

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

Minutes for 01/14/17

Unapproved

6:37 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Nate Rush, president

6:38 p.m. – Introductions

6:40 p.m. – Review of Minutes from December

6:41 p.m. – Minutes approved

6:41 p.m. – Treasurer's Report

- Chase Account Balance \$5,746.82
- Prudential Account Balance \$6,799.31

If you would like to pay dues tonight, please see Gerald who was elected as Treasurer for another term.

6:42 p.m. – Cell Tower Update

- The hearing has been continued until February per the builder. We have already submitted our letter of opposition.

6:43 p.m. – Community Partners

- Mike Maxwell, IMPD - Dropped off a flyer of the new contact numbers for the North District.
 - Reach out on NextDoor as well as phone and email. Our task force meets at 42nd and College. The Next Coffee with a Cop is January 17 at the White Castle on 38th Street, it's a later one at 5pm. Nearing the end of our hoodie sale, these sales go to our community day fund. Let us know if you would like to order something. Next meeting I hope to have the 2017 year end stats for you.
- Americorp for the CDC
 - IDA savings program, we're taking applications-actively looking for applicants. You put in savings and the government will put in a match to help you save for a first home, car for work or school, career training, college and education expensive. It is created in order to help those in low-income situations. Leasing coordinator has been hired to support additional management for the neighborhood. 4 new affordable homes in the neighborhood, we'll have an open house for two of them soon. Resources are available for senior homeowners, contact Courtney Goodwin if you're interested.
- Mayor's Advocate, Hope Russu.
 - Report for 2018, brought those tonight. - It explains how to join NextDoor. Please bring your pets in when it is cold. Driving tips for the winter, indy parks is recruiting now for summer jobs. Indyoparks is offering Christmas Tree recycling. Rebecca's Garden of Hope is a tutoring program, they're looking for tutors looking for extra work. March 3rd, Neighbor Power Indy conference, public allies program is happening and looking for individuals between high school school and college or other individuals interested.

6:52 p.m. – Board Goals and Commitments for 2018

- What ideas do you have that you would like for us to accomplish as an association/board
- Are you interested in being on committees for land use, community/social events, and other things you would like to accomplish.

- Make the neighborhood aware of this organization. If you want to know what the community wants you need more community representation. That should be a primary goal.
 - The Survey americorp volunteers were planning on finding out what the residents want and we can find out if they pursued that.
 - We've been trying to come up with a process to see how we can let people know we exist, perhaps a pop-up gathering in an area we don't have a lot of neighbor participation. Even with surveys by americorp that's still kind of removed. IF you have ideas on how we can engage more neighbors in a more personal way, we welcome ideas
 - Last spring/fall TAB had a jazz fest outside on the sidewalk and it was very successful. We plan on having three next year. If there could be a table or something where you have information about this group that could be handed out that would be great.
 - It would be nice if we interacted with some of the nonprofits - Martin Center has a walk every year, we could wear shirts with MFCNA , have a team that participates in that.
- When homes are sold, work with realtors to give postcards or door hangers, etc. to new residents—even on NextDoor, greet new neighbors. Even with landlords, build relationships so that when they have new renters connect them with the organization.
- Gerald to write the first article for MFCNA for the Urban Times
 - Michael - working to getting us on the delivery schedule and getting the deadlines for the neighborhood. He will report with info regarding that.
 - we could have a stand for Urban Times at the mid north food pantry too

7:05 p.m. – VOP requesting feedback on concerns in the neighborhood as well as anyone feeling they're being pushed out of the neighborhood.

- Cell Phone Tower has been proposed. It's been rescheduled for February. We've been doing what we can to oppose it. February 13 is the hearing, not sure which board. Send a copy to Vop, make sure that Duke Oliver is aware of it.
- Old Retirement home, 36th and central that may be converted into transitional housing and we've not been contacted by anybody there. Used to be Briarwood Nursing Home
- Since they've shut Meridian and 28th people are finding new routes to work and the light at the Delaware gateway and it does not seem to be optimized for that. If we could get a longer southbound light that would be helpful
- Could they open up central north of Fall Creek? That would help relieve pressure
- Pavement on Washington Blvd is a war zone, there is a dip right outside the football field that is the worst.
 - As far as potholes go and detour indy project, our liaison has contacted citizens & DPW to re-vamp some of the routes
- It helps if there is a comprehensive list to provide to the council.
- It helps our councilors to get a list for our priorities at the end/beginning of the year. Ongoing DPW has a component of its budget to take care of discretionary things.

Rapid reinvestment happening in neighborhoods, has anyone been affected by a rise in our property taxes by some areas undergoing rapid reinvestment.

- The person driving this in the state house is proof/evidence of individuals who have been negatively impacted and being close to needing to sell their home due to property taxes rapidly rising. We are looking for tools to help mitigate this.
 - It would require us to have someone reach out to us to complain about their taxes going up. Is there any feedback we can get - we can target an area.
 - We can send as study done to show the assessed and sale prices in 5-6 of our center and township neighborhoods. We know where it is happenings. The state is concerned that it's happening and people can't adapt to it. - Older resident being pushed out of their house.

2010 - 2016 areas. VOP will send information around that study to us to speak with our neighbors/residents to see if anyone is struggling in that area.

- It may be that there are people who have this issue but don't know who to talk to help.
- It's the people who own it and want to stay who can't
- We haven't seen anything come through specifically about that in the last couple of years, but we can ask.
- Is this what's happening if so tell/show us that's the case so that it isn't just anecdotal.
- What about the people? We switched homeowners insurance so we know what we were paying prior to but when we switched he said you don't have enough insurance because your home is now worth this amount. The value went way up and we found out this way, we don't know what our taxes will be. We didn't even know our home value had been raised. The previous one didn't let us know they just kept it where its as. Some people may run into that problem.
- 10yrs or more homeowners

7:35 p.m. – Updates from the floor

- Potential resident looking to relocate to MFCNA and just wanted to say “Hi.”
- 4H Club first meeting 1/18 at North United at 6:30-7:30 we welcome K-12 grades. Planning the exciting year. If you know any kids interested send them over.
- Reminder on membership dues - The dues are \$25 per year for those who are under 55 and those 55+ it's \$10. Contributory membership for organizations/companies in the area for \$50. You can pay dues online or in person. To be a voting member you need to pay your dues no later than June 30, 2018.

7:40 p.m. - Meeting adjourned