

**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for May 11, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:33 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:34 P.M. Review of minutes from April and approval of the minutes
- 6:35 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$ 3692.62
  - Prudential Account - \$ 8189.01
  - Membership dues can be paid online through our website
  - House Placards are still available - \$70/\$75
- 6:37 P.M. MFCNA and HMPNA Spring Clean ups
- Thanks to all our volunteers, HMPNA, Command Coffee, and Beyond Monumental for all the help
  - Clean up was successful and the dumpster was filled
  - Working on Fall Clean up in partnership with KIB and HMPNA for all of MFC
  - Still have free shirts available on the table if interested
- 6:41 P.M. Newfields - Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette
- Earlier today, Newfields reached out to say Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette was handling some family issues this week, so she will plan to reschedule her attendance at a future meeting
  - We still have some free LUME tickets on the table if interested
- 6:43 P.M. May Primary Election
- IPS funding referendum that we discussed last month passed
  - Ron Gibson, candidate for District 8, won the Democratic Primary
  - Vop Osili, candidate for District 12, won the Democratic Primary
  - Joe Hogsett and Jefferson Shreve will run for mayor in November
  - November election is Tuesday, November 7, 6AM - 6PM
- 6:47 P.M. Variance Requests
- 2800 Ruckle - MFCDC - this was approved on 4/27 with some commitments related to the housing that is to be developed on the properties
  - 510/555 Fairfield Ave - latest plans in the agenda packet
    - waiting on some input from IDEM (environmental)
    - owner has not filed yet
    - more parking spaces and smaller building footprints
    - permitted uses also being discussed
    - expect filing soon, but hearing to be scheduled with the city in the future
- 6:49 P.M. IMPD - Officer Harrison is back to present this month
- Multiple burglaries and robberies in MFC since last reporting
  - Simple assault is way up in the city and MFC
  - Incident reported at 37th and Ruskin Place

- 4/29, passenger pulled a gun on a driver
- Incidents reported at 34th and Central, working with landlord
- Please report any shots fired
  - shell casings can be recovered and linked to other activity
  - call police to report
  - fireworks can sound similar, but usually somewhat distinguishable
  - reporting even if it seems farther away can help locate incidents
  - reports generate a CAD number that is followed up on in daylight
  - shots fire detection data was collected during use trial use
  - City must decide if there is funding to keep that service in place
- IMPD North is hosting active shooting training toward the end of June at Raphael Health center, more details to come
- Homicide at 30th and Broadway, 4/26
  - no arrest made yet
- 1600 E 44th St disturbance ended in a SWAT situation at 29th and Delaware St
- IMPD North is hosting their Community Day, June 3, Saturday, Noon to 3 PM at Castleton Square Mall
- Question about double homicide near Kennedy King, park area
  - couple, male and female shot coming home late at night
  - detective is actively investigating with some good leads and information from surrounding neighborhood
- Will there be another round for businesses to participate in the B-Link program for cameras and surveillance?
  - expect program to continue, not sure about grant funding
- Questions about Health and Hospital officers pulling over for traffic violation
  - neighbor noted a vehicle pulled over by a Health and Hospital officer
  - not sure on their jurisdiction, but generally allowed to enforce traffic laws, depending on factors
  - it was noted that Health and Hospital operates facilities and parking areas within MFC
  - the officer could have been responding to an incident related to these properties
- Neighbor thanked IMPD for continuing some traffic enforcement along the Fall Creek Parkway N Drive

7:04 P.M.

Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate - Susan Martinez

- Susan shared about the city pools opening for Memorial Day weekend, and then the full opening for the summer
- Sign ups for adult summer programming and day camps are now open for the parks
- IndyRent opens again on May 27
  - rental assistance for tenants until allocated funding is used up
  - apply for assistance and get more information on the website
  - <https://indyrent.org/>
- Question was asked last month about the directional changes on 29th/30th Street
  - Followed up with DPW
  - DPW plans to implement these changes in 2024 with more planning and information to come

- Susan is working with DPW and the neighborhoods to host a meeting about the ongoing capital improvement projects around MFC
- This meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, with more information to come
- Lane Wolf, the Public Information Officer is planning to attend and answer questions that residents have

7:10 P.M. Neighborhood Partners

- MFCDC - plan to discuss Central@29 at a future meeting based on updates and progress
- Friends of 38th Street
  - Recognized the impact of Bill Osterle on MFC and the preservation of the old Chase Bank in light of his passing
  - It was just a few years ago that he and his business partners were presenting at a MFCNA meeting with the request permission to propose a restaurant in the space
  - Although this didn't come to fruition, the building was still preserved and it continues to host business operations and community events
  - Cars and Gravy returns on Saturday June 17, 9AM to noon, with funds raised going to Indiana Youth Group for June
- The Children's Museum
  - Angelina couldn't be here tonight but she wanted to make sure we shared about the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 3, at the Children's Museum, 10 AM - 3 PM
  - Residents and members should receive a postcard with more information
  - We also have printed fliers you can take and share with neighbors
- Indiana State Fairgrounds
  - MFCNA has reached out to the State Fairgrounds to ask some general questions and restart our communication channel
  - Talking with Anna Whelcher, the State Fairgrounds is planning to hire a community liaison in the near future
  - They also plan to discuss internally some of the Monon access questions we had
- INRC Grant - Mari Evans Park (29th and Broadway Park)
  - This continues to be ongoing, more updates to come

7:19 P.M. Other updates from the floor/Open Discussion

- Investigating Funeral Parlor that popped up at 3202 N New Jersey St
  - Noted by HMPNA and reported to the city for investigation
- Again, looking at larger KIB Fall Clean up with the help of Chris Roberson of HMPNA
  - application process and discussion with block captains ongoing
- 32nd Street at Fall Creek Parkway - Update
  - Citizens Energy is expecting this road section to open around May 17 with some leeway based on weather conditions
  - Final right turn only will be implemented in conjunction with this intersection, the others are already painted at 34th St at College Ave
- Indy Colts are hosting an e-waste recycling event at Lucas Oil Stadium this Saturday (5/17), 9 AM - 1 PM

- Pretty Passionate Hands (PPH) - Paradise Bradford
  - Paradise introduced herself and shared about her decision to start PPH
  - She was also grateful for whoever mowed their new adopt-a-median section along 34th Street
  - Just recently was awarded some grant funding from Ashley Flowers of Crime Junkie for PPH's mission
  - On Saturdays they feed about 100 homeless persons from June 1 - August 31
  - Ultimate goal is to support teen mothers with housing, child care, and other needs they may have
  - Events include activities for kids and fundraising by selling hot dogs
  - Also have chances to hear the stories of teen mothers
  - Upcoming panel talk on May 20, 1-3 PM
  - Paradise is a child care provider herself and PPH is exploring ways they can expand this support for teen mothers
  - Actively pursuing a grant opportunity to turn a house in MFC into a 24 hour child care and home base
    - located at 33rd and Park
  - PPH has its offices out of New Circle Church in the upstairs
    - feel free to come and check out after the meeting
  - Also looking to schedule a beautification day in the future for the adopt a median area that they are now taking care of
  - Paradise is happy to answer questions, and she plans to stay involved in the neighborhood and MFCNA

7:28 P.M.      Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

Next Monthly Meeting: June 8, 6:30 PM, New Circle Church