

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for May 14, 2015

Approved

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

Moment of Silence

Teamwork, if we work together we can get things done. Share comments and suggestions. Blank cards are available for people to write down what they'd like to see done, what could be done better. No names needed. We have a lot to do and a lot going on, talk to your friends, talk to your neighbors and get them involved. This neighborhood is on the radar for things to be done. What all has been done downtown, old northside, south side of fall creek - a lot of things in the works around Indianapolis and we want everybody involved.

6:42 - Minutes from the April 2015 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasury Report - Gerald Dupree

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. Please pay your dues.

Update From Vice Presidents' Committees: Chuck – Property Updates

3319 N Park Ave - This property already has an active repair order on it, so DCE cannot open another case until it expires. There has been a new boarding request issued. It appears the last time DCE boarded the Structure was back in January, so it is definitely eligible to be boarded again. It looks like this property was purchased at tax sale back in 2013, but the change in ownership has not occurred.

3318 Carrollton Ave - The property has a hearing scheduled on it for 05/26/15. Unfortunately, the owner of this property has been out of commission for quite some time. DCE has a new boarding request for this property. The current owner is Mt. Helix Acquisitions I LLC. They are headquartered in San Diego and own quite a bit of property in Indianapolis. They are of concern.

3512 Evergreen Ave - Like 3319 Park, DCE cannot open another repair order on it until this order expires. Also another boarding request has been made. This property may be tax sale eligible.

1135 Fairfield Ave - The board request has been opened. The property owner is given two weeks to board the property, if not the city, a contractor will board. For 3504 Evergreen, the Department of Metropolitan Development's Mark Forcum said that this property is owned by the county and is a frequent issue with their office. He does not know the status of a demolition but the property does NOT qualify for the Hardest Hit Fund as they hoped it would. More waiting is in line.

Renew Indianapolis Application:

3121 N College Ave: The MFCNA asked that this application be denied. This particular property was applied for last year with the intention of investing \$25K in the property's rehabilitation. At that time both the MFCNA and the MFCDC asked that the application be denied since the property was in such terrible shape and an investment of at least 80k was required. Our opinion of the property remains the same. An investment amount of \$10k by Our Season Investments LLC wouldn't even get the roof replaced. The quality of life of any future tenants is one of the primary concerns of the MFCNA. 3121 N College is on the verge if not already at that point of being beyond repair.

3118 N. College Ave: Marquise McChristian has informed to us that he is withdrawing his application for the Renew Indianapolis property at 3118 N. College Ave. (parcel 1042811). Both the MFCNA and the MFCDC were going to ask that this application be denied because after our due diligence ascertained that the applicant had underestimated the

scope of the project and was unprepared to renovate the property to an acceptable neighborhood standard for a rental.

2817 N New Jersey St: After investigation, the MFCNA did not ask Renew Indianapolis to deny Galloway Investment's application for 2817 New Jersey. We have inspected the property at 2817 New Jersey (parcel 1066689) and determined that \$30k would be a reasonable investment. We have also queried Alpine Property Management and receive satisfactory answers to our inquiries. After visiting similar properties that they manage, we concluded that we have no reasonable objection to Galloway Investments application to purchase the property and have it managed by Alpine.

Other Actions

The process of sending rental property owners letters regarding illegal dumping and the availability of free landlord training has started. In addition the letter includes an invitation to participate in MFCNA neighborhood meetings. An initial letter has already been sent to the owners of the property at the corner of Fairfield and Evergreen Avenues.

There have been no new variance requests submitted to me since our last meeting.

Q: When an application is approved by renew indy are they held to a certain time frame?

A: Yes.

Q: 3220 North Park - concerned about this property and it's lack of movement.

Update From Vice Presidents' Committees: Edna

- Pick up Urban Times!
- New book: The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins for May and June we'll discuss it in July - look on our website for it, mfcna.org
- NNO - August 4 - interested let Edna or Rachel know if you're interested in helping.
- Self Defense classes - policemen are willing to put on a class, is anyone interested?
- 4H - do you know anyone interested? We're hoping to set up a date after we know if kids are interested.
- Passing out fliers - we'll be passing out fliers for what all is going on around the neighborhood to let people know what all is happening and how to get involved.

Updates - general

IUPUI Students project wrapped up in late April. They had the reception and presentation at TAB. - They created this book for the Southside neighborhood - collection of history and knowledge. There isn't any definite plan to create a book for MFCN.

INHP - Having their Annual Event July 30 at the JW Marriott. 8:30 - 10am breakfast. Buy tickets online.

Walking Group - Ms. Dupree is in charge of it. For those that want to walk it's on Friday's at 1pm, we meet at TAB on the track. For this month, Thursday 21 and 29 we'll do an evening walk at TAB at 6:30 p.m. Free to participate.

IMPD Q & A

Currently focusing on 31st and Broadway. There is also some focus for 33rd and Broadway. We still have to respect rights, but there are times we'll just stand at that intersection or sit in our cars to have a presence.

Q: Can't just arrest them for a common nuisance?

A: No, that's not a code I can arrest them for. If they're on property that isn't theirs it could be trespassing.

Q: The police asks the community to work with them, and we do call in, but if we feel like the police aren't going to do anything...why should we keep calling? We feel like if a person was loitering up at 62nd and College and someone would call that person would be out fast. But in ours...no.

A: I can't speak to other neighborhoods...only to ours. I still have to stay within the bounds of the law and rules. We've got to just keep chipping away and hopefully we can wear them down.

The point of calling - Multiple people calling from different areas help to pin point exactly where the problem is. When the police put all the calls together this helps them to build more complete picture and gives them more opportunity to act.

More concerns voiced by neighbors in the 33rd/Broadway area for IMPD.

Q: Can we put cameras in some of these problem areas? If we raise the money to put the camera right there, can we? Will that do any good?

A: there have been plenty of times where private homes have had cameras and if they've got footage of someone that is doing something, absolutely we can have something done about that. So having cameras on personal property (cheaper camera, easier to maintain, and no one can take it away) pointed to the street - especially if all neighbors have cameras pointed out - all angles can be seen and that footage of criminal activity can be used by the police department to take action against criminals.

Q: Could a grant be written for cameras and installation?

A: We'll look into information about it, but probably not likely for residential cameras. Those can be purchased relatively inexpensively.

Prosecutor Update

Reporting over the Case Updates from the prosecutor. - see flier by Jim Coffey.

CDC Event this weekend - events at all the pocket parks. It'll be about the storywalk - health assessments, pumpkin planting, May 16, 12-3pm (flier)

7:32 - Other old/new business

- Joe King - we have a youth program, 39th and Keystone, it's hard to get kids out and teach them archery, fishing, and other outdoor knowledge. We see kids transformed by these programs, but if parents don't get involved and encourage their kids to come, no good is done.
- If anyone wants to start a parenting club - let Edna know.
- Barbara - Parenting classes. It's so needed, I'm interested in putting something like this together. Mentors, something.
- Maria Anderson - Tickets are available for Latitude 360 - it has bowling, conference rooms, movie theatre, etc. We would love to help bring out families and motivate them to check it out and get out and get involved. Bring your youth group bowling. Best times are 11-4. VIP Free membership cards are free to a household - 1st time you come in you get a free appetizer.

7:40 - Meeting adjourned for fellowship time