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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

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Guests: Walter Pebochit, Matt Wickenhauser, Dominic

Approved previous minutes.

Grants: 2 applications; from libbytown and WPNA; will extend date by 90 days March 1, Grant Subcommittee is Brett, Liz, Tim, Lin, Alvah
Will host informational meeting in January.

Healthy Neighborhoods:

Wants to launch in new year: Anne, time, Spencer, Lin, Jennifer, Nel

Wants to focus on workforce housing, 80-120% AMI.

Nel will send draft.

Construction: neighbors want to know foundations, dumptrucks,

Walter: currently onboarding demo contractor, should be early February Q&A on construction management plan.

Dominic: Fences will be up for many months. Trucks will come in congress & Gilman, exit by Forest Street. They won't be allow to stage in the neighborhood; they'll be arriving "just in time" Demo will be done by two "high reach" machines that grab pieces off. Because this was cast in place, it's easy to pull off in pieces - the size of basketballs, starting at the top. ; It's very non-disruptive and anti-climatic, The wheels on the dumptrucks will be washed before leaving this site, there will also be street cleaning. Likely one truck every 20 minutes. Trucks will come off 295 up Congress

Lights are too bright: engineers tested, looking at reducing brightness, use shields etc. looking at shadow line on buildings. Lights are on motion detector, shouldn't be on for more than 15-30 minutes at a time. Lights at night could be a function of night shift waiting for car to warm up. They're also looking at shielding for lights in stairwell; those lights stay on all night.

Helicopters have been live since Monday morning.

Tim says he's not getting enough information about parking spaces being blocked off and otherwise. MMC says that CMP and other utilities rent parking spaces without telling MMC. Acknowledges that sometimes things are missed, but that everyone is working really hard, and has everyone in labor force throughout New England tapped.

Jennifer reminds group that it's about saving lives, new oncology wing, Tim is frustrated that what's important to neighborhood is always secondary.

Co-facilitator Role: Moses is stepping down after one year. It's very challenging fitting everything in to 60 minutes. Updates should come in the form of email rather than in meeting time.

How do we handle it when the MMC or city isn't ready, but the neighbors need to organize themselves and figure out what the questions are.

Jennifer wouldn't mind not being facilitator. (Jennifer leaves)

Liz suggests the group meet for 90 minutes, but only half of that with city and mmc.

Lin suggest we have a "dumpster" - a way to handle small issues in groups of 2 or 3s.

Tim there is much more than can be fit in one hour/month, and many small issues need to be handled immediately.

Spencer agrees that the group has provided relationships that allow Tim to get things done quickly, and if they're not addressed, then can bring to the large group. The group could decide to go longer when there are tougher issues, but thinks the hour constraint helps make sure meeting is concise

Emma - thinks two facilitators is a good idea, and that one should be MMC (it's in the charter).

Wants to keep it to 60 minutes in general so that people will keep coming, agrees with taking things offline for more in depth discussion, suggests we vote on who this should be via email.

Lunch isn't necessary.

Moses: People should send self-nominations to Moses. It's important to be there for all 12 meetings. He really doesn't like the classroom settings; would like to have one room and keep it, and not have to leave right at 1pm. He envisioned a 60 minute face to face, and that never happened.

Ed: suggests we brainstorm additional workplan items.

Brett: agrees that meeting is too short, suggests neighborhood arr

Dominic: suggests having clear decision points that are needed, which need time for discussion on the agenda.