

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

March 6, 2019, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Maine Medical Center

East Tower Classroom 2

Name	Email	Role	Attending?
Spencer Thibodeau	sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov	District 2 City Councilor	yes
Nel Donaldson	hcd@portlandmaine.gov	Portland Senior Planner	yes
Peter Hall	spruceboy@maine.rr.com	West End	yes
Lin Parsons	linparsons@maine.rr.com	West End	yes
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Alvah Davis	alvah.davis@gmail.com	Western Prom	no
Brett Gabor	brett.gabor@gmail.com	Libbytown	yes
Zack Barowitz	zbarowitz@gmail.com	Libbytown	yes
Emma Holder	pna@parksideneighborhood.org	Parkside	yes
Liz Trice	liztrice@gmail.com	Parkside	yes
Moses Sabina	mosessabina@yahoo.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	yes
Tim McNamara	stjohnvalley@live.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	yes
Jeffrey Sanders	SANDEJ4@mmc.org	MH Chief Executive Officer	yes
Jennifer L. McCarthy	JMcCarthy@mmc.org	MH Chief Operating Officer	yes

Guests: Walter Pochebit, MH VP FACILITIES, Dick Parsons – Turner Construction, Melissa Sheehan (Jennifer's Assistant), Matt Wickenheiser, MH Communications.

Minutes:

Agreed that group member will take minutes, Melissa will be backup.

Changes to Charter:

Will add distribution of materials a week before meeting.

District 2 is West End to the train tracks, Spencer Thibodeau is current councilor.

District 3 is St John's train tracks to the airport. Brian Batson is current councilor, also MMC employee.

Brett/Libbytown: Libbytown originally wanted District 3 councilor on the group to help with information sharing; now proposes that District 3 Councilor be allowed as he or she wishes, and if any other member wants to come, he will not come, so that there is never 3 councilors at one time. Some people didn't want their councilors to vote for the IOZ, and if he had been in this group, it might have had a different outcome.

Emma/Parkside: What if we have an at-large councilor instead.

Spencer: other councilors are welcome as guest, preference is to leave group as is.

Anne: Agrees, recommends District 3 councilor be on the distribution list.

Zack: Tuck Obrien said that Libbytown isn't really a member of the group. Zack hinks that having District 3 councilor would have helped with changes to parking garage and transportation issues.

Moses: Tuck Obrien said that he worked very hard to get Libbytown into the group, but is opposed to the District 3 councilor being a member.

Spencer: Libbytown is definitely part of the group. He wants District 3 councilor to only be welcome as a guest.

Nell thinks that having the District 2 councilor as the conduit to the council is fundamental to the group.

Re: funding

Tim M: language should say \$30k/year fixed – remove “up to” - AGREED

RE: \$6k/ neighborhood vs grant process – some advantage to larger amounts – table to a subcommittee.

Re: voting

There are 6 voting members – 5 neighborhoods and Maine Med. Charter can be amended by 2/3 majority of members (1 vote per neighborhood) present, not including city councilor.

Suggest to change in Section 4 amendments to communicate changes to planning board.

Motion to be all in favor subject to amendments, passed by 2/3 majority.

Presentation by Dick Parson (Turner Construction) on Utility and Roadwork:

Starting in Mid April will be digging up side of Congress and Gilman Streets to bury utility lines, needs to be done by June. Two-way vehicle traffic and access to all businesses will be maintained. Pedestrians won't be allowed on the side of Congress or Gilman that have the parking garage.

Emma: requests “Sharrows” be painted on Congress since bike climbing lane will be eliminated, and to look at pedestrian lighting on left side climbing the hill.

274 Valley:(the apartment building behind Pizza Villa that burned): MH got permits for lead paint abatement and demolition, demo beginning Monday March 25, will be done in 4-5 days, will be loamed and seeded; not plans to build upon at this time. Hospital wrote \$210,000 check to city to housing replacement fund.

(Put healthy neighborhoods on separate agenda)

Homeless Shelter Location: Jeff thinks we need to replace it, he wants to make sure homeless people have the right level of support, but is unlikely to take official position on location, whether its near jail or elsewhere.

Spencer: last night city was discussing relocating police station, jail site is possible for that, too. Nothing is likely to be nailed down soon. SJV group is opposing jail location for shelter.

Zack pointed out that the main pedestrian roots for people using the shelter on County Way will likely be Congress Street (past the new entrance), or down one of the two Western Prom paths which would suggest that there will at some level of interaction between shelter clients and Maine Med employees/visitors.