

**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for October 12, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:33 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:34 P.M. Review of minutes from September, and approval of the minutes
- 6:35 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$ 4503.70
  - Prudential Account - \$ 8264.58
  - Membership dues can be paid online through our website or cash
  - September was the last month to pay dues for end of year election voting
- 6:40 P.M. MFCNA Fall Cleanup with KIB and HMPNA - Recap
- A big thanks to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for all their coordination
  - A big thanks to Raphael Health Center for letting us use their parking lot
  - Neighbors and volunteers managed to clean up many sections of the neighborhood
  - Neighborhood is ready for fall and Monumental Marathon
  - Recognized Chuck Madden's and Joe King's efforts to also clean up along Fall Creek Parkway North Drive
- 6:43 P.M. Monumental Marathon - Saturday October 28
- Reminder that the marathon has been moved up this year to the end of October
  - Street closures will be the same as last year
  - The half marathon and the full marathon circle sections of our neighborhood
  - Plan now if you know you need to get out that morning
  - Streets should open around noon
  - MFCNA appreciates the continued support from Beyond Monumental and their help with getting the word out to neighbors
- 6:48 P.M. Election of Board Members and December Election
- Again, we'll hold off electing Jackie since she is absent
  - Annual election is at our December Monthly meeting
  - Have many open spots and some persons exiting the board
- 6:50 P.M. Residential Street Reconstruction - ST-23-078
- The recent construction activity on some streets has caught neighbors off guard
  - DPW announced these projects earlier this spring, but had not communicated a timeline
  - Balsam and Evergreen work was started earlier this summer and has continued through a few months
  - Ruckle repaving for 3300 and 3400 blocks just started with no parking signs posted
  - Neighbors have expressed some frustration with the short notice
  - Work will likely wrap up before the winter

- It was reported that long term neighbors were in tears at the sight of the roads finally being repaired. These neighbors remember the road being in the same condition for the last 40+ years
- Neighbors are grateful for the collective conversations that MFCNA has had over the years to finally arrive at these improvements
- Goal is to have these conversations frequently so we can improve long term planning. These projects can take years to be finalized and implemented

6:53 P.M. Washington Boulevard, North/South Bike Lanes

- This morning we received a notice from DPW and city staff that bike lanes are being considered as a part of the resurfacing project of Washington Blvd
- The addition of bike lanes will eliminate parking on one side of the street
- MFCNA and HMPNA have posed initial questions to DPW and plan to meet soon
- Shanda Eickelberger of Historic Meridian Park shared about the work HMPNA was doing in partnership with DPW on an urban tacticalism project
- They also hosted DPW for an info session back in June where these bicycle lanes were not mentioned
- Collective concern for the needs of different neighbors, parking, and alley access were discussed
- Shanda also shared concerns for the schools in our neighborhood and the initiative by USDOT for Safe Routes to School
- MFCNA will seek more information from the city and share the details as we learn more

6:57 P.M. Ongoing Variance Requests in MFC

- 555 Fairfield Ave - 10/26
  - Hearing is now scheduled for later this month
  - Now includes Beth-El Temple (3359 Ruckle St) to be rezoned as C-3
  - MFCNA plans to write a letter prior to the hearing
  - Neighbor mentioned the issues with the trash cans and dumpsters
  - MFCNA received some confirmation from the owner that this will be handled, but we will follow up again to confirm

7:02 P.M. IMPD - Officer Harrison

- Shared the monthly statistics for September
  - 82k - 911 calls
  - 55k - non-emergency calls
  - 309 - texts to 911
  - 64.5k - dispatched runs
  - 24 seconds - average wait times for 911 calls
  - 1 minute 35 seconds - average wait times for non-emergency
  - Dispatched runs does not include fire department runs, only IMPD responses
  - All call stats were down for September
- 1 stabbing, not life threatening
- 5 aggravated assaults
- 10 auto thefts - continue to be up for certain car models
- 8 burglaries

