

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for September 10, 2015

Approved

6:31 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President, Al Polin

Moment of Silence

Introductions

6:36 pm - Minutes from the August 2015 meeting were presented and approved.

6:37 pm - Treasury Report - Gerald Dupree

Chase checking account balance is \$5,938.44 and the Prudential account balance is \$6,371.87.

Ryan Funk - IndyGo Update via Chuck Madden

Please review the feedback we've put together as the "official feedback" from MFCNA. If you have any changes, concerns, or things you'd like added to the feedback, please let us know. For the most part, the Redline will be a good thing.

We do have some questions about the College Ave. route, be sure to read more about the route.

(Information can be found at [IndyGo's website](#).)

The neighborhood would like them to considering continuing part of that college route due to the corridor of business, the proximity to the fair grounds, etc.

What questions do you have?

Q: Didn't see anything about the concern around snow removal

A: The bus company isn't the one who will be doing snow removal. I don't know if it will go anywhere in this particular need. It's more of a separate issue and I fear they may not read the essential parts specific to the red line. However, it would make sense to write another proposal for voicing our concern about snow removal, routes, and making it clear for the bus line.

Q: can you break this down and cover the major points of this?

A: Biggest points:

- for the most part, we see this as a benefit
- this plan will satisfy the need of getting from downtown to the broad ripple area
- there is a plan to help stations/bus stops to be in the center of meridian with pedestrian islands down the center, we know they will be eliminating parking along one side (west) of Meridian. The busses will be running down the center. The busses will be going in contrast to traffic.
- they are re-routing things away from College. We have a concern that this will pull development away from that corridor of business. We'd like to preserve some of that. It doesn't have to be as frequent, but at least some bus activity there.

Fairgrounds will still support keeping a line down College. That's very important for the state fair and they are working on that also.

If you have further thoughts, let us know. Send them to mapletonfallcreekna@gmail.com. We will need to submit this before the end of the month. We will reserve the right to amend based on feedback from the neighborhood association members.

IMPD Update - Officer Amberger and Officer Carver

We work here six days out of a week. We know there was a homicide on fairfield. We've got investigators on it. That happened on late shift and we have not been updated yet. There has been 3 homicides just in this district (big area) so they've been busy.

Any concerns to bring to the officers?

- Fairfield/Guilford - drug dealing happening on the corner.
 - Definitely in the case of homicides that is common. Is this more late shift time frame? We are only there until about 10pm.
- I think it's that house on the corner, the double, it has new residents already.
 - we'll have specific response to a homicide area so long as we have the manpower. Definitely flag down an officer if you hear anything. Anonymous calls help too.
- Can you describe the victim?
 - no, we can't do that.
- Illegal parking on ruckle. Lots of it. You're only supposed to park on the West side of the street. It's basically the double - they park right in front of that and stay. Same thing with Guilford.
- White rental not quite on the corner of fairfield - you can see papers all over the road. Some drug dealing happening there.

Officer - you can tell the dispatcher you don't want to speak to an officer, you can just give them the information.

- Concern is that I don't know if they are actually dealing drugs but if I had to guess I would have to say they are. I only see it when I'm leaving. My concern is they would associate my patterns and calling it in to police.
 - We want you to be safe first. Wait until you've passed the area, you don't have to call right when you pass them. They may not be there anymore but it would give you safety and it would tell use an area to highlight.
- What are your, as an officer, restrictions when it comes to what you are allowed to do? Truancy sweeps aren't allowed anymore.
 - We can't walk up and make sure they have a gun permit if they've clearly got a gun.
 - We have to abide by the rights of the individual, regardless of a hunch we may have.
 - You can't just go and start patting people down to look for things. Those are the guidelines we have to abide by. We do have to find reasonable suspicion and causes to stop and detain people. Even if we know, deep down, we need concrete stuff.
- People are frustrated because they feel like the police aren't doing anything.

- We have to have very concrete information, the more information given the more reasonable suspicion and concrete evidence. Bad information or information that is lacking doesn't help. People try to call in and get people in trouble for reasons like an ex is angry. We have to make sure the information is detailed and legit.
- There is a very high standard for getting search warrants. It gets very gray if it's happening open-air.
- We definitely can and do take the information you give to help us get to that concrete information. It may look like we're not doing anything, but there may not be anything that legally we can do at that moment.

Guest Updates

Prosecutor Update - Jim Coffey (north district)

No real updates. I brought with me incident reports off the maps system. If you have a question about one of those, my info is at the bottom of the report. If you're interested in attending the Community Justice Academy this year, let me know. It would be very beneficial.

Q: What about the Buddha boys?

