**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for 11/12/2020

Meeting called to order by President, Travis Tatlock

* Meeting was held at New Circle Church

Review of Minutes from October

* Minutes approved

Treasurer’s Report by Treasurer, Chuck Madden

* Chase - $3,575.24
* Prudential - $8,074.98

Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation

* They are continuing goal of working on owner occupied repairs with NeighborLink. There will be end of year campaign to specifically fund more of these projects.
* 2802 Delaware – demolition should be starting soon

MFC House Placards Discussion

* There was a sample at the meeting in aluminum. However, actual placard will be steel. The board is moving forward with purchasing these, but we haven’t purchased yet because we were in process of getting a tax exemption. We hope to have in hand by late December or early January.

5G Cell Towers in MFC

* The board sent a letter of disapproval for the site at 703 E. 33rd Street. Petitioner removed the site from the original request so no cell tower will go in at this location at this time.

412 East 28th Street

* This was a variance request for new home construction. This was approved.

3711 Washington Blvd. Variance Request, Adam Mears, on behalf of Safe Response

* This is a licensed group home for males with sexually harmful behavior. They began operations at this location in January 2020. This is the first location. They are operating legally under D-3 zoning as a group home. This zoning only permits the home to operate with up to 8 boys. They would like to house 10 so they need a variance to do so.
* The State granted license for 10 but they just approval from the county for the variance to proceed.
* They have 7 males currently. The license allows for males 14 to 21, but most are under 18. According to Adam Mears, the males are non-violent, but he could not provide any information regarding the types of offenses these males have committed to be placed in the home. The stay there is sometimes court ordered, but could also be DCS. He could not provide a typical duration of stay, but will get additional information. There is substantial oversight by state and local authorities with scheduled, regular audits and pop in visits
* Their staff is 3 to 1 – 18-20 staff members (people taking care of home, nurses, case workers, etc.).
* They have an alarm system with video outside and inside and 24 hour supervision – alarm system in every room that has to be hit every 10 minutes. The males have a very rigid scheduled.
* Mears stated that this type of group home provides significant beneficial services for the community.
* In general, neighbors were concerned about the nature of the offenses committed by the males that do and will reside at the group home. Neighbors were also concerned with the boys being out in the front yard when their children may walk or ride their bikes by the home. Neighbors were also concerned about the police and ambulance runs thus far to the home, the amount of vehicular traffic at the home, and the encroachment of the males and/or guests onto neighbors’ property.
* The group asked if the owners/operators would be willing to come speak to the MFCNA, but Mears did not believe they would want to speak with the MFCNA further.

Neighborhood Partners

* Children’s Museum
  + If you live in the neighborhood, can get a free membership.
  + They have a partnership with the Field Museum in Chicago. You will just need to show your membership card and can get in for free.
  + They are still doing Jolly Days and the slide is up, but can’t slide down it.
  + Mid North Promise Program
    - This is for Mid North residents and is an academic and career readiness program. Enrollment through the year.
  + Firth Thursday’s
  + Neighborhood Holiday Party is cancelled due to COVID-19.

Other updates from the floor/open discussion

* MFCNA Board Election will be at December Meeting. Let the board know if you are interested in a position on the board.
* 605 E. 38th (WPNA) – additional variance requests

Call for motion to adjourn​