

# Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for June 11, 2015

*Approved*

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

*Board member, Ryan Funk, will take notes for Secretary, Rachel Nelson.*

### **Moment of Silence**

President's remarks: Neighborhood is for all—owners, renters alike. We need to work together to improve.

Introductions of all present.

### **Updates**

**Board member election.** Nate Rush is elections chair. One board member has resigned. Bylaws require us to have an election. You must be a dues paying member to be a board member. If you are interested fill out a form he has provided, and be prepared to speak at the next meeting about why you want to be a board member. The elections will be at the next meeting.

**Fall Creek Gardens update.** It is a community garden that allows people to rent plots. Now they are starting a You Pick garden. Community members can come pick/purchase their produce on M, W, F, 4-6pm, and 11-3 on Saturdays. Kelly Kimpton has volunteered to teach people how to create quick meals with produce right out of the garden. Also, starting July 7, creating some nutrition classes. They will be taught by the Purdue Extension and catered to elderly and those on fixed incomes.

**38th St. Dominos Pizza petition.** David Klingen and Danielle Drummond. They filed a petition to rezone the property on 38th St. (currently a Dominos store) to C-3 Neighborhood commercial. They also filed a second petition because Dominos would like to have a drive-up window. They will not have the required number of spaces in the car line, but don't think it is necessary because it won't function like a fast food drive-through. Instead, people will have already ordered by the time they come in. That site will become heavily landscaped and screened. A series of commitments would not allow a subsequent owner to operate the drive through. Employment opportunities at the Dominos would first be announced to the MFCD. They will also put in a commitment that there will never be a gas station, dry cleaner, or liquor store there (those uses will be listed as excluded uses). Dominos is very involved in the community. They are doing a Habitat for Humanity build build. They are committed to remodeling all the stores in the state. The lighting will be increased and pointed more on the property itself, with shields so they don't project onto adjacent properties. You will be allowed to order at the drive-through window, and there would be menus displayed there, but everything will have to be made to order, so it will not function like a fast food drive-through. They would like a letter of support from the neighborhood.

**Hosanna's Heart fitness program.** Kirsten Sidebottom. Hosanna's Heart is a program by New Circle Church (30th and Ruckle). Free group fitness classes and personal training. It's Tuesday through Saturday. They will be in the Park on Park and the Park on Ruckle. They are on Facebook with updates, schedules, and recipes.

**IPL rate increase.** Brad Riley. IPL hopes they are recognized as a good community partner. They have some of the lowest rates in the country among larger cities. They are trying to go out to neighborhoods and communities and let them know they have a rate case coming up. They filed with the IURC last December, and it will take 10-12 months. Their last rate case was 20 years ago, although rates have increased somewhat through other processes. A customer paying \$90-100 will see a \$7-8 increase. Their website at [iplpower.com/answers](http://iplpower.com/answers) has a rate calculator. They have tools available like the home energy assessment.

Q: Can they improve the substations in the neighborhood?

A: We can contact them to ask for improvements to substations. They can't plant shrubs, etc, because of rodent problems, but they can mend and paint fences.

Q: Can we get free streetlights installed?

A: They don't do it for free, and while they own the streetlights the placement/scheduling of them is up to the City. If you see a problem with a light call them and let them know, and it helps if you can get a pole number.

**7:14 pm - Minutes** from the May 2015 meeting were presented and approved at 7:15pm.

### **7:15 pm - Treasury Report - Gerald Dupree**

Checking account balance is \$6,071.81 and the Prudential account balance is \$6,459.49.

**VP Chuck Madden's report.** They investigated a handful of properties and are reviewing properties for Renew Indianapolis. See VP's Report on Property Issues.

Center Township trustee is having event for kids this Saturday. If an elderly neighbor needs home repairs NeighborLink can do some repairs for free. Comment from neighbor: 3345 Park has had illegal dumping.

**New Website.** Al Polin. New website is up at [mfcna.org](http://mfcna.org). It is mobile-friendly.

**MFCDC Update.** Brittanie Redd and Ryan Funk. Juvenile Jeopardy is next Saturday. There are about 30 lots available for purchase and homebuilding through the CDC. CDC 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is June 25<sup>th</sup>. Next Thursday TeenWorks will be cleaning invasives from the Monon access area

**High weeds and grass.** Marion County Public Health has taken over high weeds and grass from DCE. They are now back citing people for high weeds and grass. They are cutting the grass and charging for it. Call 221-2250 and give address. Or contact Inspector Joshua Jones. Can also put it on RequestIndy. DCE is saying that its turnaround time is 5 days, but they have only 2 contractors right now.

**Marion County Prosecutor's Office.** Jim Coffey. There is a Community Day event for families next Thursday from 11-2 at Broad Ripple Park. Quarterly apartment manager's meeting up on 86<sup>th</sup> street will feature Community Correction to talk about home detention, etc.

**IMPD.** This is high season for burglary prevention. Handout: burglary prevention tips. All the greenway trails will be open 24/7 starting July 1. IMPD has a maximum of 25 officers patrolling the streets at any given time in the north district. They need the community to be involved.

**Butler/NSF art installation.** Molly Trueblood. Construction will start on the piece at 30<sup>th</sup> and Fall Creek will begin in the next couple weeks.

**32<sup>nd</sup>/Central gas station.** The property owner appealed, CDC will be party to the hearing.

**Central Ave. bridge reconstruction.** Doug Day. Next summer, Central Ave. sandstone bridge will close for about 18 months, much like the way it happened at the Illinois street bridge. It's currently held up with steel beams.

**Suggestions.** Al Polin. Passed out suggestion cards people can use to offer improvements.

**VP Edna Kemp's report.** Al Polin. Book club on July 11 at 2pm, College Ave. branch. They are starting Urban 4-H for youth up through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Neighbors should think about forming a block club.

**Trash pickup tools.** Chuck Madden. Tools are available. Contact him.