A: Last I checked the one is still in federal prison. He's the only one from that big federal case that is still incarcerated.

Molly Trueblood, Streamlines update

The FC Trail site plus a song, a poem our official launch will be september 24th at Holcomb gardens at 5pm sharp. We will be showcasing all the different art with the project. We will be doing on going projects for the next couple of years.

The five installations of visual art - we did have a 6th waterway but that didn't get a visual art install. If you're driving north on FC to your right (just north of 30th) you'll see a mirror. The others are at Holcomb gardens, downtown on Vermont Flat 12 brewery area, We can neighborhood in Ft. Square and on the White River Trail near Key Learning community.

VP Reports

Edna Kemp Update

Lots of activities going on for Sept. - Oct.

- *Miracle on 34th Street* by Raphael Health Center Health Fair - we will have a table there with information about our activities in the neighborhood. 9/19 10-2 on 34th and Central. We need volunteers, feel free to come.
- *New Book* - it's huge! 700 pages, Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
- *Walking club* - 9/24 at 6:30 and 9/25 at 12pm at TAB for the walking club
- *4-H* - 9/24 meeting will be informational, very quick and informal. Following Thurs, 10/1 - open house in the discovery building at the Fairgrounds. Any questions about it, please get a hold of me. The Discovery building is across from the deaf school at the back side of the fairgrounds. at 6:30 -

8pm. Great opportunity to see what all 4-H is and it's the official sign up. All educators will be there to help

- *Block clubs* - as many block clubs as possible. Even if we can just get two people looking out for each other. I would be happy to get information to you to help or even make you more informed for your area, let me now.
- *Senior Dinner* - we're selling tickets for \$25 non seniors and \$15 for seniors. 10/23 at the Julia Carson Gov. Center you can buy tickets anytime now.

Chuck Madden Update (see VP Reports online for a full update)

3236 Central - Owner constructed a 6' fence - in the meantime he has taken down the fence since it was a violation of code. As a result of the meeting in August we did ask them to not grant him a variance. The code is 6' along the house and in back, in the front of the house the fence (once it is beyond the house) it drops down to 42". He has removed the issue. There was the hearing on Tuesday. Gerald attended - he took down the fence in the front. He can move that to be back with the building and that fence can be 6'. The staff is going to review the 8' fence in the back. Some of the other neighbors have 8' fence and it will be continued until October 15. Across from him there is another fence 32nd/33rd on Central on the East side of the street.

Urban Times - We've been distributing the urban times as much as we receive. - Volunteer to help distribute, we need your name and phone number to distribute to your house a stack to deliver.

CDC and DFC - planning celebration fall creek - October 3 - at the Delaware gateway. We're trying to plan smaller events around the neighborhood. One of those is a neighborhood scavenger hunt for kids. We looked at doing it along the trail, but there are too many poison ivy spots. They would be going along several streets and in the neighborhood to check out certain trees and items in the neighborhood. They would get a prize at the end. It would hopefully help people see that there are good things to see in the neighborhood as well as help people know more about the nature in the area. If you'd like volunteer to help work on that project or to help be a guide - please let Chuck know.

Q: does anyone have any information about an alley clean up for the Fall?

A: Planned - Lilly Day of Service, October 1st - Great Indy cleanup. You can call Joe at KIB and they will let you know how that is being scheduled. You can volunteer to be a part of the crew to do other parts of the city. There is a big one scheduled North of Forest Manor, the mayor is scheduling that - beginning of October. We'll post information on NextDoor as we receive it.

Final report on CDC - Overview of announcements for September is available on the table.

- 38/Illinois Facade improvements
- Celebration Fall Creek, Oct. 3
- Neighborhood Indy Do Day, Oct. 1
- DFC meeting, 9/15 at 5:30 in room 504
- Midnorth CAN, 1015, Tinley Genesis Academy

Election Chair Announcement

We have a board opening due to a young lady on our board who was accepted into Grad school.

We have one candidate that is interested. If anyone has interest, let me know - we are still taking applications for being on the board. We will review this at our next board meeting.

Land/Property Update

Mount Helix bought a lot of houses in the area and have now gone bankrupt. . . They bought houses in tax sale and didn't invest in them. They have sat empty. The city is now implementing a part of their surplus sales w/ a 1 year plan for the potential buyer to submit before the sale.

Q: How can we find out which house?

A: No easy way. If there is a vacant house you can find out who owns that by going to indymaps to locate the property and you can zoom down and get the property card. We're still waiting for the landlord registry. It doesn't give any information on who owns it. It is ineffective at this point. We are working with the city to attempt to get that better. If you as a resident know about an abandoned house in your area, let us know. We can work together on that.

7:40 - Adjourn & Fellowship