location will be opening on campus for their students and for neighbors
- Christopher Wilburn - Director of Community Engagement
- Amanda Bonilla - Vice Chancellor
- They both introduced themselves and shared how excited they are to get involved with the surrounding neighborhoods to IVY Tech's Campus
- Provided more specifics about the cafe and it's offerings

7:30 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

Next Monthly Meeting: January 12, 6:30 PM, New Circle Church