

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for February 9, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:32 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:33 P.M. Review of minutes from January and approval of the minutes
- 6:37 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$3374.39
 - Prudential Account - \$8237.59
 - Membership dues can be paid online through our website
- 6:39 P.M. Citizens' Police Complaint Office - Richard Okello
- Serves as CEO of the Complaint Office
 - Previously held the position of investigator for the Office
 - CPCO was created in 1989 as a result of the case involving Michael Taylor under Mayor Hudnut
 - Goal to build trust, address misconduct, and provide feedback to IMPD
 - Board (separate from the Office) is made up of 12 members
 - 9 citizens of the 6 IMPD districts
 - 3 appointed
 - 3 non-voting, police officers
 - Board members must participate in 20 hours of relevant training
 - Ordinance changes in 2020 allowed longer window to file a complainant (180 days)
 - Monthly reports are required from the board
 - Added investigator position to the Office to report to the board
 - Ordinance allows for 5 minutes to address board during meeting
 - Types of complaints handled
 - abuse
 - profanity
 - excessive use of force
 - violated policy
 - Only the party involved can file a complaint to the board
 - The complaint cannot intervene in court matters
 - no landlord or neighbor disputes
 - no community mediation (direct these complaints to proper resources)
 - If you feel your rights have been violated by IMPD
 - start writing down details
 - record photos, injuries, and related reports
 - Office will assist persons with filing the correct forms
 - Interviews of the parties will be completed and submitted to the Board
 - Case is ultimately reviewed by the board
 - complaints are sustained, not sustained, exonerated, or unfounded
 - Result is delivered to person who filed the complaint
 - Office is working on education/information
 - understanding a person's rights when interacting with police

- difference between detained and under arrest
- civic education
- role of police, detectives, etc.
- juvenile treatment by police
- homeless population interactions with police
- education material is not yet published, but soon

- 6:57 P.M. City-County Council Districts 8 & 12 - Candidates for primary
- District 8 - Majority of Mapleton-Fall Creek
 - Duke Oliver
 - Danita Hoskin
 - Quincy Murphy - present, introduced himself
 - Ron Gibson - present, introduced himself
 - Edwin Jones
 - District 12 - Small area of south section of MFC
 - Meridian, 30th, Central Ave, 29th, Fall Creek Pkwy
 - Tyrone Chandler
 - Vop Osili

- 7:02 P.M. 32nd and 34th Streets and College Ave - Ordinance Change
- MFCNA met with Nathan Sheets of DPW and Councilor Oliver on February 3
 - Shared concerns about ordinance changes, overall traffic concerns in MFC
 - DPW shared crash report analysis for intersections
 - Majority of accidents don't involve neighbors, but person from outside MFC
 - Accommodating the line of sight would eliminate most of the street parking along College Ave (front of houses)
 - Ordinance has changed, but not yet implemented due to weather
 - Pavement must warm up before painting
 - 32nd Street still closed till late April
 - MFCNA will continue to follow up to see if other options are available and also advocate for traffic concerns related to these changes

- 7:05 P.M. Variance Requests - Updates
- 2803 N New Jersey St - New Center Township Trustee is not moving forward with this construction of a garage
 - 3445 Washington Blvd - letter of support provided to the city
 - 2962 N Delaware St - letter of support provided to the city, passed by BZA I

- 7:11 P. M. Variance Requests - 3100 N Meridian St (corrected from agenda)
- 3100 N Meridian St - site of new Herron Preparatory Academy
 - David Kingen and Stephen Allen (neighbor, and project architect) shared about the design and variance requests
 - Requests are related to
 - Height of new construction
 - fence height for playground enclosure towards Meridian St
 - signage facing Meridian St
 - Building addition (height request) will be 35,000 square feet to accommodate 5th-8th grade students
 - provides gym space for exercise and classrooms

- general height is about the same as other taller buildings along this area of Meridian St
- Fencing will match to existing fencing used by surrounding buildings associated with the Children's Museum
 - goal is to improve safety and security for the playground
- Sign is similar to what is used at other locations for Herron Classical Schools
- Hearing will occur on March 7 (BZA I, 1 PM, City-County Building)
- MFCNA will hold off submitting any letter until Crown Hill Neighborhood Association is consulted since the site is on the west side of Meridian within their neighborhood boundaries

7:23 P. M. Variance Requests - 555 Fairfield Ave

- Existing location of CRDN of Greater Indianapolis
- Former site of Double 8 grocery store
- David Kingen and current owner Greg Rankin spoke about the zoning request
- Properties on the triangle of Fairfield, 34th, and Park Ave are all zoned residential even though they are used commercially (barbershop, etc.)
- CRDN is looking to expand footprint of building on the eastern portion of their property, but must be zoned properly
- Target zoning is C-S (commercial special) which would help cover the specific uses of the property
- C-S requires a detailed site plan to define the "special" use case
- CRDN handles fire and flood restoration
 - restores all types of household items that can be affected
- Some current employees live in the surrounding neighborhood
 - Always hiring, workday generally 7 AM - 4 PM, some half days on Saturdays
- All processes are completed indoors (no outdoor storage)
- Addition to the building will match the commercial look of the existing building but don't want to exclude future use cases of retail if the building was sold
- Don't expect large semi truck traffic, only smaller box trucks
- Plans are still being finalized, so this conversation will be ongoing to lead toward a hearing for the rezoning

7:33 P.M. MFCDC - Central@29 funding for LIHTC was approved - 56 unit apartment building in the 28th block of Central Avenue

- hopefully the first of the development along Central Ave
- other homes in construction this year

7:35 P.M. MCPHD - Yoreya Warren - Printed monthly report available

7:36 P.M. INRC Grant - Broadway and 29th Park

- Planning continues, hope to have updates in the near future

7:37 P.M. Updates from the floor

- Spring Clean Up in partnership with KIB and HMPNA will be Saturday April 29th, dumpster location to be determined
- Horizon League Championships will be at the Farmers Coliseum March 6-7

- American Red Cross is continuing its efforts to share about fire safety and get new smoke alarms installed in homes
 - neighbors can request an appointment to get a free replacement of smoke alarms and a home fire safety assessment through their website
 - Continue to check/replace batteries of existing smoke alarms and replace the detectors when they expire
- Hi and Mighty (Gin Distillery, State Fairgrounds) had its hearing for their liquor license for the new restaurant opening later this year
 - Dan Fahrner (part owner) shared at the hearing that the location would be open Tuesday-Sunday, 11AM - 10 PM
 - Opening in July
 - Food is elevated concessions
 - 300 person restaurant area and distillery
 - license was approved
 - don't know if parking on the fairgrounds will cost
- Andre Carson, Youth Opportunities Fair
 - March 13, Noon-7PM, Ivy Tech Culinary Center

7:42 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

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