

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

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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

**Location:** via Zoom

**Recurrence:** Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Minutes Submitted by:** Anne Pringle

**Minutes Edited by:** NAC Members

**Previous Meeting Minutes, November 2022) Status:** Approved

**Attendees**

Anne Pringle (WPNA) co-chair

Emma Holder (PNA)

Marie Gray (PNA)

Tim McNamara (SVNA)

Moses Sabina (SVNA)

Steven Scharf (WENA)

Rosanne Graef (WENA)

Damon Yakovleff (LNA)

Emma Scudder (LNS)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Brian Batson (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Al Green (MMC)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

Victoria Pelletier (District 2 City Councilor)

**1) Minutes** The Minutes of November 9 were APPROVED as presented.

**2) Construction Update**

**Congress St/Malone Family Tower**

- No anticipated project impacts the remainder of this month to streets, sidewalks, after hours work etc.
- There are over 220 workers on the site every day.
- The exterior curtain wall/glazing continues to be installed.
- Interior steel stud framing, exterior sheathing, layout and drywall is being installed.
- Mechanical and electrical infrastructure is being delivered and installed in the building on all levels.

**Food Pantry/Greyhound**

- Project completed

#### **Pizza Villa Wall Mural –**

- Artist Pat Corrigan completed Mural in late November.....many positive comments received.

#### **940 Congress St/Pizza Villa –**

- Rear masonry wall has developed very similar structural masonry issues as did the mural side.
- Repair work commence week of Dec 12...anticipated to be completed in 3 weeks +/-

No Q&A.

### **3) MMC Update**

The pediatric in-patient census seems to have reached its peak. Thankfully, no deaths last week. But the hospital is still at capacity, with about 60 patients not able to be discharged because of the lack of skilled nursing beds for necessary medical follow up. This is a statewide crisis that needs concerted attention.

### **4) NAC Role, Composition, and Operation**

Prior to the meeting, excerpts of the IOZ (Institutional Overlay Zone) and IDP (Institutional Development Plan) were sent out for review to inform the discussion. Co-Chair Pringle reviewed the intent and emphasized the positive focus: two-way communication, collaboration, problem-solving, etc. While it has taken time to develop, good progress is now being made toward these goals. An example was given of off-line discussions among affected parties to allow more in-depth examination of issues, with reports brought back to the NAC.

With four new members joining the group (4 of 10), a discussion ensued about meeting times and frequency. A question was raised about whether each NA needs two reps, especially the neighborhoods less impacted by MMC than some others. It was noted that attendance has been pretty solid but maybe some changes could be considered

Action to be taken: A Survey Monkey tool will be developed to gauge interest in different meeting times. For future discussion in January, 2023

### **5) Food Pantry/Community Policing**

No target go-live date has been set, due to delays in securing key equipment (freezers) and services. There have been ongoing conversations and there was a very positive sit-down meeting last week among parties, to discuss how interactions will work, logistical issues, etc. There will be intentional steps toward an opening, a “gentle roll out”. SJVNA will be involved in future discussions.

Action to be taken: Tim McNamara will follow up on the graphics for the Community Policing office.

### **6) Old Business**

Community Policing Mural (on the side, facing D'Angelo's). Nothing has been started on this yet. Need to involve the food pantry staff, neighborhood reps, local kids. The very successful Fox Street mural was offered as an example of a successful collaboration.

Recuperative Care Center Concerns have been raised about ongoing and new issues. Issues were also of concern to MMC. There will be a follow up meeting with Ann Tucker of Greater Portland Health, to include reps of SJVNA, Preble Street, MMC Security, police, etc.

Neighborhood Parking The Subcommittee needs to reconvene to discuss possible changes to MMC's proposed new parking policy, to be brought back to the NAC for review.

Action to be taken: Follow up meetings as noted.

## **6) New Business**

19 West Street Has been sold to a local developer who has reached out to WPNA to discuss thoughts. The developer plans to hold a meeting with abutters in the very near future.

## **7) Adjourn**

Next meeting: January 11, 2023

Submitted by: Anne Pringle  
On date: December 14, 2022

### **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