

**Arcadia Neighborhood Association
Community Meeting - MINUTES
Arcadia Elementary School Library
October 25, 2017**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:31pm
2. **In Attendances:** Rex Brueggemann, Courtney Roberts, James Robinson III, Teri LaVoy, Philip Rose, Paul Schneidenbach, David Anderson, Grace Gheen, Jeff Carroll, Kristine Crummel, Hans Engelke, and others per sign in sheet. Special guests Yvonne Wright-Aninure (Housing Inspector), Andrea Sanada (Munchie Mart owner) and Gregg Kuthe (Munchie Mart landlord's representative).
3. **Minutes Approval:** Rex Brueggemann motion to approve, Teri LaVoy 2nd, no objections, all in favor
4. **Crime Report (15 minutes)** – Tabled because Officer Vandenberg could not attend
 - a. Middlebury and Boswell – car/bus speed and pedestrian safety
 - i. Crossing guard
5. **Housing Inspector Report (15 minutes)** - Yvonne Wright-Aninure, Housing Inspector, provided written report (filed with ANA paper records). Her written summary, "No surprise, not a lot of enforcement activity for the area." Yvonne did elude that the City would give the Houslers the nod to rezone their recently acquired RS5 zoned lots on W. Michigan between Dobbin and Eldridge to a zoning with the ability to put up multi-unit housing. The ANA requested that Yvonne inform her City colleagues that the ANA would like to be notified immediately if a rezoning plan is requested. The ANA wants to know before, not after, the City decides.
 - a. The following issues were brought up by residents
 - i. Cracked, raised or otherwise unsafe sidewalks to be reported to 337-8026
 - ii. Bushes and tree limbs on the City Curb Lawn are the residents' responsibility to maintain and ensure safe passage for walkers
 - iii. Unlawful firework use – report to 337-8994 every time until culprit found
 - iv. Remember not to cover storm drains with leaves
6. **Financial Report (<2 minutes)** – J. Carroll reports that after the Ice Cream Social donation collection, the September 30 ANA bank balance is \$900.35. The bank statement was routed for verification.
7. **Annual Elections (15 minutes)** – By laws allow for 11 board members (4 officers) all with a 1-year term. Board members we elected as indicated below with no objections.
 - a. Election to Executive Committee
 - i. President – Jeff Carroll
 - ii. Vice President – Chris Adrian
 - iii. Secretary – Kristine Crummel
 - iv. Treasurer – Paul Schneidenbach
 - v. Non-Office Board Members: Philip Rose, Rex Brueggemann, James Robinson II, David Anderson, Hans Engelke
8. **Development in Arcadia (15 minutes)** – The community generally agrees to a few positions to be formalized over the coming months in a ANA vision and position statement.
 - a. The ANA understands and supports City need for tax revenue. However, the ANA does not support spot zoning (changes) and tax base increases at all cost. The ANA will work with the City to create a neighborhood plan to address long term development in its neighborhood
 - b. The ANA will work to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow on the loop comprised of W. Michigan, Drake, Arboretum Way, and Howard.
 - c. The ANA will focus on planning development of W. Michigan
 - d. W. Michigan Ave
 - i. **Munchie Mart Rezoning** – Andrea Sanada (Munchie Mart owner) and Gregg Kuthe (landlord's representative) presented a written and verbal request for the ANA support of

their rezoning request from CN1 to CC, because packaged liquor is a legal non-conformity under CN1. The consensus is that the ANA can support a rezoning to CC if the uses are legally restricted to those of CN1 plus “packaged liquor”, and maybe a couple of other uses that the owners see as potential in the future. Ms. Sanada and Mr. Kuthe agreed to present to the ANA board a written list of the very limited additional uses under CC they would like permitted. From there the ANA can provide a letter outlining our recommendation to the City. Jeff Carroll will be happy to speak to the Zoning Board of Appeals on behalf of the ANA to convey its recommendations.

- ii. **W. Michigan between Eldridge and Dobbin** – the community agrees that a redevelopment with multi-unit housing (a zoning change) is not supported at this time, and emphatically urges the City to communicate with the ANA immediately upon being approached to redevelop the properties.
- iii. Arboretum Way and W Michigan/Drake traffic concerns - noted
- iv. Walden Woods Condos Phase 4 - noted

9. Small Participation by All - Not 1 Person Doing Everything (15 minutes) – item tabled due to time. However, traditional responsibilities will continue until the duties and volunteers are formalized.

- i. Communications (Kristine C.)
 - 1. Facebook (Grace G.)
 - 2. Email List (Paul S.)
 - 3. Flyers (Courtney R.)
 - 4. Website (Michael Coyle)
- ii. KPS/WMU Security (Kristine C.)
- iii. KPS Housing (Paul S.)
- iv. Planning and Zoning Contact (Jeff C.)
- v. Ice Cream Social – (need a chairperson)
- vi. Arcadia Elementary Contact (Jeff C.)
- vii. Single Contact for Commination from Kalamazoo City (Jeff C.)

10. Next Community Meeting – January 24, 6:30pm Arcadia Elementary Library. The Officers are likely to meet sooner to further plan and keep tabs on the W. Michigan multi housing developments.