

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for January 12, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:32 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:33 P.M. Review of minutes from December and approval of the minutes
- 6:37 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$3481.20
 - Prudential Account - \$8048.66
 - Membership dues can be paid online through our website
- 6:40 P.M. Indiana Department of Environmental Management - Herb Engman & Bob Lugar
- Herb shared about the mission of the IDEM in the context of the state down to the neighborhood level
 - Herb recalled working with MFCDC about a decade ago on a clean up of former gas station site (buried tanks)
 - Main functions: administer environmental programs, compliance and technical assistance, enforcement actions, and collect data for the public and reporting to the EPA
 - Many improvements over the last few years in responsiveness and enforcement to improve outcomes for residents of Indiana
 - Shared about the Environmental Stakeholder Inclusion Program
 - part of the nondiscrimination policy
 - ensures that all external stakeholders understand and are represented in agency actions through enhanced service to our communities and citizens
 - Through this program, IDEM can provide translation and interpretation services
 - Fulfill special assistance requests for public meetings
 - Provide plain English guide services to improve understanding of complex terminology
 - Requests can be made to IDEM staff via all general forms of communication
 - Requests are recorded and tracked
 - Acknowledgement within 24 hours
 - Initial response within 30 days, but generally more rapid to fill the specific need
 - Request must be closed out within 90 days
 - Shared about the mapping tool for reviewing local statistics and related environmental concerns
 - Within Mapleton-Fall Creek, the most common environmental concern is related to lead paint within historic homes
 - For more information: www.idem.IN.gov/health/2500.htm
 - Email directly to the ESI program: ESI@idem.IN.gov
 - Question was asked about lead service lines for water into homes
 - Citizens Energy is actively working on a removal program, but there are about 75,000 homes that could have lead services still in use

- Citizens is focusing on singular neighborhoods at a time to roll out assistance program
- Determining if you have a lead service line is based on finding historical records and when the line was installed
 - Citizens has most of these records
 - Resident is generally the payer for the replacement, but assistance programs can help spread out the one time cost of replacement
- Herb and Bob are open to help with any environmental concerns
 - help find subject matter experts to provide guidance
 - help explain programming or testing
 - help with soil testing and lead contamination
 - help with future development projects or concerns that neighbors have
- Question was asked about if soil testing or site testing had been completed in relation to Monon 30 and some of the other proposed developments on the west side of Fall Creek
 - Herb will follow up
 - Railroad yard had taken up a large portion of the land previously
 - concerns about creosote from railroad ties
- IDEM is also starting further implementation of their Environmental Justice Program, so they are looking for ways they can support neighborhoods

7:02 P.M.

32nd and 34th Streets and College Ave - Ordinance Change

- DPW proposed the ordinance change for the December council meeting
- Proposal was passed to Public Works Committee
- Committee recommended passing the proposal based on DPW input
- Proposal was docketed for final approval by council for January meeting
- Council approved ordinance at January 9 meeting
- Councilor Oliver requested a collective meeting of MFCNA, DPW, and him to discuss the reasoning behind the ordinance
- This meeting to be scheduled, but ordinance will go into effect as of now when DPW can modify signage

7:05 P.M.

Variance Requests - Updates

- 2803 N New Jersey - following up, change of Center Township Trustee
- 3445 Washington Blvd - wording update, hearing date is 2/14
- Hearing related to triplex at 2961 Delaware St is scheduled for 2/7

7:08 P.M.

IMPD - Officer Harrison and Officer Miles

- Shared citywide statistics for 2022
- In the last month for MFC
 - 3 burglaries
 - 5 auto thefts
 - Hit and runs continue to be prevalent
- Continued patrolling at 32nd and Central, 34th and Central, and foot patrols
- unattended vehicles that are running are a target for theft
- Plan to host active shooter presentations
 - 4 upcoming dates planned, more details to be shared
- Increase of shots fired and random shooting reports, some while driving
- Plan for community walks when the weather improves

Travis Tatlock, President

- can be scheduled in MFC
- Recent pursuits have ended in MFC
 - related to stolen vehicles and narcotics
- Pursuit policy has changed some but is still limited based on infractions and risk assessment

7:18 P.M. MFCDC - Waiting on announcement if Central@29 received LIHTC funding

7:20 P.M. Friends of 38th St - Planning to host Cars & Gravy and Blues and BBQ again this year

7:22 P.M. The Children's Museum - Angelina Moore

- Reminder to take advantage of the free membership for neighbors
- January 28 - Dino Train exhibit
- StarPoint Summer Camp sign up - opens at the end of January
- Black History Month - February 2, Alyssa Gaines, Poet Laureate
- hiring for multiple positions at the museum

7:24 P.M. Newfields - Julianne Miller

- MLK Day Celebration into the weekend
- Closed for a break during the week after MLK day
- New CEO, Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette is excited to get involved with neighborhoods and invites neighbors to take advantage of programming and membership
- Future events in the planning phase and possibly attend a meeting to introduce herself

7:26 P.M. Freewheelin' Bikes - LaNisha Clark

- Granted transportation grant for Indygo bus passes
- Continue to be busy at the shop through winter season
- 50% overhaul deal is still active for January, so get your bikes in
- Upcoming Spring Brakes and other programming will start up soon

7:28 P.M. INRC Grant - Broadway and 29th Park was awarded the full \$10k grant

- Planning in the works
- more opportunities for volunteers and activity approaching

7:29 P.M. Updates from the floor

- Mid-North Church MLK Day service
- Planning another cleanup day for this spring
- 32nd Street closure expected to end in April based on report from Citizens Energy
- Al Polin Park was awarded \$600k in improvements from the Lilly Foundation

7:33 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

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