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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

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Guests: Walter Pebochit, Matt WickenHeiser, Melissa, Chris Chop , Dave Thomas- Consigli

Approve previous minutes - unanimous

St John Roadwork (Dave Thomas) : employees will be able to start parking in part of garage soon, entire garage will be ready next spring. Work is happening soon on D; A, Valley. Utilities/curbing, sidewalks, and paving.

D Street: gas line has to go down D to cross St John to parking garage. There will be flaggers and alternating traffic, will start June 24 for a few weeks. St. John: They're adding a lane for turning into parking garage.

Notices go out to abutting property owners, and detailed posts are made to project update website weekly, with notifications going to anyone who signs up on website.

Issue: 100 immigrants came to portland yesterday, and 150 today from San Antonio. Feds are now asking asylum seekers where they want to go. Portland is setting up the Expo for temporary staging of housing. Hospital may end up putting up people.

Healthy Neighborhoods: "We know how to run hospitals - we don't know how to run neighborhoods. We have to decide what our bandwidth is." Liz asks who would be the contact person at the hospital. Tim volunteers to form and chair a group. Someone (Beth Wilson?) may be working on MMC becoming an "Anchor Institution" - that hasn't come up for a decision to Jennifer yet. National Children's Hospital in Columbus has been very involved - not sure if MMC is up for that. There's a group from congo who don't have cars and have trouble getting to work.

Tim: Spencer explained that the idea is to take housing replacement funds and partner with neighbors and a developer to do a project, at which point the hospital is off the hook. Tim wants to help work on MOU.

Anne: has a perception that people haven't all come into a room, we should gather a group. Anchor won't happen overnight. It's complex. Thinks small group should meet first and report to large group.

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TDM: Chris Chop, TDM program manager, background in urban planning, bicycle, and transportation planning. Grew up in Maine, went to school in DC, worked in DC and Richmond VA. Wife got a job at CIEE. TDM Transportation Demand Management is a holistic approach to reduce single occupancy vehicle travel. Program has been around since 2004, used to be called : "Get on Board". Recently talked about rebranding to "Commuter Choice" to encourage employees to choose what works for them. Current program charges all employees for parking, then provides reimbursement for people who use alternatives, and then provides incentives for transit, carpool, vanpool, and active transportation. He's on PACTS, on a statewide transportation committee. Vermont spends 14x what maine does on transit. Is currently mapping all home address and mapping by shift schedule so they can compare with proximity of bus stops to measure capacity to serve population. Current estimate is that 1,200 out of 6,000 live within a ¼ mile of bus stop. Many more live within a 1 mile walking radius. He believes he's the only full-time TDM person in the state. WEX has someone who also has facilities responsibilities.

Free Bus Passes: Currently offering free bus on metro and south portland busses as of July 1. Metro will be tracking usage data. Hoping to launch a similar program for shuttlebus Zoom soon. This is all of Maine Health, not just MMC. Chris is on the PACTS transit committee.

April: Carpool Challenge: 1,400 Carpool trips logged in one month. Used GoMaine's platform.

May: Active Commuter Challenge: 2,000 miles logged by 60 participants walking and biking.

Bike Parking: are expanding bike parking on campus. Currently has 160 spaces, many are old schoolyard racks - they are being replaced.

Does not currently track employee use in garage, but will track in new garage. Last survey was 90% SOV, goal is to reduce by 5%.

In big cities the institutional organizations TDM people all form a TMA; Transportation Management Association to pool programs. Picture MMC, Mercy, UNE, USM, WEX, IDEXX to pool resources to improve transit city-wide.

Liz commends MMC for their work on TDM: any improvements made to the overall transportation system benefits the whole city.

Peter asks: could MMC create shuttles?

Tim: Commends MMC as well, wants to see data asap so they can argue against removal of a stoplight, thinks it is supposed to come out in March. It's required. I want to see the numbers.

Chris: thinks the next report is coming out in August, last one was in the fall, will get most recent report to the group.

Jen: It can be hard to trust the giants in the room, but we ask you to trust that there are good people with good intentions working to move things forward. We acknowledge that we set the example for what other employers do. With immigrants - we have linens and cots, and we have to be prepared - are we prepared for an influx in the emergency room? Her number is on the bottom of the emails. "If you're seeing something that you don't understand, pick up the phone. Anytime."

Outstanding items:

Caring Community Grants: need to form subcommittee with one rep from each neighborhood, create application and process.

o Clarification of St. John Street parking losses

Holt Hall

Update for next month on Transportation Demand Management Plan.

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*Could we see the current 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 a 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?

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Good morning

I wanted to help clarify the dates as we discussed at this week's meeting re: The TDM plan.

- The IOZ was approved in November 2017. Section 2.D says that we will submit annual monitoring report on the TDM program. At the time, the City agreed to let us focus on getting the new TDM program in place before starting the clock on the annual reports.

- The East Tower / Visitor Garage site plan was approved in March 2018. This is probably the date that that is lending to the thought that the started the clock on the annual reports. However, the TDM was not approved along with the ET/VG. The TDM approval was tabled by the Planning Board for approval later.

- The St. John Garage site plan was approved in September 2018. The Planning Board chose to make the TDM program a significant part of this site plan review. Ultimately, the Planning Board approved the TDM program at the same time as the St. John Garage site plan. This is the approval date that started the clock for the annual reports.

- The Congress Building site plan was approved in December 2018. By this time, we were already making progress on the TDM program and shared that with the Planning Board. However, there wasn't significant discussion about the TDM program during this review.

Hope this helps- we can talk more next month, unless you have any questions before hand. Have a great weekend!

Jennifer
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