

APPROVED  
**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**  
Minutes for March 12, 2015

**6:34 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by President, Al Polin

**Moment of silence**

Remarks - we need everybody in this room to help us. Our board is doing a lot of work but to build a solid team we need everyone in the neighborhood to help one another. Make note on the bottom of the agenda - neighborhood dues are due for 2015.

**Treasury Report**

Dues are due for 2015. You can pay them at the meetings. This is the last month for the amount match.  
Dues are \$25/person (not household), \$10/persons 55+  
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6,346.83 - Prudential balance

**6:40** Permission to record meeting for IUPUI school project granted.

**6:43 Minutes from February** - February 12, 2015 meeting presented by the secretary and approved.

**Mike Maxwell - Community relations officer of the north district**

Just so you are aware, he is working to formulate a strategy for the bike team. Common nuisance complaints go to Mike. Larger issues are sent to the beat office. Contact sheets are available in order to be able to contact your team in this district, including the new commander. Any questions?

Some concerns on neighborhood areas where potential illegal activity happening - concerns recorded by Mike's team. These types (narcotics) concerns go to Mike and then on through to Christine's team. 626-Tips - for any anonymous tips. More foot patrols will be coming around and bikes- Bike guys will go through Mike so let him know if you think the bike officers would be a good help in a certain area.

Q: What do the bike officers do?

A: They handle different complaints from neighborhood groups. If certain officers can't get to an area, the bike guys (based out of broadripple) they ride around all day - they aren't dispatched to run, they're more of a proactive unit. They aim to find crime before they're called.

Q: What if you see a house with continuous in-out traffic?

A: that would be a great example for Mike. It's worth exploring. If you see something say something.

Cars double parked, cars on the sidewalk, parking violations - those go to Mike.

Q: Does IMPD have recommendations for self defense classes

A: Jeff Pater... (on contact sheet), he tries getting enough interest in the class and then sets up a group training. \$25 is usually the class price (hour long).

## **Ryan Funk - IndyGo presentation**

What IndyGo is planning on and what our board is planning on doing about it and how you can help.

On the whole, we do think the increase on frequency by IndyGo is a good idea. Central's stop will be reduced in frequency. Many of the main routes within our neighborhood are pushed to 38th and Meridian. We think there is 1 major change and a few small changes to help improve it further. We do have an opportunity to give suggestions prior to their final decision in April. We do think they should keep the 17 on College and allow for 2 routes rather than one. We aren't asking for increased resources. Looking at IndyGo's analysis we are able to see that College is the 2nd most utilized route next to Meridian. It would give a direct route to Broad Ripple and allow for people coming into and going out of our neighborhood. We're asking IG to spread the routes out a little.

Indygo is going to make this decision and we want them to hear our thoughts about it. We have made a form that you can use to write IndyGo to give your thoughts around the 17. We are asking if you could take one, fill it out, and return it to Ryan to give to IndyGo.

Q: is there anything we can do to help riders know about this?

A: Our plan is to go on the 17 and distribute this form so that riders can voice their opinion about this. If you are interested and can give, even a small commitment, to ride the 17 and distribute those forms.

Q: if someone is handicap or in a wheelchair, they can't really get downtown?

A: There would be fewer routes through the neighborhood, but they could go over to Meridian. If you want to go south, you would take the 38th on 38th.

Q: The people that work further north off of college, how will they get to their workplace? How far did it go downtown?

A: You would have to transfer

Thanks for Ryan to doing this work, presentation and form.

## **New Commander introduction**

Chris Bailey, new north district commander. His contact information is on the contact form. We are welcome to get a hold of him anytime.

## **Update from Vice Presidents' Committees: Edna - Community Affairs**

1. Monthly article in the Urban Times about neighborhood spaces - thanks to Hannah Barker
2. KIB Adopt-a-Block - Spring is a great time to start!
3. 4H club - we're trying to develop this club for jr. high & high school.. 4H has lots of mentoring activities and scholarship programs. Once you've been involved in a 4H program for 3 years you are eligible for scholarships.
4. Craft Club ends at the end of March. We'll pick back up in September.
5. National Night Out - 1st Tuesday in August. Taking volunteers for the planning committee..
6. Book club - New book: *What Alice Forgot*. Discussion - May 2, 2pm @ college library
7. Walking club starts in April - Q: Walking club, can you bring dogs with you? A: I don't think we have talked about it. BYOB - bring your own bag kind of situation. So yes, dogs welcome.
8. Any interest in the Self-Defense course? Will make contact with the officer to see if we can get a group together.

