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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

Name	Email	Role	Attending?
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Guests: Walter Pebochit, Melissa Sheehan

Approval of 6/12/19 minutes: UNANIMOUS

Caring Community Grants:

- Subcommittee with one rep from each neighborhood: Brett, Tim, Alvah, Lin, Emma
- Brett will review draft and send to subcommittee for review. - add a "sunset provisions."
- Ideally for MMC they would write one check for year 1 and not have any other administrative responsibilities. St John Neighborhood is the only organization that has a 501c3, or city could potentially be fiscal agent - city already administers some trusts, for example, the Tree Trust. Nell and Jennifer will talk about how to set it up.
- This first year will be three years worth of funding - \$90k
- Applications aren't due until Oct/Nov.

Charter

- Sentence was added to charter "if by time to time matters need to resolve by vote, $\frac{2}{3}$ vote on one vote per organization basis (excluding city councilors) . . ." and the "not to exceed" \$30k was struck. Amendment approved UNANIMOUS

Healthy Neighborhoods

- Housing Replacement fund has to be used for new housing. City has gone back and forth with MMC. Currently is thinking that for units the hospital currently controls they will pay into fund, find housing partners to develop new housing. For current 6 units, there is currently \$410,000 in fund.

- City staff created a list of potential parcels in St John and Libbytown. Nell can send list of city controlled and St John's nominated parcels to the group.
- Spencer asks the group to speak with potential developers and community groups to develop ideas.
- Healthy Neighborhoods Program take Housing Funds paid in by MMC, and use it for both housing and for beautification specifically in the MMC neighborhoods.
- Funds would be escrowed, and there would have to be an RFP.
- There was an idea to hire a consultant to develop a process for this, but Nell's office decided it wouldn't be money well spent and that they would do it in-house.
- Anne suggests that instead of thinking of potential housing in all neighborhoods, let's focus on where we want housing, which is likely just St John Valley, and then create an MOU with city, hospital, and SJVNA, which then can put together an RFP.
- Tim will set up committee meeting: Tim, Linden, Anne, Nel, Spencer, Liz, Jennifer are interested.

Helicopter Noise Levels

- Consultant is figuring out what is standard acceptable for noise levels.
- There's a complaint line. People complain when they deviate from normal flight line.
- Alvah asks for baseline data, would like to have group have input before city signs an agreement.
- Nell talks about sound plan being developed, the city has hired a third party consultant to review, it is public, and she can share.
- Discussion about whether there's any control that MMC has over who lands on the roof or when.
- Nell mentions that route matters, too. They're supposed to be routing over 295.

Utility Work

- There was an issue with utility work that started on June 27th instead July 2nd and wasn't signed right, it affected the Thai restaurant. Walter worked with Tim and Gary to fix issues. Tim appreciates the prompt response.
- Clarified loss of St. John Street parking spots. Suggests city explore time limited parking on Vaughn, Valley, & St. John.

Outstanding items:

- Update for next month on Transportation Demand Management Plan.
- Could we see the current financial contributions of MMC/MH to community?
- Florence house litter and bad behavior: Spencer will set up meeting with City Manager and Preble Street to come meet with a few of us on an Thursday morning with Moses, Tim, Liz and Brett. Nell will get more information on enforcement actions.
- Re Holt Hall being returned to neighborhood; Dennis noted; can Dennis give us more of a timeline and process by which this can happen?
- How to make parking available overnight for residents?
- Ed suggest doing a neighborhood survey - both online and door to door. What do people like, what are they afraid of, what would they like to see?
- Noise mitigation followup.