**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for February 09, 2017

**6:36 p.m.** – Meeting called to order by Ryan Funk, president

* This meeting is heavy on IMPD giving us updates, introductions, and programs to be aware of
* Don’t forget to hang around and mingle at the end of our meeting, we’re making an effort to end the meetings in time for more socializing

Introductions

**6:40 p.m. Job Fair with The Children’s Museum, Anthony Bridgeman**

Sports Legends Experience is our big initiative aimed at health & wellness. The initial phase is complete and the next will be the construction of the park’s elements, that begins in May. We currently have a bid out now that is being responded to by subcontractors. We want to be very intentional about involving people within our community to hire them, work with them, etc. We are aiming to hire a diverse contractor base. We will have a series of job/career focused events for this project:

* March 14, Ivy Tech, 10am - 1pm: opportunity to learn more about the project, work with EmployIndy and Ivy Tech to work on prerequisites to job fair. (OSHA training, Drug screening, training opportunities, etc.)
* March 30, OSHA Training (set up at the 3/14 event)
* April 25, Children’s Museum, 9am - 1pm, Job Fair. You must have completed prerequisites prior to attending the job fair for the subcontractors to hire you

If you have questions, please contact me at AnthonyB@childrensmusem.org

**6:47 p.m.** - **Review the January minutes**

**6:47 p.m. - Minutes are approved -** No changes

**6:48 p.m. - Treasurer Report**

Chase: $5,660.94

Prudential: $6,179.65

Paying your does does give you voting rights with the association. To vote for Board members in December, you will need to have paid your dues by June 30, 2017. You can pay your dues online on our website, mfcna.org or at our meeting to Gerald Dupree, treasurer.

**6:50 p.m. Special Presentation, IMPD**

Joshua Baker, IMPD North District Commander, Joshua.Barker@indy.gov

* Been with North Community relations for the past two years
* Worked with the previous North District Commander & am familiar with this area
* North District philosophy we would like to build on — positive community engagement. As we roll out our strategy to deal with the violence we have dealt with in past years. We do have to remember that we are here to police FOR you not TO you. We do want to see that every encounter we have with someone is a chance to build a relationship. We are going to have a presence in these neighborhoods and we will be working with the community to empower you to combat the crime & violence. We need to build that trust so we are comfortable with information sharing. You should have a level of expectation that we are reporting back that we are making a level of progress. We would like to have that two way dialogue. I want quality arrests not quantity. Collaboration is very important to me.

Catherine Cummings, IMPD, Behavioral Health Unit

* Created in June 2016 - part of the community engagement. These BHUs pair specially trained officers with mental health experts from Eskenazi to find individuals in crisis and help pair them with appropriate programs and services. This is not a grant funded position, it is here to stay and is an important program to have. We follow up with people to ensure they are receiving the support they need. We are trying to remind people that we care.
  + Resident testimonial - “it does make a difference.”

Q: What sorts of situations would we call you instead of 911?

A: If it is an emergency always call 911, but if it's a situation where you have a concern for a neighbor - that would be a situation where you would call us.

Lt. Brian Churchill, IMPD, Community Engagement Office

* We are working to connect underserved populations with social services - not just arresting but to work to solve an underlying problem.
* We go to specific homes based on our social disorder index, we’re looking for specific people and wrapping social services around them - a more holistic approach
* Our community has resources available, but people don’t know it exists. We are working to help proactively connect person with resource
* We are still cops and we’re still hitting crimes that we have, but as officers go into the community and respond to an incident, they may also be able to connect the person within the incident with a resource that could help more at the root of the problem and prevent the same crime from happening again.

**7:24 p.m. - Presentation, Community partners**

Brittanie Redd, MFCDC, [www.mfcdc.org](http://www.mfcdc.org)

* Exciting news: IDA Funding - we received Individual Development Account (IDA) program funding from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. IDAs are social innovation tools to help low-income individuals and families build wealth as a pathway out of poverty. This is a great way to increase the economic opportunity within our neighborhood. We are only the 2nd organization in our city to receive this program.
  + Q: Income limit?
  + A: Yes
* Introducing J.D. Sparks, our new Community Building AmeriCorps Public Ally. He will be focusing on our health initiatives.
* Basketball Tournament/Resource Fair
  + Every Thursday evening, February 2-March 2, 5-10pm at Little Bethel Crosstown Community Center, 3279 Winthrop Ave.
  + Each night is themed: 2/16 is Public Safety, 2/23 is Education & Health, 3/2 is Housing, ¾ is the community day/championship game

Marion County Public Health Department

* Free Narcan kits and training sessions can be scheduled through the Marion County Public Health Department. Trainings only last an hour. It is a very worthwhile training.

Trinity Church

* Last month the Attucks documentary had 70 participants and was very well received.
* New series: Real Talk, community conversations about race
  + Thursdays, 6-8pm at Trinity Episcopal
  + 3/9 - Awakening Community, 3/16 - Bias in the Classroom, 3/23 - Mass Incarceration, 3/30 - Faith & Action, 4/6 - Fearless & Faithful Conversations

OYEA, Kite Contest

* Kite contest 3/4 and 3/11. Two different parks in the city that lead up to a final competition on 3/25 at Watkins park in conjunction with at cooking contest. BBQ and grilling - cash prizes. Entry fee for that, we are partnering with the Ivy Tech cooking school

Youth Event, 4H Meetings

* Grades K-12
* Meet at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
* 2/23, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18
* Contact Edna Kemp if you are interest: ekemp2026@gmail.com

**7:39 p.m. - Gas station update**

* The sign that was installed at 32nd and Central, both the CDC and the association thought we would be given the opportunity to regulate the sign they put up and unfortunately the conclusion from the city was that the gas station did not need to include a variance. We did have the opportunity to mention some of our concerns about the location of that gas station and the safety regarding the traffic.

**7:42 p.m. Meeting is adjourned - you are encouraged to mingle & get to know a new neighbor.**