

Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 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 (May 2022) Status: Approved

Attendees

Anne Pringle (WPNA) co-chair

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Alvah David (WPNA)

Emma Holder (PNA)

Tim Karu (PNA)

Tim McNamara (SVNA)

Moses Sabina (SVNA)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Damon Yakovleff (LNA)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Al Green (MMC)

Jamie Grant (MMC)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

1) Minutes The Minutes of May 11 were APPROVED as presented.

2) Construction Update

Discussion Summary:

Congress St/Malone Family Tower

- Steel Erection - On-going. Four truckloads of steel delivered per week. Noise on weekends was reported. Is this allowed? Yes, per the Construction Management Plan ,work is allowed 6 day a week, 7:00AM-7:00PM. Work is not always done on Saturdays, but steel work will be done for the next 6-8 weekends. Advance notice to neighbors would be welcomed.
- Complaints have been received about very bright lighting, on all night long. After complaints to Pochebit, this improved late last week, but now back the same on Monday and Tuesday nights. He will follow up and resolve this week.
- On-going Earthwork backfill operations.
- **Gilman Single Lane Shutdowns June 17 and June 28** for concrete pours of upper floor slabs. Single lane between Congress and A Streets from 6AM to 5 PM...flaggers will assist traffic flow. Finishing of concrete will take place approximately 4-5 hours beyond 5PM...this work is typically not noisy. These dates are subject to change due to weather and will be updated on the MMC Project web page.
- **Parking** –
 - Turner has met with ownership of Marguerite Concrete and Prime Steel Erectors.....also has daily morning huddles with all personnel working on site. All violators; first offense \$500 fine to subcontractor/company...second offense worker removed from project. Two Cives Steel fines issued Friday, June 3.
 - Additionally, Turner Project leadership does rounds several times per day to identify violators...most often finding non project related vehicles and vehicles exceeding the 2 hour limit. Turner has reached out to City of Portland parking to increase patrol and enforce 2-hour parking restrictions.

Lower Western Prom Improvements Partially funded by MMC, a request was made by SJVNA for CDBG funding. Got a report this AM that funding looks promising, with work to begin late summer, early fall.

Pizza Villa exterior masonry wall repair

Project completed other than small wall patch scheduled where wall mounted conduit was removed.

Recuperative Care Center

- Work continues....tentative opening late July/early August \

Food Pantry /Greyhound

- Met on site May 20 with Emily Cain of MH/Food Pantry and Tim McNamara. Lt Hondo canceled due to illness....meeting rescheduled for June 2.
- June 2 – Met on site with Naomi Anderson Schuker, MH Food Pantry, Maj King, PPD, Lt Hondo, PPD, SSgt Michelle, PPD, Brandon Romano, MMC Facilities, Jamie Grant, MMC Security, Anne Pringle, Western Prom, Tim McNamara, St John/Valley and Kirk

Mullen, Hoss Contracting.

- Reviewed PPD space currently included in approved budget. That space determined too small by PPD. During meeting, PPD identified some scope, (walls and doors), not needed...MMC working with contractor on revised estimate of reduced scope items...along with some added to get PPD in larger space.

Action to be taken: Follow up with contractor to turn off or shield bright lighting.

3) Maine Med Update – Jennifer McCarthy

Discussion Summary:

- Neighborhood parking policy – Jamie Grant A new draft parking policy is being reviewed internally, will be shared with the NAC Parking Subcommittee in about two weeks, before it is distributed to employees. A copy of the prior policy will also be provided to the Parking Subcommittee, for comparison. Discussion points: deterrents, penalties for on-street parking, incentives to park in St. John Street garage, City follow up efforts. This both a day and night issue, as well as a citywide issue.
- Food Pantry/Community Policing Office – Jennifer McCarthy In response to the site meeting, Jennifer committed MMC “to make it work”. SJVNA willing to commit some organization or grant funds, if necessary.

Action to be taken: Grant to share new neighborhood parking policy with NAC Parking Subcommittee before distributing to employees. Pochebit to share revised cost estimate for Community Policing space.

4) Caring Community Grant Program: Process Updates Alvah Davis

Discussion summary:

Some unfinished business, probably best to wait until early 2023 to launch new grant cycle, perhaps consider two-year grant cycle. Funds disbursed to WPNA and PNA, others awaiting making request for drawdown until approved projects move ahead. If substitute proposals are made, they should come directly to the NAC for consideration/approval, not the Subcommittee. Requests expected from SJVNA and LNA. MMC can disburse funds until 9/30 for the approved project, otherwise would have to be carried into its next fiscal year.

Action to be taken: Pringle to get NAs the Western Prom Sunset Concert schedule, so they can publicize. Pringle to follow up on the use of the Reiche Community Room space, which is holding up the WENA grant. Donaldson to follow up with Bruce Hyman on status of the bike repair stations (received, where/when to be installed?) and report to Holder.

5) Healthy Neighborhoods Program Update – Nell Donaldson

Discussion summary:

\$100,000 was disbursed last year to Avesta project on Valley Street. HNP Subcommittee to come together soon to discuss how to frame the second round, address neighborhood priorities. About \$350,000 will be available after MMC adds the money due from the Pizza Villa units.

Action to be taken: Donaldson to follow with Mary Davis about templates to be considered for a second round.

6) Old Business

Discussion summary:

Pizza Villa Mural update. MMC has committed funds . McNamara has contacted nine artists, solicited proposals. Expects 3-5 responses. Will convene subcommittee to review.

Action to be taken: McNamara to bring recommendation to full NAC in July or August.

7) New Business None

8) Adjourn

Next meeting: July 13, 2022 @ 12pm

Submitted by: Anne

On date: June 8, 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