

## Arcadia Neighborhood Association

May 22, 2023

**President Rex Brueggemann** called the meeting to order.

**Attendance** was recorded.

**Minutes:** October 17, 2022 *Minutes* were approved.

**Community Police Officer Casey Crooks** was introduced.

CPO Crooks highlighted the following:

Her purpose as the Arcadia CPO is to make a strong connection with the neighborhood;

Gangs are a major concern for KPS;

Most of the crimes are committed by 15-18 year old juveniles;

KPS is aware of who the gang leaders are;

Victims are usually targeted;

There is a disconnect between KPS and the juvenile courts which are unwilling to hold juveniles for very long after they have been arrested;

Steps have been taken to address the Campus Point crimes. Owners of each strip mall have been an integral part in addressing this problem. For example, The *Y Bar* has been closed permanently and there has been an increase in police patrols.

**Working Committee:** Allison Seigel Hahn will head a neighborhood committee to partner with the City to address the Campus Point Mall problem.

**Noise Ordinance:** Noise ordinance complaints can be filed any time of day. KPS has the technology to determine decibel levels that are above the legal level. CPO Crooks stated that there is **no** period of time that is exempt from noise violations.

**Mailbox Theft:** Please report mailbox theft to KPS. Video and/or a description of the culprit are helpful keys to solving mailbox theft.

### **Traffic Issues:**

A suggestion was made to Officer Crooks to place a speed monitor on W. Michigan to make drivers aware of their speed.

The problem with U turns at the intersection of W. Michigan and Howard was also brought to her attention.

## **Old Business:**

**Kendall Walking Path Committee** met with our Neighborhood Activator, Jae Selby, to continue to develop a plan to create a walking path at the cul de sac on Kendall Ave.

Ms. Selby is willing to move forward taking the necessary steps to implement the neighborhood plan. The committee emphasized that the design is to be a “walking path” not a “gathering place.” Doug Williams will continue to head the committee.

## **New Business:**

**Zoning:** Rex Brueggemann and Ken Larson met with Assistant City Planner Peter Eldridge on May 16 to discuss how the revised zoning codes and map updates would affect future planning within the “orange strip” along W. Michigan.

The **City** has reviewed and revised existing zoning codes to bring codes in line with the Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 Master Plan. Throughout this incremental code update, staff reviewed zoning rules of the Municipal Code and the existing rules were changed or removed or had their language simplified. These revised sections along with completely new rules, were then transferred into the new location for Zoning Code, Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code. All changes to the Zoning Code are reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. The Planning Commission recommends the changes, or not, to the City Commission for their review and approval, also through a public hearing.

Using an updated Arcadia Neighborhood Map with proposed zoning changes, Rex, Ken, and Peter were able to compare existing zoning to proposed zoning changes. These changes and the impact they will have on our neighborhood will be shared in the future.

The Zoning Codes and Map Updates can be found in the *Imagine Kalamazoo 2025: Chapter 50: Zoning Ordinance Winter 2023* <<http://www.imaginekalamazoo.com/projects/zoningupdates>>.

**AT&T Clean-up:** AT&T has yet to clean up items left after the installation of underground cable. There is a continued effort to contact AT&T to complete the job.

**Ice Cream Social:** Scheduled for August 1st from 4-9 pm.

**Next Arcadia Neighborhood Meeting:** June 19th beginning at 7 pm. Tentative location is The Coyle home, 1109 Berkshire.