**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes for February 14, 2019**

*Unapproved*

**6:34** Meeting called to order

**6:35** Moment of silence for Tanner Starks, Watson McCord President, who passed away in January

**6:36** Welcoming remarks and Introductions of people in attendance

**6:37** Review of the minutes

**6:38** Minutes approved

**6:39** Treasurer is absent so no official treasurer’s report

**6:41** Mention of active shooter training, Meg was absent and could not elaborate, but date is set for April 11

**6:42** Updates from MFCDC

* Neighborhood Resilience Grant - $18,000 available (Meg is working on completing grant - deadline 2/22)
* Great Indy Cleanup (4/20) – want to help promote each neighborhood clean up & want to include info in their monthly newsletter
* Hosting HoUSE event at one of their new builds (2945 N New Jersey St) on 2/21 from 5:30-7 PM
* City League (3279 Winthrop Ave) - 6 week 5 v 5 basketball tournament on Thursdays
	+ Host free workshops and educational classes (different subject each week)
	+ Various vendors are also present
* IDA Program
	+ Invest $250 a year and receive a 3 to 1 return (invest $250 get $750)
	+ Use towards purchasing home, opening business, continuing education
	+ If you are interested in donating, tax credits are available for donations of $100 or more (Every $100 gets you a $50 tax credit)
* MFCDC asks everyone to sign up for their monthly newsletter to receive updates

**6:52** Neighborhood sign update

* 4-H Program to submit design for sign - wanted to give the youth a chance to be involved
* A few opportunities for grant dollars (Meg working on it)
* Plan is to have the sign up in May and have a celebration party
* Cost will depend on design
* Permit is approved for the sign

**6:55** The Senior Dinner will be Saturday October 5 at the Julia Carson Center

* 100 people attended last year (expecting more this year)
* An event to honor the neighborhood and things that have been done by the seniors in the area
* Hoping to have 2-3 guest speakers

**6:58** Question on Indy Clean up: How does it work?

Answer: Each neighborhood will organize their own clean up; city wide event

* Advice was to pick an area to focus on
* Last year MFCNA cleaned up the gardens by Unleavened Bread last year (made it more of a project rather than an area clean up)
* Typically organized by neighborhood associations, but more so been on a block level recently
* One has not been organized by MFCNA in a while
* Groups can rent dumpsters and clean up alleys

**7:02** More information on Great Indy Clean Up:

* DPW extends resources for clean up - use contact resources on kibi website to get set up with supplies
	+ Have to call kibi to get it set up
* Might be beneficial to look into volunteering at a school or help clean up local schools
* Abandoned alley behind monon (Fairfield and Fall Creek) – always a good area to try and get the neighborhood to clean up
* It is a very popular event
* If MFCNA gets involved it would need to be organized by Michael Quinn, VP of neighborhood affairs
	+ Contact him to organize something

**7:08** Updates from Hope Russu, Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocate

* Potholes – only way to resolve damage to car is to fill out damage claim through the city (tort claim)
	+ Have to report pothole immediately through the Mayor Action Center, keep a copy of your claim, keep any receipts for car repairs
	+ In order to receive full reimbursement the pothole must have been reported before you hit it (only a small percentage get approved)
	+ Advised to come to a city council meeting and give your personal story on why fixing potholes is important
* If you want to see change, get more public with your requests
	+ Without your voice nothing is going to change

**7:18** Central Avenue traffic study

* Detailing how red line construction along college will affect Central
* Volume is expected to increase on Central
* A number of temporary traffic control signals were installed along Central
* Was nearly a $3 million investment in the neighborhood
* You can find more information about the traffic study online

**7:22** Leigh Riley Evans running for City Council - District 9

* Having a meet & greet event Tuesday February 19 from 5-7 PM at the National

**7:27** Motion to adjourn

**7:28** Meeting adjourned