

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for August 10, 2023

New Circle Church

- 6:33 P.M. Meeting called to order by Travis Tatlock, President
- 6:34 P.M. Review of minutes from July and approval of the minutes
- 6:35 P.M. Treasurer's Report
- Chase Account - \$ 4037.12
 - Prudential Account - \$ 8507.50
 - Membership dues can be paid online through our website or cash
 - September is the last month to pay dues for end of year election voting
 - We've collected about \$500 directly through membership dues in 2023
- 6:40 P.M. 3333 Ruckle St - Mithun Sinha and Jayeeta Ghose
- Mithun and Jayeeta introduced themselves
 - Mithun is a professor and Jayeeta is a researcher
 - 1st time homeowners
 - Received notice from city inspector regarding their existing garage after purchasing the home
 - The detached garage is 3 ft instead of the required 5 ft per the ordinances
 - Nothing was flagged during the real estate purchase process (title, etc.)
 - Hearing is scheduled for September 5
 - They are asking for a letter of support
 - Question asked, who built the garage?
 - Not clear from the purchase or the home records
 - Contractor or others should have been aware of the permitting process
 - It was recommended and approved that MFCNA would provide a letter of support for the variance request
 - Mithun and Jayeeta expressed their gratitude for the support
- 6:47 P.M. 555 Fairfield Ave, CRDN - David Kingen, Greg Rankin
- David and Greg not present
 - Conversations continue, and mainly focused on finalizing commitments and use exclusions (within C-3 zoning)
 - Hearing has been delayed till 9/28
 - MFCNA is working with New Circle Church and Indiana Landmarks in ongoing discussions
 - Packet includes the listed and excluded uses for C-3 zoning
- 6:50 P.M. Ongoing Variance Requests
- 3530 Birchwood Ave - not a variance request, but still haven't heard an update from the city about posting this property for sale again
 - will follow up with the city staff
 - 3351 N Meridian St, Dove Recovery House - Approved as presented on 7/18
 - 2958 N College Ave - 10 apartment units and retail space
 - initial plans attached

- working with owner to decide exclusions for MU-2 zoning
- Hearing is scheduled for 9/14, so considering a request for delay if agreement is not resolved in time
- 2802 N Washington Blvd - 2 quad unit buildings near the intersection (2802 and 2806)
 - variance request is related to the setback from 28th Street
 - hearing scheduled for 9/19
- 3100 N Pennsylvania - variance request for new garage
 - Within HMP and handled by their board

6:55 P.M. Open Board Member Positions

- Jackie Rodriquez has expressed interest to be on the board
- She is a neighbor that lives on the south end (2900 Ruckle) and has worked for a few different non-profit organizations
- Shared about her expertise in communication and social media
- She is a business owner for a social media consulting company
- Hopes to get involved and help with board communications as she can
- We will have the vote on her at the September meeting

6:58 P.M. IMPD - Officer Harrison - on duty at the Indiana State Fair this month

- plans to provide an update when he returns

7:00 P.M. Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate - Susan Martinez

- Mayor's Ride to the Fair is this Saturday (8/12)
- If you have property issues (zoning, questions, etc.) make sure to report to Request Indy (online or app) or call the MAC (317-327-4622)
- Riverside Promenade will be opening late September or early October
 - <https://www.riversidepromenade.org/>
 - Has been in planning and construction since 2019
 - Runs from 29th Street down to 16 Street along Riverside Park (E Riverside Dr)
 - Includes different nodes with local art and cultural features
- All pools are closed for this year
- Splash pads will be open until Labor Day
- Fall and Winter Park Activity sign ups are ongoing
- Question asked about potholes - 3300 Ruckle St to 3300 Park Ave alley
 - Reported multiple times to the MAC
 - Pothole requests on streets are focused on first
 - Putting request in is important to add it to the system
 - Property taxes and gas taxes generally don't cover alley maintenance
 - Budget season is in progress
 - Future councilors for 2024 may be able to better advocate for our infrastructure concerns

