

10/14/20

Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

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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)

Construction updates:

Walter: over the winter through June they had put dozens of structural tie-backs through the back wall of the garage to manage the retaining wall. And now they're going to be creating pilings so that they can excavate 60 feet down. C-Camp Piles are 3' diameter piles that will go 60 feet into the ground, then drill in between them and fill to make a consistent solid wall for support. They'll be working on that through spring, and then excavations will start next summer. Most of the rubble has been removed, and any sound you're hearing now is what will be happening for the next several months.

Gilman, A Street, and Congress, we will cut in to tie into a water line Tuesday and Wednesday during the day, traffic will keep flowing single lane, and the same work next week higher up on Gilman

Liz: Thanks Walter, it's very impressive.

Emma; thanks Walter for putting in the sharrows and share-the-road bicycle safety signs. It would be great if they were put above the intersection - most of them have signs, but there's no sign at one intersection - either Forest or below - every time a driver enters Congress Street there needs to be a sign.

Moses: Traffic has been flowing better than anticipated, but we may need a button with flashing light for pedestrians; it comes through really fast.

Sound Study:

Walter: a preliminary report should be ready the 2nd week of November.

Nell: there's an idea to have a liaison from this group to meet directly with Maine Med to gather more detailed information on process regarding noise. Alvah is willing to represent, and also requests one more member, Peter volunteers.

Emma suggests there be a deadline. Nell suggests it be once the sound study is released.

Liz recommends that the group agree to meet the third week of November and talk about how to communicate about sound impacts moving forward. Nell will set that up.

Tim mentions that there was a truck idling on Gilman; that's not supposed to happen.

Anne: people are still parking where they're not supposed to.

Walter: that's a known problem.

Healthy Neighborhoods

Nell is working on an RPF

Caring Community Grants

Is there a requirement of grantees?

Liz: Not sure; Brett was the chair of committee and drafter of documents; he hasn't attended since March, and should be replaced.

There was \$10k withheld for a future neighbor planning process, likely the STV & Libbytown neighborhood reaching from MMC West, possibly as far as Denny's or Thompsons' Point, waiting to see how Parkside has implemented their neighborhood planning grant.

Emma: Parkside has restructured how to do community outreach; they've found a Finnish tool called Machionnaire to do online sticky meets. Also is using a Berundian model that's "every ten houses". . . every tenth house can have a block "captain" and talking about how to handle peace and security without calling in police for matters that aren't criminal. The grant was going to spend money on an intern, but the leadership group is trying to figure out how to restructure. She will send her notes to this group.

Replacing Brett:

Ed should take responsibility for replacing Brett.

Ed also needs to know who will be the rep from each neighborhood for next year's grant process.

Maine Med Staff Support of Committee

Ed, Brian, and Jenifer discussed; they all agree it makes sense to appoint a member to observe that role. Brian plans on being involved, and Ed expressed interest in having an official member.

Liz: is happy to take notes, but suggests that other supports (responding to questions about meetings, helping people find notes, being available an hour or two before the meeting) to the committee would be appropriate by MMC. For a volunteer to show up for an hour a month and have it go smoothly, it takes a few other hours/month of support.

Lin: suggests that Melissa or MMC could help out with some of that, that that's not an appropriate role for the committee.

Brian: Jenifer gave some background about Melissa's previous role, but since Covid, stuff is spread thin, and she is now the assistant for several executives, and melissa is not available for that. Brian is willing to take some responsibility, but would need to check with Jennifer.

Liz: asks that Brian take over the scheduling and hosting of meetings and the reminder emails.

Nell: it's appropriate for us to use an institutional zoom account rather than Liz's.

Co-Facilitation

Moses: the charter says co-facilitators, and Jen is supposed to be one, but she hasn't been coming to meetings, and also hasn't really ever functioned as a co-facilitator. What's important to me having done these meetings for over a decade is that the person representing Maine med can't be saying "I need to talk to my higher ups about this." The person needs to be at the actual meeting.

Anne: We spent a year on the charter, and it's essential that a senior executive at the table.

Brian: We read it as each organization can have two representatives, and envisions that Brian would be the second representative.

Unfinished Business

8/16/20 Helicopter Noise: Al will bring us a proposal for what information we will get on what basis.

Nell Suggests that we convene a working group to have a side discussion about helicopter noise in a targeted meeting.

7/8/20 Jennifer sent an email saying she had to meet with legal counsel, so Ed will meet with her and send updates.

Garage Demolition: Walter

TDM: Al Green: is Chris Chop being replaced?

Moe and Nelle: Florence House

Ed/Liz: Staff for NAC committee

New Business: