

**Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)**  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**Time:** 12:00p.m.

**Location:** via Zoom

**Recurrence:** Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Minutes Submitted by:** Natalie Dubail

**Minutes Edited by:** NAC Members

**Attendees:**

Anne Pringle (WPNA) co-chair

Marie Gray (PNA)

Dominique Gabel (WENA)

Steven Scharf (WENA)

Damon Yakovleff (LNA)

Moses Sabina (SJVNA)

Sophie Vanderburgh (SJVNA)

Brian Batson (MMC)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Natalie Dubail (MMC)

Victoria Pelletier (City Council)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

**1) Minutes** Minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be voted on during the September Meeting.

Action to be taken: Anne will be sending out the July Minutes to everyone on 8.10.23

**2) Construction Update (Q&A)** – Walter Pochebit (Sent prior to meeting)

There are no planned or scheduled MMC Project construction activities that could impact surrounding neighborhood vehicle traffic, pedestrian flow, noise, after hour work, etc. for the remainder of this month and during the first couple of weeks of September.

Action to be taken: Brian will follow up with Walter about the “cranes creating a dangerous turn situation” on Gilman St.

**3) IDP Update – Brian Batson (10 minutes)**

Discussion Summary: Brian stated that there isn't much to report on in addition to the email that he had sent out about the IDP survey and that hopefully everyone has gotten a chance to take it thus far. The final date to take the survey is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Brian has sent out a community newsletter and is looking forward to getting more information via the survey results. The WPNA, WENA and LNA have also posted the survey link to their community boards. The question was asked if the link could be shared on social media, via Facebook Etc. MMC will not be posting it on their social media; although anyone from this group is welcome to through their personal pages to reach more community members.

An NAC member asked how final results will be shared and if the group could see them as soon as possible and that they may be able to use the results for their own neighborhood survey purposes. Brian said that would be a question for Al Green once he is back from vacation, because it's his department who is in charge of the survey. Nell (CoP) also asked Brian to pass along the question to Al - if he could possibly carve out some time for this group to see the report before being finalized.

It was asked that in the future, if this group could possibly see the survey questions prior to sending it out to provide question input. Some people in the group commented that the questions seemed a little too broad and they might have been confusing for someone who is not part of this group.

Actions to be taken: Steven will share his up to date neighborhood list for Brian to cross reference. Brian will connect with Al about the rollout of survey results in the September meeting.

#### **4) Revised 2023 Work Plan (attached)– Anne Pringle (10 Minutes)**

Discussion Summary: Anne has revised the groups work plan and has amended the times – everyone should be receiving the new plan to look over.

Actions to be taken: Anne will be resending the attachment on 8.10.23 – There will be a discussion of the new timeline with Al in September.

#### **Old Business (10 Minutes)**

- **Food Pantry Mural – Brian Batson**

Discussion Summary: The food Pantry itself has had to scale down to one day a week for unknown reasons to Brian. The artist has been officially chosen and notified. There are logistics to work out as far as a schedule and Brian will send out an update to the group once he hears something solid as far as a timeline.

- **Neighborhood Parking – Brian Batson**

Discussion Summary: It was the consensus among the group that they would like to have this issue resolved as far as having to continuously bring it up in meetings. The Neighborhoods would like to see the Hospital and City work together to have a consolidated plan and an outline/timeline of things being done that they can bring back to this group. Both Brian and Nell assured the group that progress has been made and steps have been taken from both the City and Hospital. Brian said he is willing to send out another document containing the implementation of plans and steps the hospital has already taken, with dates. Nell reiterated that John Peverada made a comprehensive report that we talked about last meeting and that he can make another one to speak on at our September meeting. Anne stated she has already sent John a list of other areas that she would like him survey and include in his next report. The neighbors would like to see their neighborhood parking stickers actually hold value and parking enforcement to monitor non-residents parking in the neighborhoods from 6:00pm-6:00am; with the addition of a guest parking pass for each residence. Nell agreed that it would be a good idea to bring up to John in our next meeting and she will ask him to join the next meeting to discuss parking.

Action to be taken: Nell will ask John Peverada to join our September meeting for the parking update.

**6) New Business?**

- Parking Update

**10) Adjourned 12:51pm**

Next meeting: September 13, 2023 @ 12pm

Submitted by: Natalie Dubail

**Acronym List:**

**CoP-** City of Portland

**LNA –** Libbytown Neighborhood Association

**MMC –** Maine Medical Center

**NAC –** Neighborhood Advisory Committee

**PNA-** Parkside Neighborhood Association

**SJVNA –** Saint John Valley Neighborhood Association

**SNF-** Skilled Nursing Facility

**WENA –** West End Neighborhood Association

**WPNA-** Western Promenade Neighborhood Association