

MPNO Meeting: 3/13/24

+ Additions to the agenda?

Business:

- Grant application update
 - We have applied for a bulk trash cleanup (did once in 2017)
 - Trash trucks will drive through the neighborhood, neighbors can put items on the curb and they will be picked up
 - We will get a list of things they will take or not
 - St. Casmir will allow us to use their parking as a staging area, and additional volunteers as needed
 - We have applied for a mini-grant to host a New Playground Playdate
 - \$250 for the party celebrating the new playground structure on the east side of the park.
 - New playground construction starting next week. Should be done by end of March, and then playground playdate celebration toward end of April/early May. REACH has agreed to help with a craft. Going to ask Blue Owl to donate/give a pitcher of iced coffee, purchase cookies and juice boxes (using mini-grant funds).
 - JOY to post on MPNO page that the playground will be under construction starting next week, and more details to come!
- Community garden update
 - Garden is still dormant – should be on target for the coming season. Should have plots available. Will know by the end of April. \$20 for a plot for the season.
 - Sign now says Moores Park/St. Casmir Garden (not Community Garden)
- Neighborhood update
 - Neighborhood in Bloom – used flowers for signage and flowers in the past. We need volunteers to mulch, weed, etc. around the signage. Typically bags of mulch and then potted plants for around the neighborhood signs?
 - Future idea: spring neighborhood cleanup day? Coordinate with the river cleanup day (beginning of May)?
 - Moores Park Pool – officially funded with the 6.2 million. Construction will begin this spring! May include cleaning up some other parts of the park, too. Continue to watch the progress on that.
 - Developer interested in El Shabazz has not announced anything else.
 - St. Casmir – several priests are living in the Rectory, church is being used for sports, some classrooms too. Lansing Catholic Sports Academy – working title.
- Events
 - No Easter Egg hunt this spring (grant funding delayed this year, Easter is too early to make it happen).
 - May bring it back in future years.
 - Summer concert series (City of Lansing)

- Misc
 - Online FB monitoring
 - Trying to make sure we are vetting people who get in. If you answer the questions reasonably, we usually say yes.
 - Our goal is to be a welcoming community, rather than exclusionary.
 - If you post about ductwork, etc. you will get banned from the group.
- New business