## Merriman Park University Manor

Date & Time: December 4, 2024, 6-7pm

Location: L L Hotchkiss Elementary School

Meeting Called to Order By: Codi Knight

In Attendance: 43 community members

## Agenda:

- Upcoming Events
- Communication Update
- Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP)
- MPUM Organization Path Forward

## **Meeting Notes:**

- Welcome Statement Codi Knight
- Upcoming Events Codi Knight
  - December 15: Wine Brunch & Toiletry Drive benefiting the Family Place details to be sent on WhatsApp Community group
  - o Date TBD: December Guys Night contact Kyle Meyers for questions
- Communication Update
  - o Join MPUM WhatsApp Community Karthik & Ayesha Yerra
    - Discussion: How to use app and access the MPUM community and groups based on your interests
    - Conclusion/Action Item: You cannot search for MPUM, you have to be invited/have access to special link to join. QR code passed around to join. Neighbors are encouraged to share link with neighbors to join.
  - Newsletter Gretchen Seller
    - Discussion: Gretchen discussed the new system and schedule for enewsletters, printed newsletters, and regular emails.
    - Conclusion: Next issue in the new format is scheduled for January.
  - o Website Enhancements Karthik Yerra
    - Discussion: Karthik discussed plans for a new website and answered questions about the old website and URL
    - Conclusion/Action Item: The URL for the website will not change, it will be a seamless transition. Phase 1 of website to launch in January.
  - Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) Luke Bryant
    - Discussion: Luke presented plans for the future of ENP and there were discussions about how it was run in the past, including the interest of Officer Johnny Green to come back. Many meeting attendees

expressed that ENP/safety is at the top of their lists of issues and something we need to improve in the neighborhood. There was a request/suggestion for block captains and volunteers. The initial estimate for reinstating ENP is about \$250 per year per household, which is based on 30-40% participation. Hope to roll out by Q2 2025, pending organizational hurdles are resolved.

- Conclusion/Action Item: The plan is to roll out ENP once the administrative hurdles are resolved. Once it is time, a separate team or committee will be put together to re-establish ENP.
- MPUM Organization Path Forward meeting group discussion
  - Discussion: There were discussions around current state of the association, loss of 501(c)(4) status and best path to move forward as one unit. There were questions and discussions around where current dues goes/how it is being used, if we should reinstate existing entity and associated 501(c)(4) status or create a new one, current board and association history, and leadership now and future. Many people spoke and offered guidance, including Tyler Lynch, Clayten Gouws, and Codi Knight. It was largely agreed upon and understood that we need to bring new people together and help with 1) Organization/leadership 2) Communication/transparency and 3) Financial management. Once these are figured out, the association can focus on other top-priority items like neighborhood safety/ENP.
  - Conclusion/Action Item:
    - The group decided the best path forward is to elect a Steering Committee to work on resolving organizational hurdles. There was a vote that selected the following people as the members: Tyler Lynch, Gretchen Seller, Yvette Haines, Edie Diaz, Karthik Yerra, Clayten Gouws, Monet VanGundy, Codi Knight (after meeting, Codi recused herself from serving)
    - ENP will remain an independent entity and account, separate from MPUM, and efforts will be lead by Luke and Suzanne Bryant.

**Next Meeting:** The MPUM Steering Committee is getting together for their first meeting before the holidays (exact date TBD). The Committee plans to report back to the larger group by mid-January.