- Rise in crime committed by juveniles throughout the city
- Halloween Season and into the Holiday Season usually means more robberies and burglaries
- Avoid running your car unattended in cold weather
  - generally this theft is a crime of opportunity
- IMPD is completing more visible patrolling to deter traffic violations and speeding throughout the city
- Reminder that shots fired should be reported and shell casings can be reported for collection as evidence for crime connections
- Road rage incidents continue to be prevalent
  - if you witness a case, report with as much description as you can
- Not as many car jackings recently
- Newest recruitment class is in their first month of training
  - may see multiple officers present to provide training opportunities
- Traffic complaints continue to be high
  - 34th St and Central Ave is a hot spot for patrolling
  - IMPD can't have eyes everywhere
- December is IMPD's annual clothing drive to sponsor 6 kids to get new clothes, shoes, coats, and toys for Christmas
  - you can donate funds if you are interested in helping
- Neighbor asked for an update related to reaching out to the gas station at 32nd St and Central
  - Officer Harrison said he hadn't yet due to low staffing, but he plans to have an update by next month's meeting
- Neighbor also asked about vandalizing of cars on Ruckle Street
  - Need to make sure these incidents are reported
  - IMPD can gather any camera footage from porch cameras
  - Reporting can be done over the phone to get the report in the system

- 7:10 P.M. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate - Susan Martinez
- Susan was not available this evening, but she provided some email updates to share
  - INRC Neighborhood Grant Program applications are open for the fall cycle
  - IndyGo will have free fares on Election Day
  - Indy DPW has rehabilitated the limestone railing on the College Avenue Bridge over Fall Creek
  - 2023 Leaf Collection Season starts in November
  - Mayor's Office announced 17 awardees for the Opioid Settlement Community Grant
  - Mayor's Office announced the new Housing Hub that will centralize city resources for neighbors experiencing homelessness, and will include the first publicly constructed, low-barrier shelter in city history

- 7:12 P.M. Friends of 38th Street and the National
- Final Cars and Gravy for 2023 is October 21 - 9 AM to Noon
  - Collecting donations for Coburn Place this month

- 7:14 P.M. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis - Angelina Moore
- Reminder to sign up for your neighborhood membership
    - you can also renew online now

- Haunted House - Booville is going on now with Twilight Fright this weekend
- Feast with the Witches will be 10/21
- Friends of Tarkington Park are hosting a fall festival on 10/28 from 2-5 pm
- Museum Holiday Party will be December 14, 6-8:30 PM

7:17 P.M. Newfields - Julianne Miller

- Summer has been very busy for Newfields, and glad to be back
- Currently have Harvest Nights ongoing
  - the free night was at the end of September
- Winter Lights coming up soon
  - November 18 is the community preview night
- Next Saturday is the Rocky Horror Picture Drag Show
- 10/22 is the Black Brewfest
- Museum will have trick-or-treating on Halloween
- Newfields is also participating in the Tarkington Park Fall Fest

7:20 P.M. Indiana State Fairgrounds - 27th Annual Safe Trick-or-Treat on Halloween

- 5-7 PM

7:22 P.M. MCPHD - Tammy Island

- Provided the monthly report from MCPHD
- Reminder that we can still report trash, high weeds, etc.
- The hotline for calling in is 317-221-2141
- You can also file paper reports to be submitted
- If you have questions, you can email her directly at [tisland@marionhealth.org](mailto:tisland@marionhealth.org)
- Reports are the best way to get some investigation started

7:25 P.M. Broadway and 29th Park, Mari Evans

- Expenditures from the grant are attached for reference
- We have to close out the grant to become eligible for future grant application rounds

7:27 P.M. Other updates from the floor/Open Discussion

- Fall Festive at NCC - 10/27, 6-9 PM
  - Shelter ribbon cutting for Mapleton Park
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 7
  - Voting on mayoral candidates and city-county councilors
  - local voting center is Phillips Temple CME Church
  - WISH TV is hosting a live mayoral debate on 10/23, 6-7 PM
- Total Solar Eclipse is 6 months away, 4/8/2024
  - glasses available and more as we get closer to the date
- Halloween is Tuesday 10/31, trick-or-treating is 6-8 PM
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
  - Joel Reichenbach shared about his work at Sheltering Wings
    - they support domestic abuse survivors in Hendricks County
    - incidents go up as we enter the holiday season
    - 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced domestic violence

*Travis Tatlock, President*

- Resources are available through the website and 24 hour hotline
- Lookout for friends, family, and coworkers who may be experiencing this
- Feel free to ask questions after the meeting
- Melody Barber-Hence who works for the Center Township Trustee Office introduced herself
  - they have resources for energy assistance
  - hours throughout the week and by appointment
  - Food Truck Fridays through the warmer months
  - Upcoming community dinner event at the Julia Carson Government Center (10/19)
  - 2nd Chance Workshop, 10/17
  - Fall Fest and Trunk-or-Treat, 10/24

7:43 P.M.      Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

Next Monthly Meeting: November 9, 6:30 PM, New Circle Church