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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

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Guests: Walter Pebochit, Matt Wickenhauser, Chris Chop

We didn't vote on minutes. Suggested that we send draft minutes immediately and allow 48 hours for people to edit before it gets posted to website.

**Chris Chop commuter program:** goal reduce single vehicle by 1-2%, already reached 2.7% - about 147 people

With new free bus pass program, summer ridership went from 700 trips in May to 2,500 in July, possible collaboration with WEX and other institutions that can work together to improve transit service. Med Med has encouraged their employees to take Metro's survey on route changes for 2021. currently up to 130 bike parking spaces + 10 bike lockers (with wait list), will add 30 more in new garage, another 30 at new Congress Street opening. Hosted a bike to work event with breakfast and \$25 Amazon gift cards.

Jen: "It's our obligation as the largest employer in the state to set the tone."

Send Chris the adopt a stop program.

**Healthy Neighborhoods Program** Anne Pringle reported that the HNP Subcommittee (Tim, Lin, and Anne) , met with Jennifer, Spencer, Nell, and Al Green to discuss the goals, structure, funding, and process that will govern roll-out of the program, to focus initially on the St. John Valley neighborhood. Among the topics discussed: full partnership recognition for the SJVNA, partner roles and responsibilities, eligible housing types and housing development focus, etc. Concern was expressed that the requirement to include a certified CHDO (Community Housing

Development Organization) could limit potential private partners and also the development focus. Nell will consider this and also work on a Partnership Agreement for further discussion.

The Draft RFP was also discussed and suggestions made for modification. Nell will bring a redraft to the next Subcommittee Meeting in late October. She will also seek to develop data on the current housing and social-economic mix in the neighborhood to guide focus on what development is desired as a priority: single-family, 1-4, five units or more, rental vs, owner-occupied, low income vs. moderate income, etc.

**Sound Mitigation: Ash on Crescent Street is also very concerned, she is already in contact with Planning and Jennifer.** Sound measurement plan is expected to be completed “soon”; MMC is targeting 2nd pad to be operating by Jan 6, so plan has to be done before then. It’s of interest to the NAC because it’s a new impact. Monitoring is challenging, There will be a formal process for complaints, but hospital does not have or plan to have a central person or office that would be the neighborhood liaison. Complaints and follow-up will be reported to the NAC. There will be an official process for noise complaints in the sound plan. MMC will make a plain-language summary available to neighbors.

### **Caring Community Grants:**

Brett will create an email address and have it forwarded to everyone.

Promotion: Brett will create materials for promotion; Neighborhood group send out to their lists, MMC will send Press release; Deadline is December 1.

Issue about mechanism for fiscal sponsor; ideally NAC would have its own 501c3, Tim knows someone who could help. Group believes

### **Work Plan Topics**

Communication between hospital & neighborhoods (in ordinance)

Collaborative Problem Solving (in ordinance)

Partnerships for health, wellbeing in neighborhoods (in ordinance)

Outstanding items:

- Sound Mitigation; review when plan is complete November 2019
- Update on Healthy Neighborhoods Program, November 2019
- Caring Communities Grants; Group asks the small group to think through accountability options and microgrants. November 2019,
- Tour of new spaces: December 2019
- Transportation Demand Management Plan Update 2x/year (one slide, 5 min)
- 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 a Thursday morning with Moses, Tim, Liz and Brett. Nell will get more information on enforcement actions.
- Holt Hall Storefronts returned to neighborhood; Dennis noted; can Dennis give us more of a timeline and process by which this can happen?
- Parking: 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, particularly for neighbors most affected by helicopters.
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