

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for March 9, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:33 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:34 P.M. Review of minutes from January and approval of the minutes
- 6:35 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$3508.3
 - Prudential Account - \$8027.06
 - Membership dues can be paid online through our website
- 6:39 P.M. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc. - Ryann Davis and Summer Keown
- Summer and Ryan introduced themselves
 - Mission of KIB is "to engage diverse communities to create vibrant public places, helping people and nature thrive."
 - KIB hosts multiple programs
 - Greenspaces - such as Mapleton Park
 - Tree planting
 - Volunteer opportunities - like Great Indy Cleanup
 - Youth employment and programming
 - Currently hiring team leaders for programming
 - Also hire urban naturalists annually
 - Habitat restoration and removal of invasive species
 - Work with Key to Work and RecycleForce to focus on thoroughfares
 - Including Central Ave, 38th St, Keystone, Fall Creek, 25th Street
 - Work along waterways in the city
 - focus on clean up
 - new coordinator started recently
 - Adopt-A-Block
 - clean up your own block
 - KIB can provide brooms, shovels, etc.
 - Blocks are graded quarterly
 - Those who are successful block captains can receive free native plants
 - Free trees for planting are available
 - Yearly events that recognize block captains and volunteers
 - Little block awards of \$500 can also help block captains working collectively (3 or more)
 - Offer resources to help engage neighbors
 - multiple neighbors are already block captains within MFC
 - you can review the adopted blocks on the KIB website
 - the time commitment is variable and can be adjusted to fit your ability
 - Focused Neighborhood Cleanups
 - beyond just locally hosted Great Indy Cleanups, these can be more holistic and directly supported by KIB

- neighborhood must already have ideas and participation that is demonstrated on the application
- KIB helps lead the organizing groups and interweave the opportunities and resources (murals, plant trees, etc.)
- apply on the Great Indy Page of KIB
- Businesses and Corporations
 - KIB can consult and plan days of service for employees
 - can adopt their blocks
- Trees can only be planted by KIB in public spaces
- Currently have a grant to keep a cleanup crew active on major thoroughfares
- 1 crew right now, but hope to have 2 eventually
- Ideally these crews would be cleaning up the major thoroughfares on a 2 week cycle, but slower right now
- Areas selected based on MAC reporting data, so continue to report litter and dumping
- Questions
 - Addressing dead animals
 - generally the city, report to MAC
 - Graffiti
 - generally the city, report to MAC, DPW has a graffiti season
 - Honeysuckle removal
 - possibly a part of larger projects
 - these types of plants gather trash, so removal is helpful

6:57 P.M. Open Board Member Positions

- as before, we introduce candidates in a monthly meeting and vote at the next meeting
- Joel introduced himself
- Kasey was unable to attend, but excited to be considered for the board
- Board still has open positions beyond just these

7:00 P.M. May Primary Election and City-County Council Districts 8 & 12

- District 8 - Majority of Mapleton-Fall Creek
 - Field has narrowed to 2 candidates (Democrat)
 - Danita Hoskin - present, introduced herself
 - Ron Gibson - present, introduced himself
- District 12 - Small area of south section of MFC
 - Meridian, 30th, Central Ave, 29th, Fall Creek Pkwy
 - Tyrone Chandler
 - Vop Osili
- Reminder that election is Tuesday, May 2, 6 AM - 6 PM polls open
- Closest polling locations is Phillips Temple CME
- Poll workers are needed throughout the county
- IPS referendum will be on the ballot, increase of property taxes
 - may have a representative next month to share more details
- Encourage neighbors to check their property assessments from the city, property values are up about 20% in the last year
 - this will increase property taxes
 - minor errors can be fixed, but must be appealed through the city Assessor's Office

- Newfields may be a polling location by the May primary, but definitely by the November General Election

7:06 P.M. Variance Requests - Updates

- 3100 N Meridian St - Herron Preparatory Academy - hearing occurred on Tuesday 3/7, request was approved
- 555 Fairfield Ave - still pending, has not been filed yet

7:10 P. M. IMPD - Officer Harrison

- 70k 911 calls (wait time 21 seconds), 88k non emergency calls (wait time 1 minute 49 seconds), 58.7k dispatches
- Crime stats for February in MFC
- 7 robberies, 10 burglaries
- Increase in shots fire reports, shell casings collected
- IMPD North is hosting a virtual town hall, April 11
 - Commander Wolley will be speaking and answering questions
- 25 new IMPD recruits in the most recent class
 - out working and training now
 - may see calls with many officers (including those in training)
- Planning traffic enforcement in and around the neighborhood as before
- When crimes occur
 - officers take a report, generate a case number
 - case is given to a detective
 - if homicide or other crime, need to gather witnesses
 - sometimes don't want to share
 - this slows down investigations and resolution
 - also gather physical evidence
- 2900 Delaware St - person shot
 - occurred in an Airbnb
 - targeted incident that stemmed from a prior incident
- Question about earlier shooting victim that ended up at the gas station at 30th and College Ave

7:16 P. M. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate - Susan Martinez

- Introduced herself
- B-link program still available for businesses
 - helps fund security cameras for businesses
 - connect back to IMPD for their support in investigations
 - grant money available, application due by the end of March
- Strip patching of roads by DPW has started already
- Construction projects were announced for the 2023 season
 - more info available online
- INRC grants for round 3 are now available through the application process
- Remember to report things to the MAC
- Graffiti is addressed along with tall weeds in the spring and summer, so in the near term
- Can share more specifics on projects in an upcoming meeting as needed

Travis Tatlock, President

- 7:21 P.M. MFCDC
- More projects coming along, hoping to have more to share about Central@29 at a future meeting
- 7:23 P.M. Friends of 38th Street and National - Cars and Gravy starts this summer
- 7:24 P.M. Newfields - Julianne Miller
- Art in Bloom is this month
 - floral arrangements that correspond to the art
 - free for members, get tickets online
 - there will be demos, discussions, and symphony music
 - As mentioned, working on Newfields being a voting/polling location
- 7:26 P.M. Freewheelin' Bikes - Spring Brakes this month and Summer Camps later this year
- 7:27 P.M. INRC - Still working on planning for Broadway and 29th Park
- 7:28 P.M. Midtown - Danita Hoskin
- Danita introduced herself, joined Midtown back in August
 - Business facade grants available through LISC
 - application process in March
 - reimbursable grant for small business owners
 - street facing, lighting, doors, etc.
 - Neighborhood Association can also provide a letter of support
 - Open house for Parkside housing development in the old United Way building next to Tarkington Park
 - 55 and older, resident information available online
 - affordable housing next to the park
 - community rooms and commercial space available
 - 9:30 AM - 11 AM
 - mayor participating in ribbon cutting
 - 3901 N Meridian
 - Traffic light study completed for 38th street from Newfields to the Fairgrounds
 - Associated with 120 is Enough pedestrian safety initiative
 - Many traffic lights not functioning or present as they should be on all the intersections
- 7:35 P.M. Updates from the floor
- Reminder that our spring clean up is coming up next month on Saturday, April 29
 - more details to follow
 - Blue Mind Roasting just opened their coffee shop on 38th Street
 - spaces within the building are available (artist space, etc.)
- 7:36 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

Next Monthly Meeting: April 13, 6:30 PM, New Circle Church