**Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes for January 10, 2019**

*Unapproved*

**6:32** Meeting called to order

President Nate Rush is absent and Al Polin asks Mike Quinn to run the meeting since he is the VP of Neighborhood Affairs

**6:34** An ask was made to grab a neighbor for the next meeting to help make the neighborhood stronger

**6:34** Review of the minutes

**6:35** Minutes approved

**6:36** Officer Mike Maxwell serves as the Community Relations Officer and spoke about bridging the gap between community groups and police department

* Presentation for active shooter prevention at some point this year at a meeting
* Prosecutor office is hosting a blood drive for fallen officers – January 23 4209 N College Ave
* Can be contacted through direct message on Next Door; phone: 317-327-6119; Email: Michael.maxwelljr@indy.gov (email is the best way to reach him); Runs all social media platforms for the district

**6:40** Treasurer’s Report

* Chase $4983.46
* Prudential $7256.89

**6:42** Discussion of producing flyers informing neighbors on how to become a member of the association

* Goal is to get them passed out in mass to the neighborhood
* Also hoping to get information in the Midtown Magazine

**6:44** Introduction of new board members

* Bri Patrick, Secretary; Meg Hanley; Travis Tatlock

**6:45** Discussion of 2019 events

* National Night Out - Tuesday August 6th (city wide event);
* Senior Dinner - second week in October; not sure on location yet; all are welcome; tickets are $25 (55+ tickets $15); the dinner is held to honor seniors in the neighborhood

*Ideas on how we get this information to the neighborhood – magazine article, website, social media, chopping neighborhood into sections to divide and conquer; get businesses to sponsor mailings*

**6:50** Active shooter training hopefully in the summer; date TBD; information will be put together at the board meetings and then distributed

**6:51** Hope Russu, city representative for North District (includes Mapleton-Fall Creek), looking for feedback for what can be done in 2019

* If you know of anyone struggling to pay heat bills she has resource
* Question - North of 38th has speedbumps – can we get them in the neighborhood? Question - Are the speedbumps consistent with redline?
* Hope - construction is contracted and the construction company’s weakness is that they are not good with public outreach; To combat this, IndyGo now has invited the Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocates to sit in on the calls; For any issues you need to email Hope – if you don’t communicate your challenges then they cannot be fixed

**7:02** Discussion - 32nd and college intersection is terrible; no one stops, many cars speed, and there is concern for children getting off the school bus

* Recommendation - to get past petition stage you need to utilize IMPD

**7:05** To sign up for alerts about redline go to [www.indygored.com](http://www.indygored.com)

* Need to engage with this resource if you want to stay up to date; new email goes out every Monday morning; very detailed website with tons of helpful information; if you see something, say something - call 311 (non-emergency line)

**7:08** Discussion - wanting an update on scooters

* The scooters have been a debate in the mayor’s office but ordinances come out of council offices; you need to reach out to Councilor William Duke Oliver (317-201-6770) about scooter issues; residents are not leaning on their counselors enough

**7:13** New Communication Development - Transit Talks

* held at coffee shops, happy hour, etc; place for discussion on transit issues
* The January 14 meeting at College Library branch has been canceled and the switch is being made to the transit talks

**7:16** Discussion - What does everyone want to see for the neighborhood?

* Block parties – dividing neighborhood into smaller sections for smaller block parties
* Neighborhood clean up once a month

**7:18** Discussion - Cleaning the city streets

* The city is working out a street sweeping plan (as often as they can); additional parking meters to help pay for street sweeping downtown; street sweeping will take place every other day downtown – every other month for other thoroughfares; more information to come

**7:20** Decision to table discussion of committees until next meeting

**7:20** Board member Meg Hanley discusses neighborhood watch

* implementing a crime watch is a large process; getting two people on a block to work together and then continue introducing the two people to two more and so on; starting small; statistically proven we have lower crime
* once we are certified DPW comes out and put signs on street poles
* Goal: creating roster of people on neighborhood watch; an ask was made for people present at the meeting to sign up to be on the crime watch roster today

**7:24** Discussion - Becoming a member of Next Door; great way to get info about the neighborhood

**7:26** Al wants to correct minutes about board discrepancy from last meeting

**7:26** Board member Al Polin discusses the MFC neighborhood sign

* Waiting on an architect
* Sign will be at Fall Creek Parkway and Delaware
* Hoping to eventually get the sign information into monthly MFCDC news letter

**7:27** Updates from MFCDC

* If you need assistance with paying energy bills dial 211
* They have partnered with INHP to help people purchase a home or do repairs on current home
* IDA program – one year savings investment; money can be spent on purchasing a home, go back to school, start a business, etc.; Courtney Goodwin is the contact for the program
* House available for rent on 2912 N. Park Ave
* Grant writing workshop January 30, 5:30-7PM at MFCDC office
* City league 5 on 5 basketball tournament starts this month (free) – New Bethel Community Center January 24-March 7; booths available for vendors at basketball tournament
* Lunch with Legislators being held on January 29 (free) – great networking event for businesses

**7:34** Marion County Public Health Safe Syringe Program will be hosting a breakfast on January 11, 9 am at Bomber Center (by Arsenal High School)

* Goal is to attack the opioid and hepatitis C problem
* Will have a vehicle to go to neighborhoods to collect syringes

**7:35** Motion made to adjourn

**7:36** Meeting adjourned