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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

Name	Email	Role	Attending?
1 Spencer Thibodeau	sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov	District 2 City Councilor	video
2 Nell Donaldson	hcd@portlandmaine.gov	Portland Senior Planner	video
3 Peter Hall	spruceboy@maine.rr.com	West End	no
4 Lin Parsons	linparsons@maine.rr.com	West End	video
5 Anne Pringle	oldmayor@maine.rr.com	Western Prom	no
6 Alvah Davis	alvah.davis@gmail.com	Western Prom	video
7 Brett Gabor	brett.gabor@gmail.com	Libbytown	no
8 Ed Suslovic	esuslovic@gmail.com	Libbytown	video
9 Emma Holder	president@parksideneighborhood.org	Parkside	video
10 Liz Trice	liztrice@gmail.com	Parkside	video
11 Moses Sabina	mosessabina@yahoo.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	video
12 Tim McNamara	stjohnvalley@live.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	no
13 Jennifer L. McCarthy	JMcCarthy@mmc.org	MH Chief Operating Officer	video

Guests: Matt Wickenhauser, Walter Pochebit

MMC Updates:

Update from Jen: opened incident command March 10, admitted about 175 covid-positive patients, probably had another 600-700 that were suspected but tested negative. Has 90 beds reserved for patients, currently has 30 beds occupied. MMC will start to close some of those beds down, but retain the ability to open back up. Had a spike of patients over Memorial Day, and 80% were from congregate care homes. Average age was originally elderly people with comorbidities, but over time, has seen younger patients; had a death of a 25 year old with comorbidities in the last week, also more people of african decent.

MMC is back to about 80% of pre-pandemic procedures.

MMC is still buying food from local restaurants for employees with donations from the community.

"The ICU team here is the best I have ever worked with. - that's a thing to be proud of."

Walter: We have a testing facility on St John Street. Gilman Street Garage is finally coming down. Gilman from A to Congress has to be closed. Demolition will be complete by labor day. IN a few weeks, dump trucks will come to haul things away, taking the route from gilman to forest along Congress. About 8 trucks/day. There are three vibration units tracking, showing almost no vibration. The team does daily safety walks to make sure there is no dust, etc.

Re: 222 St John ; are there any plans? Just to secure the exterior envelope. Eventually wants to put a fitness center for employees in basement, but that project is on pause.

Ed would like to hear Me Med's plans for acquired properties at July meeting.

Shuttles are still running from garage to Bramhall, average run is about 4 minutes.
Lights on garage roof - deflectors and shields were installed, dimmer are ready to install.
Moe: is not aware of any complaints; the traffic lights are now more bright and intrusive than the garage, would like to address in a future meeting.

Emma requested a turn lane striped on the uphill portion of Congress street turning Left onto Weymouth st.

Also re: pedestrian crossing across Congress; the city doesn't have budget for flashers right now. Could we spend our \$10k on that?

RE office space at MMC: space is still tight for staff; has 1,300 people at home still.

City Updates:

Nell: Street striping and traffic lights are part of site plan review.

Spencer: the city's budget has been hit hard financially 55% of the budget is on fees; only 40% is based on property tax. We won't likely have budget until the end of August - a delay of multiple months. Departments are being asked to find 10% savings.

Staff has started to return to city hall (but alternating days) and eventually the public by appointment. The next year is going to be challenging for everyone.

Any updates from city about long term changes re void and or Black Lives Matter?

Spencer: HHS met last night to go over black lives matter portland. Got good information about what's already happening and what could change. The PPD has been down 17 officers; it's difficult to find new officers. Congress is looking at changes to CDBG and other funds about how they can be spent.

Healthy Neighborhoods Nell: RFP was released in mid-July; 30 people asked for the RFP. In August we should be able to give a great update.

Grants:

Nell: she's developed the materials that need to be approved by council to accept those funds. The city will make sure that WENA gets the portion of their funds intended for programs.

Lin asks: \$2,000 for a bench? Nell: Pamela Marshal has been working with Jeff Tarling on purchasing.

July meeting will be longer: 90 minutes.

Standing Agenda Items (15 minutes total)

- Approve Previous Minutes
- Updates on MMC Expansion Project: Construction, updates, timeline, mitigation
- Subcommittee updates: Grants, Neighborhood Planning
- (MMC and Neighborhood Updates sent out prior to meeting, not discussed unless needed)