**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for 10/12/ 2017

**6:34 PM** – Meeting called to order by Ryan Funk, president

**6:35 PM** - Introductions

**​6:38 PM** Review of the Minutes from August, we were unable to meet in September

**6:40 PM** Minutes approved

**6:40 PM** Presentation, Jane Root and Mary Alice Moon of Mid-North Food Pantry

3333 N. Meridian, phone 317-924-7900, [midnorthfoodpantry.org](http://midnorthfoodpantry.org)

* Originated in MFC in the 1970s, started by 3 churches, the goal was to increase the stability in the community by providing a food safety net.
* Other churches in the neighborhood wanted to be involved and out of that the Mid-North Church Council was born.
* When we started we fed 400 to 450 families a month. Last year 12,000 families and 40,000 individuals were fed.
* Pantry must purchase food from Gleaners, our money stretches for us -we can purchase things at a significant discount
* We also provide cooking information, showing how to use staples in the kitchen
* Hours MWF 10-2, 3rd Sunday from 12pm - 2pm
* We do have Amazon smile so you can donate through that

Volunteers - no matter who you are or your ability, we absolutely can use you.

* Thursdays we’re looking for men. That’s the unloading and loading of food, 9-11am
* Volunteers to take people through the pantry
* We’d love to develop a list of volunteers who can fill in for regular volunteers who can’t make a shift

CHEER program - a way to get children involved in volunteering and a way to do that with the parent

Childhood hunger education and reverence - as young as 3 with adult supervision allows for families to volunteer together

**6:54 PM Treasurer’s Report -** None for this month

**6:54 PM** Presentation, Public Allies Team Service Project

Dedicated to service leadership and community development and focus on asset based community development. Through the INRC, one requirement is to do a team service project. We were given Mapleton-Fall Creek. Over the next 10 months we will be developing a project for the community. We would like feedback on what kind of needs do you need, what assets to develop further.

* Developing a survey for neighborhood residents--what do they need?
  + Things we’ve thought of are Fundraisers for food banks
  + Develop a sense of community, block parties, etc.
  + Educate on what resources are available
  + Supposed to dedicate 5-12 hours a week for the project
  + Date to begin implementing - ideally the spring

Feedback: We need Info from people in the community, how responsive will people be to surveys and how responsive would they be if we did a door to door campaign, what is going to work in this neighborhood?

* + Door to door
  + for the older neighbors, just have them put a check -- no need to write a lot
  + Would a comprehensive survey be considered your project? - Not sure, it needs to be something to provide ongoing assets for the community
  + Definitely the need for knowing the resources
  + Nate is the tie between MFC and Allies to help get them going if you have further thoughts

**7:12 PM** Community Partner Updates

* MFCDC, JD Sparks
  + Monumental Marathon running through on November 4, some road closures
  + Kelly is focusing on food access in MFCN
  + Upcoming events, Destination Fall Creek Updates, Capital Bridge schedule, College Ave. Bridge will be closed for 4 months
  + Affordable Housing and improving your current houses, we’re thinking of ideas of how to better communicate. We have HOUSE (home ownership events) it walks people through how to go about purchasing their home in our community. Its an avenue for residents to come in and meet their new neighbors

Q: Been in the neighborhood for 2 years, sidewalks and streets are broken down - alley ways we try to clean it up but you’ve got some owners who don’t maintain their property, they don’t live there - we call the mayor’s action line. My neighbors tell me how the neighborhood once was, it was beautiful but we’re noticing that our area is not doing so well. We have older neighbors so I’m trying to find out where do we go to get our area more stable. We’re not getting help.

A: MFCDC: we do partner with organizations to help stabilize. The CDC does move to purchase homes. Sidewalks we apply for grants to fix the broken sidewalks. We also partner with Habitat For Humanity and SECOA We do work with the residents to help them obtain assistance through the program.

A: Marion County Health Department: anytime you see trash in the yard you call them.. “Abandoned Housing Program” and “Weed and Seed” helps to address many of those issues as well. We are getting our new Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocate, that person is the one who will speak for us to the Mayor.

* Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Jennifer Jones for the North District
* 129 incidents last month, the majority were property crimes (theft, shoplifting, etc.) common throughout the state
  + 14 were burglary (residential when a home has broken into homes) - happening to homes under construction
  + We want to encourage you to make your house look occupied even if you’re not there. Lights, radios put them on timers, dogs are good
    - Most burgers are under 25 years old - crime goes up in the summer and on breaks
  + People meeting up to sell things (cell phone, electronics) and getting robbed, make sure to make that in very populated area, feel free to use the Police department (open until 6pm)

Q: We have young men riding down the alley on their bikes, can we have a policeman patrol the alley every so often to you know, make their presence known?

A: if you give the location I can put that in for a Patrol when Possible, give me the block range and time when it’s happening jennifer.jones@indy.gov

**7:32 PM** Land Use Petition Presentations

**ACT Development and CDC, 2945 N. Jersey**

Asking for a variance. The house is between two primary residence. I want a 6’ rather than 10’ separation between the buildings. The houses are right on the line.

The new permitting requires 10’ - new zoning ordinances. In order for ACT to replace this house they have to apply to get it for 6’. No neighbors have been complaining or anything. They’re just trying to rebuild a house on a small lot. It’s the same footprint as the original house as was there. This is one of the affordable homes through the MFCDC.

**7:38 PM Motion made** to support the variance request

* discussion - there would be benefit to talk with the neighbors and not just the letter that was sent. Al did try reaching out to the neighbors but they weren’t home.
* Project is funded by city money and the deadline to finish is by the end of the month

**7:40 PM** Support of the variance request Approved

**3038 Park, Renew Indy Property**

Initially were concerned by the plans for the property due to such a low amount being invested in the property. The plans have since been revised to a more appropriate amount for the size of property. We are presenting the revised plans his to the neighborhood so we can relay approval or not to Renew.

* Gentlemen looking to live there for at least 4 years with his mom to help her
* General contractor by profession

**7:47 PM** **Motion made** to support this buyers purchase of the property. Any future variances would still

need to be reviewed

**7:49 PM** Approved the support of motion made.

**7:49 PM** MFCNA Board Updates

* Community Dinner Honoring Seniors last Saturday. Went well, the mayor stopped by. We had a committee that worked on this and did a great job. Thanks to the hard work of the committee
* Delaware Gateway Sign - Sculpture Silver Falls now where our old sign was. The sign was hit by a truck & needed repairs, now looking for a new location. We will be applying for a permit to put up the sign in a new spot.
* November Pitch-In, We meet every 2nd Thursday. The November meeting will be here, same time, but instead of a sit-down meeting we’ll have a condensed agenda and have food. You’re invited to bring in a covered side, dessert to share. Invite your neighbors. The next monthly meeting, November 14.
* Vacant Board seat. We have a 11 member board, we have a current vacant seat. We are the voluntary management board. We’ve been fortunate to have a full board in recent years. Every year in December we elect new board members. We’ll fill that vacant seat in December. Anyone who is a dues paying member can run to be on the board. Let Ryan know if you are interested. Everyone who lives in our boarders - you’re a member, The paying members are the ones who can vote at the meetings.We will need people to volunteer on the board. We are more able to function with a full board. President@mfcna.org, phone number on the website.

**7:58 PM** Meeting Adjourned