### **Update from Vice Presidents' Committees: Chuck - Crime and Safety**

1. Variance request on Balsam update: Worked with the developer of that property and that request was dropped. They and the nearby apt owner have reached an agreement for needed parking.
2. April Great Indy Cleanup time: Going to try to coordinate with DPW and KIB to provide and facilitate the acquisition of necessary trucks and dumpsters to target heavy cleanup the 11th and use the entire month of April to give neighbors supplies to pick up trash within their area. Nothing we're controlling, just trying to facilitate and make ready.
3. If you choose to volunteer we do have these t-shirts to help get awareness out about our activity in the neighborhood. We can give you the bucket, trashbags and pick-up tool. You're welcome to keep them and use them throughout the year for your area. - there will be a sign up sheet. MFCNA.ChuckMadden@gmail.com is my email, let me know if you want to get involved in the organization of these cleanups and leading your block.
4. Parks department is in the middle of creating a plan for the future - planindyparks.com everyone visit and add in your input. They would like to know what you think, what you'd like to see.
5. Joe King - taking youth out to do a massive cleaning (he's done this for 16 years). Dirty Dozen Hunting and Fishing Club. 8am-12pm clean up. 4/28 (or 3/28). Feel free to help!
6. We do need litter buckets - so if you have a cat and plenty of litter buckets, we will gladly take them.

### **Prosecutor's Office**

Brought the reports from this past month in your area. Case update comes with it from cases that have been filed. This does let you know who has been caught and charged. Neighborhoods can come forth and give their testimonies to these cases. If MFC could submit a group statement how guns, drugs, and these criminals affect the neighborhood so the judge has something to go off of for prosecuting this. We are doing a food drive during March "March against hunger" - raising food and money - we have a drop box at IMPD north district. I can also pick up donations through the week. Contact information is at the bottom of the sheet.

### **Crime Watch Coordinator**

We need MFC to get on board with crime watches. If you're active, that's great. Crime watch is neighbors watching for neighbors. It doesn't cost anything. We need you to get engaged and engage your neighbors. This is a large community and we should have a larger community involvement in keeping this area safe. There are so many agencies to reach out to the communities, but if the community isn't acting together, there isn't much they can do. Don't let the little things go when it comes to crime. Graffiti, speeding, parking violations - they all add up. If you see something, say something. Right now our officers are reactive. Until we have more officers (several years down the road) we're not going to be proactive patrols. So yes, your help in directing us is very important. Stay aware. Let us know. Definitely call and let us know. If a drug action is in progress - that is a 911 call. A block club only needs 50% participation in an area. Comment: Crime and Safety meetings at TCM 1st monday of the month, 6pm. Please do join and help the taskforce.

### **CDC - Britney**

- Gas station update - hearing on April 7, 1pm - we encourage ALL neighbors to come out and support us there. We're asking for a continuance to do further due diligence.
- The city is working on a moratorium - vote is set for March 30 against gas stations in residential neighborhoods. The neighborhood is doing some research on gas stations - the hazard, the crime calls, the cost of those calls to taxpayers, etc. Is the CDC looking into the safety situation? Without a light at that proposed gas station area - it may be considered a hazard since there is no current spotlight at that.

**Crown Hill**

Crime and safety - please drop by the petition so we can sign against that. We're also taking a bus of people downtown for that.

**Central Ave project**

Mixed use space, retail and grand-family living spaces. 6500 of community shared space. We want the community to drive what they want for that space. 3/25 from 6-7pm meeting on the space. Go to the CDC website for feedback, give suggestion for the name, etc. Central - Ruckle, 30th St - Fall Creek

**Shortridge - 150th Anniversary Celebration - Friday, April 10**

Tickets are \$25 for family (2 adults and 3 kids)

Adult ticket \$10

Kids \$5

Tickets can be purchased online

Were working on the courtyard. I need some help planting and landscaping the courtyard for anyone who is interested. We're creating butterfly gardens for people to use. People can buy bricks to help with raising money for scholarships (\$150).

**Charlie M. - w INRC - Outreach for Plan 2020**

We made a survey to reach out to people outside of the downtown area to see what you want the area to look like in 2020. The survey is 10 questions. We'd like to get as much information and engagement as we can to show that there is more interest and engagement outside of the circle.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PDYRZ2>

**IUPUI students**

We want to get involved with the community. We're wanting to get oral histories. If you're interested in working with us let us know. We're having a "scan-a-thon" of scanning documents, photos, etc. for and about the neighborhood if you have anything you would like scanned.

**8:03 - adjourn**