

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 12:00p.m.

Location: via Zoom

Recurrence: Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

Minutes Submitted by: Brian Batson

Minutes Edited by: NAC Members

Previous Meeting Minutes (July 14, 2021) Status: Approved

Present Attendees:

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair Alvah Davis (WPNA)
Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

Samantha Ward (MMC)

Tim McNamara (SJVNA)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (CoP) Peter Hall (WENA)

Ann Pringle (WPNA) Moses Sabina (SJVNA) Thomas Judge (LifeFlight) Al Green
(MaineHealth) Channing Michele (LNA) Tom McDevitt (LifeFlight)

Excused Attendees:

Josef Kijewski (PNA) Jennifer McCarthy (MMC) Todd Reynolds (LNA) Matt Wickenheiser
(MMC)

Key Topics Covered:

- 1. Construction Updates**
- 2. General Updates**
- 3. NAC Grant Process**
- 4. Life Flight**
- 5. 5. Next Meeting Topics**

Action Items / Decisions Made:

- 1. Walter to investigate if concrete pour start time can be moved from 5am to 7am**
- 2. 501c3 for Libbytown to be folded into public art – passed**

Meeting Minutes: Beginning

Construction Update- Walter:

Walter shared his screen to show a closure map

Bramhall St shutdown Saturday (8/14) 7am-8pm

Bramhall St shutdown Saturday (8/28) 7am-8pm

Concrete pour 2 days each in Sept (8th and 14th), Oct, & Nov, 5am-5pm – Gilman Street closure

this is the least impactful way to perform these duties Moses: Why starting at 5am instead of 7am?

To end earlier; also dependent on concrete company; Walter to connect with team on

timing

Anne: Why not 7am-7pm?

5pm-12am- finishing concrete

Emma: It may be easier to take for the people on Gilman to start at 7am

Walter to investigate and report back- hopefully this afternoon

General Updates:

Modernization Website- new pieces, FAQs, NAC section, Life Flight, Sisters Helipad Anne: COVID Update?

Brian: Mostly what we're all reading; staff not patients

Emma: Testing positive doesn't always mean the worst

Brian: Seconded. Viral disease is less severe in vaccinated patients

NAC Grant Process- Alvah:

Results and thumbnail descriptions were supplied to members Libbytown concern-

Chaning: Concern regarding 501c3 status not being supported; will it be folded in? Looking for some clarification. Public art. 501c3 is good first step to obtain further grant funds

Alvah: 501c3 was folded in

Anne: If Libbytown wants to fund a public art project, a 501c3 is necessary. A public art project is a big process

Nell: Unsure of the funding framework for public art, but there are certainly other projects like this

Alvah: do we need to disentangle the 501c3 from the public art?

Nell: I will need to check on that

Alvah: Delay disbursement until FY 2022?

Anne: Emma, what did 501c3 app cost?

Emma: \$275; we also still have not received 501c(3) status (it's been over a year) Spencer: Was

there an attorney involved?

Emma: Not to my knowledge

Alvah: Sounds like we don't need to disentangle

Channing: Public art- would be approved?

Anne: Pending other phases and artist concept

Nell: Would need public art committee review; could be structured in a lot of different ways
(*****need thumbnail slate of proposals here***** - EH)

Motion to Approve all grant proposals suggested by subcommittee: Passed

Life Flight / Hospital Presentation

As hospital moves to next phase, there will be cranes on Congress st. which will alter helicopter flights. Spoke with pilots, as to what would differences in routes will be. Alert and inform neighbors.

Thomas Judge shared [a map of the Temporary Alternative Flight Routes](#)

There are times when we can use the standard flight paths, but there will be times when we have to use the temporary alternatives

Anne: I thought we were going to choose between 1 and 1a- but I see that both will be necessary?

Tom: That is correct

Anne: How frequently and how long?

Tom: Quite frequently; 1a is a weather route

Walter: Helicopters will be re-routed October of 2021- October 2023

Tom: Sent most recent report to Al Green; Helicopter Report was shared

Alvah: All 4 helicopters?

Tom: 3 are permanent, 1 is a backup

Alvah: Over the next few years, during crane construction, what do you expect?

Tom: We do not expect a significant increase in flights

Alvah: Dark flights (do not appear on tracking apps); under what circumstances are dark helicopters brought in?

Tom: the only time it would occur is if there is an issue with the tracking system; anomalies do occur

Tim: confirmed that tracking data are round trips (experienced as 2 events: landing and take off)

Tim: Are re-fueling trips in this data?

Tom: No, this is just patient transport, not refueling

Tim: So in actuality, this data is 7-8% less than the actual trips

Emma: increasing population coming to Maine, in addition to an aging population- thoughts on increased number of flights?

Tom: 7-8% flight volume increase year upon year; Bangor is used substantially more than MMC; natural increase due to demographics; changes in medical therapy; capacity and capability of smaller hospitals

Tom: We anticipate 8-10%; historically it goes up 5-11%

Anne: Struck by the amount of flights at night versus day

Tom: multifaceted: capacities in hospitals are lower at night than during the day; vast majority of Life-flight (87%) is hospital-hospital transfers; heart attacks are most common between 3am-6am

Next Meeting Topics

Update on traffic change consideration for Bramhall & Chadwick Deeper discussion on transit and what we'd like to see going forward

Community-wide conversation probably upcoming due to Federal money TDM Updates

Meeting Minutes: End

Adjourned at: 1:00pm

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021

Zoom Link:

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Acronym List:

CoP- City of Portland

LNA – Libbytown Neighborhood Association

MMC – Maine Medical Center

NAC – Neighborhood Advisory Committee

PNA- Parkside Neighborhood Association

SJVNA – Saint John Valley Neighborhood Association

SNF- Skilled Nursing Facility

WENA – West End Neighborhood Association

WPNA- Western Promenade Neighborhood Association