



Mordecai CAC 2019

A Publication of the Mordecai Citizens Advisory Council

Mordecai CAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month @7:30pm
except July & August at Mordecai Historic Park Visitor Center
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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

7:30PM

MCAC Agenda

- I. Welcome / Introductions
- II. Approve January 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes
- III. Police Report- Downtown District Crime Prevention Sgt. Marx will update the community on crime and safety issues.
- IV. Parks and Recreation Report
- V. Community Engagement Report
- VI. Amplify DC, a group composed of volunteer citizens from City Council District C with the purpose of identifying opportunities to support economic development in the district by proposing addition of assets and infrastructure - Sterling Bowen
- VII. Presentation from Recovery Communities of North Carolina (RCNC)- Troy Manns
- VIII. Presentation from Raleigh PACT- Barbara Smalley-McMahan
- IX. Any other business
- X. Adjourn

The Citizens Advisory Council (MCAC) uses Nextdoor as our main communication tool. The Nextdoor Mordecai Community private social networking site is open to anyone living or owning property within the MCAC area. Please sign up now at www.nextdoor.com and be in the know!

Mordecai CAC Boundaries All residents north of Peace St. and south of Atlantic Ave., between Brookside and West St., belong to the Mordecai CAC. To get on the newsletter mailing list, call Community Engagement Division at 919-996-4330.

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March 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 15+ representing Oakdale, Mordecai and Pilot Mill.

February minutes approved.

Police Report

Statistically not a bad 30 days since the 1st of Feb. No significant crime patterns. Please call 911 before you post anything on list serves or community sites.

3 residential home break ins. 1 was a case of a door being left open. Spring is a renovation time, homes are left open while contractors go in and out and the house is not actually lived in, which makes it ideal for squatters. Again, keep things locked and get the police in the loop before you post anything.

Still waiting for guidance on the city re electric scooters and how to enforce.

Parks and Rec

Mordecai Historic Park

Women's History Day event was just this past Saturday.

New collection pieces up in the Mordecai House through the month of March.

Women's history trolley tour is operating this Sunday.

Civil War history trolley tour will be offered in April.

You can find more information on the trolley tours by calling the Mordecai Visitor's Center at 919-996-4364.

Community Engagement Report

Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange Event: a mini-exchange will be held on the 28th from 6-8 pm at Marbles due to the original having to be canceled in the fall. Limited to the first 100 people that sign up online at raleighnc.gov. Theme is communication, keynote speaker is a magician. Anyone can sign up, it's a way to bring people out in the community and bring forth new ideas. You're connecting with neighbors and city staff to talk about community issues.

COR Budget

FY 2020 survey

Budget is good for transparency/policy/management and it's the law.

Total budget across all funds for 2019 was 971 million for all funds.

General fund, including public safety, parks and rec, infrastructure etc for 2019 was 508 million. For FY 2020 General fund will be between 518 and 520 million. Sales tax and property tax are slowing down as growth slows. Property taxes grew really fast in Raleigh in past years, now the growth is happening outside Raleigh as in Wake Forest. Growth has slowed 2/10s of a percent, but growth is still happening. This year the city is spending a lot of time on Capital Improvement. Current hot topic is leaf collection. Next meeting on Monday will focus on public utilities and possible rate increases. The survey located at budget.raleighnc.gov is your opportunity to make your voice heard and what you think is important for the budget.

Public hearing on the FY 2020 budget will be June 4, 2019 at 7 pm at Raleigh City Council Chambers.

All about CSAs (Community Sponsored Agriculture) Keep things local!

Chickadee Farms with owner Jenn Sanford Johnson

Vegetables, fruit, herbs and chickens. Certified naturally grown by a community organization. Pick-up is at Person St. Bar, lots of Mordecai and Oakwood customers. Runs 24 weeks, 12 weeks in spring and 12 weeks in fall. Offers a full share (every week) or half share (every other week). Current example of a share is kale, spinach, rainbow swiss chard, winter bibb lettuce, red romaine lettuce and cut flowers. Eggs are an add-on.

Full share is \$720.

Half share is \$360. Payment plans are available.

CSA members are investing in her farm so they are her top priority. For example, CSA members get the best and first of all her produce before she goes to market. In addition to the share members get a newsletter that includes recipes, plus she has a private Facebook page for members. Her farm offers events to CSA members

to see where their food is grown, like a fall pig picking. She also has an online store where you can join and purchase a share. There is a private store for CSA members as well.

CSA for Chickadee Farms begins April 8th.

Infinity Hundred Farm with David McConnell and Katie Breen

Have 32 acres around downtown Raleigh. No machinery, no pesticides. Not yet certified organic it will take two more years for that to happen. Currently feeding 30 families. Operate 48 weeks out of the year. Also serve restaurants but CSA members take priority. Crops are planned a year in advance with input from members. 4 CSAs each year, one for each season. Pickups are generally Wednesday afternoons and you can put your share together. If you can't pick up on Wednesdays, there are walk-in coolers that are available 24/7 for you to pick up your share. They can grow year round because they have hydroponic greenhouses and aquaponic houses through NC State.

Spring CSA begins April 10 for 8-10 weeks.

Shares are bought by season. \$200 for the winter CSA.

You can join anytime, even in the middle of a season. The rates will be pro-rated as long as they have enough supply. They also offer a program where they will donate a weekly share if someone is out of town.

The Produce Project with Mike Shumake

They don't grow anything. They are the budget side of the CSA model. They will give a ton of food for the money. They are a different service in that they buy produce in bulk from the Farmer's Market and resell as shares. They are a non-profit 501c. You can order a single share or subscribe for weekly or bi-weekly shares. What is not sold is donated. A single share is \$18.00. Pick-up is Wednesdays and Thursdays at Brookside Shopping Center. Sign-up is at produceproject.org.

Wild Onion Farms with Beth Haarer

Year round CSA with options to pick up at five locations across Raleigh.

Market-style CSA: you can pay different amounts and you select what you want. Shares are available starting at \$100 up to \$500.

Committee updates

Traffic committee - they have awarded a contract for Blount/Person phase 1 restriping/repaving. Will go to council on April 2 for approval. Will begin sometime between May and November. More parking spaces in business district and 2 directional bike lanes. Wake Forest Rd. will go to 2 lanes, 2 bike lines and a center turn lane. Hammond Rd. to South Park is the scope.

Upcoming Events

MCAC Parks Volunteer Days

May 4 Mulch Day

email parks@mordecaicac.org

Stream Clean up day

Saturday March 30 2-4 pm. Meet at Pelagic Beer.

Yard/Plant Sale

Saturday April 27 at Mordecai Visitors Center

You can donate items to MCAC to sell, or you can sign up to have your house listed on the yard sale map.

Plant sale begins at 8 am.

Awards/Grant Chair

Mordecai CAC Historian

Neighborhood representative

Have an idea for neighborhood improvement? Take advantage of a City Grant!

Next meeting is Tuesday April 9th.