

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for July 9, 2015

Approved

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

Moment of Silence

President's remarks: The only way we will get things done is by working together. We're going to have the IMPD officers go ahead and give their reports first since they need to get going. We also be announcing a new board member.

Updates

From Commander, Officer Cooper - runs the district and Trainee - first Q&A

Q: Targeted areas?

A: 33rd Broadway and Park - empty house but lots of "things" going on. Possibly 314 E. 33rd. Property that is owned by Creative Capital Funding, a single person that lives in Carmel. Seems to have activity in the evening. Not sure what the congregation happening there is. (Kelli M. to check on that purchase as it went through the CDC).

To note: Crime in MFC area is on a downward slide in the last several years. (42%) (2007 - current) In Q1 our total crime was down 24% Biggest decline of all was in aggravated assault (down 44%) Robbery (43%) Great improvement this year. 2011 was the roughest of that stretch. That all is a direct result of your (neighbors) activity in this community. It is people's engagement that helps.

Our district numbers do not show the same decline. Our district has seen a 7% increase. The disturbing thing is, we've had three homicides this year all in Q1. Two of the three have been solved, the remaining one to be solved is the one at 1149 Fairfield ave. That one remains unsolved.

Q: Were they random?

A: No. None were random. One was due to owing money. Another was a drunken incident. And the 3rd does appear they knew their attacker, we just don't know who it was.

Other interesting notes - our homicides are down city-wide this year at 58 as opposed to the 70+ from last year. This time last year we had 368, this year we've had a little over 140.

The more people invested in the neighborhood and committing to the neighborhood it does help the crime drop. Also, foot patrols have increased. We were going to have four commanders on Wednesday but we ended up being rained out.

Elections - Nate Rush Angelina Moore - new board member, her term will end in December.

A Few words from Angelina: I've been a resident in MFCN for 15 years (combined total) Recently relocated back in October from Los Angeles. I have a degree in Communications. I've held many sales, marketing communications positions over the years. I did do a lot of planning and community outreach for Toyota. I as a single parent, I made the decision to come back to Indianapolis to raise my son in this area.

6:59 pm - Minutes from the June 2015 meeting were presented and approved at 7:00 pm.

7:15 pm - Treasury Report - Gerald Dupree

Chase checking account balance is \$6,116.06 and the Prudential account balance is \$6,409.42. Don't forget to pay your dues to Gerald.

VP Chuck Madden's report. Not too much activity. The full VP report is available at the front table and online.

- Health and hospital and division of code enforcement are finally getting around to cutting grass.
- There was dumping reported at the last meeting. It has since been cleaned up.
- 3009 Broadway - a rental that is currently becoming an eyesore. There are occupants in that house and they've had inspectors out to check it out.
- Renew indianapolis - confirmation that person who had been applying for properties in the neighborhood has been denied. He was intending on flipping the house rather than truly investing. Instead two other properties were approved to James Rice. He has a good reputation in the neighborhood. He has done well with other homes in the neighborhood. He works with the CDC.
- David Klingin (sp) - development on Dominos. We've not had any issues with his plans for that. The Watson Park group have been working w/ David on getting things addressed that need it and that seems to be moving smoothly.
- For anyone who wants to pick up around your street (clean-up) we have tools and shirts we can provide you to help and to help get the neighborhood's brand out there.

VP Edna Kemp's report. We've been doing some exciting things!

- Book club - very popular book! The Girl on the Train, this saturday at 2pm at College library. We will select the books for the entire year and put them on the website.
- 4H program - Brenda Branch assisted in getting students, we had 8 kids and we went to the state fairground and packaged seeds. Brenda - We invited all children, kindergarten - 12th grade to do this. It was a great time. If you have grand kids or know of other youth let them know! Meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month. We will have meeting information on the website.
- Urban Times - we have a great article in there that talks about the events we're doing. We need help to pass these out. You could volunteer to take your block. You'll get a t-shirt for doing that.
- Gerald Dupree - walking club, she has passed the schedule of when we're walking for the walking club. Right now we're walking at TAB around the track.
- Senior Dinner - in the planning process. If you want to be on the committee for the senior dinner, let me know.
- National Night Out - we have TAB reserved, we are needing volunteers.
- On Saturday we'll have someone at the Carpe Diem School to share information about our neighborhood, Saturday 9-12. If you, Brenda would be able to help.

Guest Speaker Updates

Prosecutors office - commander was talking about the guy who was doing the burglaries. He's in a no-bond bail. He has another month before his hearing. The commander is the one who actually made the arrest. We now have a Mediator in the office - if you have a neighbor causing issues and it's not something police can take action on, we can use the mediator to help abate the problem. Obviously doesn't work for those with fear of retaliation, domestic abuse, etc. Crime reports are available from the last month.

Brenda - to hear that the crime has gone down 42% it makes me know that our presence is being seen. It shows me we aren't living in the worst neighborhood. We went down that much!

Crime Watch - I would love to meet with block captains. you can contact me - we'd love to reactivate clubs in MFC and have a strong network. I am happy to help you get organized. I can help get crime watch signs. If we can come up with a roster of members we can have. We sponsor NNO. We will send out people to represent and have representatives. It is good to have people pitching in and volunteering - joining forces will help us achieve a great deal more. Some are only active within their block, we really want to bring everyone together to help accomplish even more. Those little things make a huge difference.

8:20 - Adjourn