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## Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for February 12, 2015

**6:33 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by President, Al Polin

### **Moment of silence**

Al Polin gives introductions to this meeting's guest speakers.

### **Treasury Report**

Dues are due for 2015. Break-down of cost. You can give them today or you can give them next time. We have a matching going on that will be ending in March. If you pay your dues prior to the end of March, your amount will be matched.

### **Update from Vice Presidents' Committees: Edna**

1. Fault in our Stars - current book. We'll meet on March 7, 2pm at College Library for discussion.
2. Craft club - has been going well for the past month. An hour or however much time you can give within that hour. Great time to fellowship with your neighbors. We will continue on through March.
3. Looking to start a walking club in April - perhaps along Fall Creek.
4. Block clubs - trying to establish some. We've had several try to get them started in their neighborhoods. This will help with community building and safety.
5. 4H for MFCN - we're looking to establish this program in our area. If you have any kids in that age group, we'd love to get them involved.
6. Urban Times - we have an article in Urban Times thanks to Hannah Barker

### **Update from Vice Presidents' Committees: Chuck**

1. Three building issues - gas station at 32/Central, Property owners here that are asking for variances, E 36th street and one at Balsam.
2. In the spring we're planning on having more of our cleanup events. Hoping this can help introduce our Neighborhood Association to the neighborhood and have more eyes out in our neighborhood.
3. We're trying to establish a community that can reach out to neighbors and we can address issues like the squatters and do our best to prevent homicides like this past week's.

**6:48 Minutes from December** - December 11, 2014 meeting presented by Al Polin and approved.

### **Guest presentations begin**

Department of Public Safety

Presentation "Analytical Review and Data Driven Approach: Caring for our Community Every Street Counts"

"How can we help you make things better" [presentation available here:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/Documents/DPS%20Focus%20Areas.pdf> ]

Points in presentation focus on:

Research on focus areas - statistical data

How does the research/data move us to a safer community?

Jobs/Opportunities to secure housing, education to secure jobs

Vacant homes in these focus areas and the safety issues from those vacant homes

What are we going to do about the data?

1. These community conversations - what is it you want us to do. What can we do to help you deal with the issues that face your community?
2. Create topic specific community engagement teams
3. Host focus area communication convos to initiate engagement

Q&A:

Fairfield/College (Wallace) - vacant houses, drugs, prostitution, squatting: What do you want to see there instead? Us putting boards up won't fix the problem. Rehab the houses? Fix the areas? We need to work proactively. Investigations are going on. 4626 tips to remain anonymous.

Meeting regarding the last homicide: 6pm Monday, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. - help in investigation and helping that community.

What can the kids get involved with to be better people? - Joe King does offer his kids youth program, Archery in inner city schools has been shown to help teach focus and give them a good, safe outlet.

Mayor's Action Center - call for any vacant housing issues.

### **INdyGo Update on Transit Center**

There are major projects going on! Washington between Alabama and Delaware - was a parking lot. Currently in construction. 20 mil project. A comparative analysis has helped us create a new plan all of our downtown bus routing - it is going to have to change. Most will be taking different routes to the transit center.

The Analysis helps us to determine downtown routing and it helps determine what is the service delivery loss. High ridership service or coverage service. 30 routes in this city - peak time in middle of the week. We're woefully behind on this. There is now more interest in public transport. The feedback we've received is coming back to say "we're willing to walk a little further if I get more frequency."

**On routes to your area** - changes 19, the one that comes down Central - instead of that we're going to have route 4 cover the central route up to 38th street. 18 - meridian is going over to Illinois and capital. 38 down meridian will come down college, 17 will be going over to Meridian. We're having to change them in order to provide service every 7.5 min. Indygo.net - all information is there. **Get involved and give input and feedback.** Contact us directly if not by our website.

**8:03** - March 3rd is hearing for the 32/Central gas station - everybody go and give your support against the gas station.

### **Balsalm and Fall Creek: David Gibbson**

Balsalm project: 3519 Balsalm, an 8 unit apt. building. The owner came to them to them to work on the project. Working with state to be within code, but asking for a few variances. They are Condoning the building. They are trying to solve the parking issue. There is technically no parking on the site. Potential parking for in front of building which introduced more variances on the list. The parking lot adjacent to them

is offering some parking spots to help solve that issue. It has gone into continuance. We're not in a rush, we're still working on interior. The parking spots would have cut across the sidewalks which would infringe on an ongoing plan to connect the Monon trail to our neighborhood and have an access point. Walkability is the biggest neighbor concern. Our street (FC) is packed... we utilize that area to walk up to the Monon. We have a meeting set up to discuss it further.

Target market for the property - don't have that completely worked out. 1 bedroom units, efficiency. Don't know pricing yet. "we don't want it to be low income/transient units" Would you make them any bigger? Less than 8? - Owner decision. Keeping the original 8 units. Owners do look like they are aiming to have parking at the apt.s

**36th and Meridian** - Applied for variances. 8 story building built in 1928. We purchased to renovate 1 East 36th. It doesn't meet set-back standards that are set today. They would like to build an outdoor seating area for the residences and a cover around the dumpster. Expedited next Tuesday. Hoping for NA support.

**32/Central Update** - when it was filed to build that gas station, the CDC filed a petition to go against the gas station. The City ordered the developers to stop construction until after the hearing. March 3rd - be there to voice opposition Public Assembly room, 2nd Floor, City County Building. Board of Zoning appeals - they could remove permission. If a permanent stop order - what happens then? He just wouldn't be approved to build that plan.

*comment:* "We'd prefer a youth center instead of gas station."

NextDoor, Website announcement, Word of Mouth, Email list?

**CDC:** Quality of Life flyer 2/26 - residents take action with the plan. Child care is available

**8:23** adjourn