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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

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Guests: Dennis Morelli - facilities, Adam Parys - Turner, Dick Parsons – Turner Construction, Melissa Sheehan (Jennifer's Assistant),

Minutes:

- Minutes will be stored in Google Docs.
- It's ok for Liz or anyone to post notes right away to facebook
- At each meeting, we'll vote to approve the minutes for the record.
- It's ok for a board member to ask for somethings to not share publicly.
- Liz will set the minutes to "comment only" for group.

Construction Updates:

Dick Carson from Turner, Adam Parys is full time on-site project manager.

Goal for early utility work is for CMP to remove overhead lines and utility poles permanently at Congress and Gilman. All work will have 2 way traffic during the day and will not impact access to businesses, removal of any parking spaces is temporary.

Phase 1: Congress from Gilman to Forest, temporary removal of two parking spaces, Mid April through June: Phase 2: Gilman from Congress alongside Salvage. Two way traffic during the day, alternating one-way traffic at night. Temporary removal of 8 parking spaces. 5 weeks of MMC work, then 3 weeks of city work. Completed by end of July.

Phase 3: Gilman street from Congress towards A Street.

A lot of houses don't have driveways, and street parking is limited, so Dick will see if they can provide additional parking spaces to neighborhood during construction.

Request for slides before the meeting. Add slide as exhibit to minutes.

Jennifer: housekeeping remarks: Thank you for switching the date; Jennifer was having trouble getting out of another meeting. No one has any preferences for what room we meet in. One meeting this year will be in East Tower, the remainder will be in

Dennis: 274 Valley street building came down starting last wednesday, abatement on lead, asbestos and oil tank was done, building came down in 90 minutes. It was backfilled, loamed and seeded, done. The building was severely damaged by fire and water. No plans for the future at this time. MMC bought it after it burned.

Garage behind Railway Building : construction is underway, you can see from Furgeson parking lot; there are 3 levels up; by the end of this week, it will be framed to full height.

Grant Program:

There needs to be a program set up. Maine Med will offer templates for a subgroup to work on tweaking templates, and vet application, and present to larger group. Emma suggests that MMC just writes a check to each neighborhood. Emma recommends just writing a check to each neighborhood organization. Spencer pictured a one page application, annual basis in January, Time it with CIP (Capital Improvement Program, \$17M per year) process (starts in December, gets voted on early March). Spencer's intent was that each neighborhood would have larger priorities and pair with CIP funding. CDBG schedule is Oct-March, but more constraints.

\*\*Asked for a small group Brett, Spencer, Liz will gather and create two ideas for grant program by next meeting.

\*\*Melissa will send out invitation for agenda requests a week before the meeting, and members will have 48 hours to submit requests, Moses and Jennifer will consult.

Entrance: Zack: would like there to be activity on the corner of Congress & Gilman.

Jennifer: Every hospital in the country is trying to limit number of entrances for security reasons. The Congress & Gilman corner will be the employee entrance. There are mechanicals as you go up Gilman Street, there are windows and street trees in that section. Nel can send a link to the planning board report which has renderings, There is language in the zoning requiring retail in certain blocks.

Heated Sidewalks: Zack would like to see an heated sidewalks. MMC does a great job with sidewalks, but there is a lot of salt in the spring. Dennis: They plan to have heated sidewalks around the new drop-off areas, not on any city property..

Holt Hall: Request from Liz that Holt Hall be returned to the neighborhood as retail. Dennis noted.

Parking: request from Liz to have a contact at Maine Med to talk about sharing parking nights and weekend with neighborhood. Dennis will put together a report for the next meeting.

Florence House:

Liz: concerned about littler, unsavory activity near Florence House, wants Florence House/Preble Street to take responsibility for the litter and behavior surrounding any shelter.

Moses: Florence House comes to St John Valley Neighborhood, Florence House pays lip service. They do some cleanup. Residents steal Save a Lot carts and leave them all over the neighborhood. They've been unresponsive, are underfunded for staff.

Lin: lives on lower winter street. In the last 5 years there's a noticeable different from people coming from woods to Amistad. Spencer will reach out the manager, would invite Preble Street to come meet with a few of us on a Thursday morning.

\*\*Nel can get more information on enforcement actions. Moses, Tim, Liz and Brett are interested.

Healthy Neighborhoods / Anchor Institution /IOZ

Nel: there was a lot of concern in IOZ about loss of housing. Intention is to create community partners to create a lot of impact. There's been a lot of talk internally about the program.

We can dig into the requirements of IOZ in future meetings. This is an appropriate intersection for this group; it's nice to have so many neighborhoods at the table.

\*\*Nel will gather information and share at next meeting.

From Nel:

In response to Zack's question, see a link to the PB report for MMC's Congress St. building here:

<https://portlandme.civicclerk.com/Web/GenFile.aspx?ad=549>

And a link to all of the plans, including renderings from the northwest, here:

<https://portlandme.civicclerk.com/Web/GenFile.aspx?ad=546>