

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for April 9, 2015

6:35 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President, Al Polin

Moment of Silence

Remarks – If the individuals in the community work together we can get things done. Stopping the gas station at 32nd and Central was a joint effort that proves this.

Permission to record the meeting was given to the IUPUI school project participants.

Minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting were presented and approved.

MFCDC Board Meeting

Al Polin reported that they are trying to get more people involved in activities of the neighborhood association.

Treasury Report

Gerald Dupree reported that the checking account balance is \$6,036.81 and the Prudential account balance is \$6,356.83. Dues are \$25/person (not household) or \$10/per for those 55 years and older.

Updates From the MFCDC for Upcoming Events

Ryan Funk reported the following:

1. IUPUI students are having a scan-a-thon event at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church on Tuesday. Any pictures from the neighborhood will be put into the public domain. There is no charge for scanning the pictures and refreshments will be available.
2. 38th & Illinois Great Places – The CDC is refurbishing the facades of the buildings at 38th & Illinois streets. The CDC is looking for neighbors with insight about what they would like to see there. The meeting is April 15th at North United Methodist Church at 38th and Meridian Streets.
3. CDC Fixing Homes – The CDC is looking for homes for which it can provide assistance. A meeting to discuss these issues is being held at 3305 Ruckle on April 23 at 5:30 p.m.
4. Celebrating Spring in MFCDC Pocket Parks – The CDC is sponsoring celebrations at the three pocket parks at 2925 Park, 3025 Ruckle, and 3151 Park on May 16 from noon to 3:00 p.m.
5. IndyGo Route Changes - Ryan has submitted some feedback regarding the IndyGo route changes, but needs volunteers to go on the #17 bus route to let riders know about the coming changes and to work with us to have our voices heard. Volunteers would need to commit one day to accomplish this task.

Kelli Mirgeaux reported that the City-County Council delayed voting on the moratorium on gas stations. The Council has scheduled an emergency public meeting for April 16th at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of the City-County Building. She also reported that the owner of the property at 32nd and Central has until June 2, 2015 to file its appeal to the Council's determination that no gas station may be built. The owner cannot file

a permit to build a gas station on that property. That decision does not preclude the owner from putting in a convenience store at the site.

Delaware Street Gateway - Kelli Mirgeaux stressed the importance of the Delaware Street Gateway plan. The funds have been allocated to the project so they are looking at the project to determine the exact plan.

Update From Vice Presidents' Committees: Edna – Community Affairs

1. Mapleton Fall Creek 4-H Club – The new 4-H Club has been approved. The Club will have its first meeting next month. Edna requested she be notified if anyone is interested in joining.
2. Book Club – A discussion of the book What Alice Forgot will take place on May 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the College Branch Library.
3. Walking Club – Anyone can participate in group walks on May 8th, 15th, and 22nd with the group meeting at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. There will also be group walks on May 21st and May 28th starting at 6:30 p.m.
4. Urban Times Article – Thanks to Hannah Barker for writing the most recent article for the MFCNA.
5. National Night Out – We are in the beginning stages of planning the annual National Night Out event that is on the first Tuesday in August.
6. Metropolitan Youth Orchestra – The orchestra is performing on April 10th from 6-9 p.m.
7. Block Clubs for KIB – If interested, you can sign up online through KIB's website.
8. Juvenile Justice Jeopardy – If anyone knows of groups of youths interested in this, contact Mike Maxwell of IMPD.

Update From Vice Presidents' Committees: Chuck – Crime & Safety

1. Neighborhood Clean-Up – The annual neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. Chuck encouraged neighbors to pick up trash on their blocks, which can help neighbors meet each other. This may also encourage others to become acquainted and involved in the MFCNA. Marilyn Derocher commented that this has worked on their block. She is working on getting a block club established.
2. Tox Away Drop Off – Ryan Klem has information available on the Department of Public Works sponsored toxic materials disposal drop off at Hinkle Fieldhouse on April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. Christin Cruz is coordinating a flower planting at the site of the Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood sign at the Delaware Street spider on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.
4. Variance Requests – The MFCNA is notified when variance requests in the neighborhood are filed. This month the MFCNA was notified of two variance requests: (i) to change a house at 29th & Central from C-1 to its original designation of D-5 residential, and (ii) the home at 3600 & Central is adding a porch on the house that would not have the appropriate setbacks and would be about 4 ft. from the sidewalk. Chuck will be talking with the neighboring property owners to see if they have any opposition to the variance, and if it is agreeable to the neighbors the MFCNA will not oppose the variance request.
5. IUPUI Health Survey - The IUPUI students are asking residents to take their health survey. It takes 15 minutes to complete and a link to the survey will be on the MFCNA's website. Questions regarding the survey may be directed to Diana and she can provide the website address.
6. Impact Statements - When crimes have been committed in the neighborhood, the Prosecutor's Office would like to have impact statements indicating how the crime has affected the residents. These statements can be used when criminals are being adjudicated. The MFCNA has provided a

statement to the Prosecutor's Office regarding a recent arrest with a firearm requesting the alleged criminal not be released back to the neighborhood.

7. Fall Creek Parkway Clean-up – Joe King reported that the recent clean-up effort on Fall Creek Parkway was successful and there was good participation.

IMPD – Officer Chris Bailey

1. Juvenile Justice Jeopardy – This program is an interactive experience between law enforcement and youths and teaches kids about the consequences of actions and the criminal code for juveniles on their future. This is a new program teaching at-risk kids between 12-18 years old the consequences of their actions. IMPD is looking for schools, churches, etc. that may want to participate.
2. Boarding Up Houses – IMPD has focused on the 34th & Illinois area and went through and boarded up abandoned houses. It sent notices to violators in that focus area.
3. IMPD's draft on Tuesday is for 54 new recruits of new officers to receive spots with IMPD. The North District is hoping to have 8-10 new officers assigned to its district. IMPD is working to be more proactive rather than being reactive to crimes.
4. 31st & College Efforts – Christin Cruz thanked police for walking their block after a 911 call was made reporting drug activities in that area. The officers showed up promptly and it made a huge difference.
5. New scooter registration laws will help this summer in the warmer weather. IMPD believes most of the scooters are stolen, but requiring registrations should help reduce use of scooters.
6. Heroin continues to be a public health crisis in the neighborhood. Drug activity can be reported through the 262-TIPS number and these calls can be anonymous. The public needs to work with law enforcement to help them protect us. Calls can also be made to 327-3811 for non-emergency issues.

Prosecutor's Office Reports

Jim Coffey reported that the Buddha Boys are all out of prison, except Michael Young. He is scheduled to be released June 2, 2016. The most recent crime in the neighborhood is a felony/dealing marijuana case. The accused criminal had many previous convictions. Jim also encouraged the neighborhood to prepare impact statements to the Prosecutor's Office and they can be anonymous. Impact statements will be taken into consideration by the Judge when hearings on crimes are being held. Ron Reel has served 200 warrants and over 500 filed cases.

Fellowship between neighbors was encouraged.

8:00 p.m. – Meeting Adjourned