7:06 P.M. Neighborhood Partners

- MFCDC
 - Central@29 construction bidding opportunities are now available
 - TCB is looking for local contractors to fill the various roles of the project
 - Power & Sons Construction is the main contractor

- Please share this with known businesses and direct their representatives to participate in the bidding process
- TCB and MFCDC plans to update MFCNA as progress is made, so expect an update the next few months
- Friends of 38th Street
 - Cars and Gravy returns on Saturday August 19, 9AM to noon, with funds raised going to Trinity Haven for August
 - Blues & BBQ on 38th St - Saturday 8/26, Noon - 7PM
 - pie eating contest opportunity for adults and kids
 - great live music, food, and fun for all
 - no admission to attend
- The Children's Museum - Angelina Moore
 - Reminder to sign up for free membership for neighbors
 - Discounts for members include
 - Fort Wayne Zoo - ½ off
 - Greatest Show on Earth - December 2023
 - Disney on Ice - January 2024
 - Museum by Moonlight coming up - Fundraiser for the museum
 - Theme is the Roaring 20s, tickets available
 - New Exhibits - Sacred Places
 - 7 different sites from around the world
 - First Thursday coming up after Labor Day
 - Museum is working on a podcast that spotlights our community
 - "Spotlighting Our Community"
 - July's episode featured Paradise Bradford of Pretty Passionate Hands
 - available on their youtube channel
 - let Angelina know if you know of interested persons to be interviewed
 - Museum is hiring in a variety of positions
 - Also working with Cecilia Whitfield for a grant
 - looking for a letter of support from MFCNA
 - Planning towards the approaching centennial of the museum
 - looking for stories, memories, and ideas about the museum over the years
 - Want to feature 100 objects of the museum and the future
 - planning for centennial celebration kits, possibly a large block party event
 - look for more details and submit your ideas
 - the polar bear was mentioned
- Freewheelin' Bikes
 - Registration for Nancy's Ride is now open (Saturday, September 23)
 - <https://www.freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride>
 - Flier in the packet
 - The bike shop is open and accepting bicycle repairs
- Indiana State Fairgrounds
 - Fair continues until the end of this month (8/20)
 - Hope to have LeRoy Lewis introduce himself at an upcoming meeting
- INRC grant - most of the money has been allocated for the park

- Upcoming meeting with Indy Parks to discuss the future plans for the park
- Meeting is at Broadway UMC, 8/30, 6:00 PM

- MCPHD - Tammy Island
 - Tammy introduced herself and provided her contact information
 - Serves as team leader and MCPHD is in the process of hiring more inspectors to cover our neighborhood
 - Reminded neighbors to review the collective report from MCPHD to understand open cases
 - From there, Tammy can help with follow up if neighbors have ongoing concerns
 - Various properties across the neighborhood were discussed

7:25 P.M. Other updates from the floor/Open Discussion

- Mapleton Park, Shelter Installation,
 - Roof on, still working on landscaping around the shelter
- NNO was last week (8/1) - MFCNA appreciates IFD and IMPD for participating
 - Thanks to all the neighbors that came out
- Free Movie Fridays at Tarkington Park coming in September and October
- Tab Jams, season finale is this Sunday (8/13), 6-8 PM
 - installation of playground equipment recently completed
 - congratulations to Pastor John Gable on his retirement from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
- 2023 Fall Clean Up with KIB - Focus Neighborhood
 - KIB is selecting us as a 2023 focus neighborhood for their larger fall cleanup
 - date is Saturday October 7
 - working with block captains and various groups
 - need volunteers and will have more details soon
- Question about old Walgreens on 38th Street - Property is being actively turned into an Oak Street Health center
 - health clinic and also works with AARP and other services
- Art in the Garden - 3001 N New Jersey, 9/17 - 3-8:30 PM
 - tickets available, We Are Indy Arts (<https://weareindyarts.com/>)
 - Looking for vendors for the event
 - weareindianapolis@gmail.com
- Reminder to take some free vegetables from the sign up table in the back

7:40 P.M. Call for motion to adjourn and socialize with neighbors

Next Monthly Meeting: September 14, 6:30 PM, New Circle Church