

9/11/19

Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

Name	Email	Role	Attending?
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Guests: Walter Pebochit, Matt Wickenhauser, Dominic Gagnon

Approval of 8/14/19 minutes: Unanimous

Parking Update:

Dominic Gagnon with Colliers International - owners rep between hospital and contractors.

1. Work by Salvage ends thursday, one more shift will happen as they work on the opposite corner - congress and gilman - will be difficult to turn left on gilman (uphill) from coming downhill on Congress, 12 days starting next Monday. Ed asks that flaggers let Metro busses through.
2. A large box needs to go very deep into the road Sept 30-Oct 11 Gilman at Congress (Parking garage side) will be closed
3. Hill at Gilman and Congress; trees will come down to do earthwork before frost.
4. Sewer work on gilman uphill of employee entrance will take up 18', reducing to one way. 10/21-11/1. Then garage will be disassembled and recycled.
5. All construction after that will happen within the property line.

Sound Management Plan

Still no update, hospital has meeting with sound engineers and city at 1pm today. They can't use the helipad until 60 days after they get approval, so MMC is impatient. New helipad will get patients to ER 6-8 minutes faster. Still averages 2 patients/day.

Healthy Neighborhoods

City has drafted an MOU, including RFP that developers would respond to; corporation counsel and housing office is reviewing now. Tim, Nel, Spencer, Jen or Al, and the city's corporation council will meet and bring a process and timeline back to the next meeting. (meeting is set for later in Sept). MMC is willing to prepay for Pizza Villa units. MMC has three apartments, two tenants, and the buildings are in bad shape, so MMC is committed to spend \$150k to upgrade units, then MMC is paying into the fund as if they're demolishing them, but plans to keep residents there. There were 4 units, but one was illegal. MMC did not bid on 5 - Spot.

Caring Communities Grant

Subgroup met (Spencer, Ed, Brett, Alvah, and Nel)Who will actually give the grants? City, MMC, a Neighborhood Assn? WENA has a bank account and 501c3. Hospital will write checks to each grant winner for the first year.

Liz suggests that there will be administrative costs to running the program, and that there should be a community liaison who staffs the NAC. Most think the neighborhood group can administer. Group asks the small group to think through accountability options and microgrants.

Suggestion that the NAC becomes a 501c3 itself, we become its board. We would hire a lawyer to set it up, that comes out of the \$90k, MMC's attorney can look at that, could Penny do the annual report? MMC can then just write one check per year.

Outstanding items:

- Workplan
- Caring Communities; Group asks the small group to think through accountability options and microgrants.
- 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 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?
- 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.