

Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2021

Time: 12:00p.m.

Location: via Zoom

Recurrence: Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Ward

Minutes Edited by: NAC Members

Previous Meeting Minutes (November 10, 2021) Status: Approved

Attendees

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair

Alvah Davis (WPNA)

Tim McNamara (SJVNA)

Moses Sabina (SJVNA)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Peter Hall (WENA)

Damon Yakovleff (LNA)

Chaning Michele (LNA)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Dominic Gagnon (MMC)

Samantha Ward (MMC)

Tori Pelletier (City Councilor)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

Minutes The Minutes of November 10 were Approved as presented.

1) Victoria Pelletier (District 2 City Councilor)

Discussion summary: Councilor Victoria Pelletier introduced herself to the group. Councilor Pelletier will attend these meetings going forward. Her email is VPelletier@portlandmaine.gov.

Action to be taken: None.

Any links FMI

2) Discussion of Work Plan 2022

Discussion summary: Emma opened the floor to neighborhoods to start the discussion. Tim remarked that this meeting is intended to be an update from the hospital to neighborhoods. Emma expressed concern surrounding participation and buy-in from Parkside, in addition to other neighborhoods. Brian brought up engagement/communications and how the NAC is the conduit between MMC and the neighborhoods- how do we measure progress? Nell remarked that yes, the intention of the NAC is as Tim stated, but it also states that it could grow into something “more”. Peter stated that there is frustration with grant funds; Nell will take the conversation offline with Peter and Lin. Alvah and Emma stated the importance of the grant funding and the wish to continue it. Alvah expressed that he and his group are happy with how the group is working. Moses remarked that the most important utilization for this group is to be a sounding board. Damon stated that the timing of the meeting is a bit tough, having a 9-5 job; Damon also stated the importance of the grant program. Channing focused on recruitment and timing of the meetings; in conjunction will follow-through and in-person meetings being preferred when safe. Brian questioned strategy around communication and how to potentially reach neighbors not currently part of the process- how can we bolster communication?

Action to be taken: Keep thinking about what you want to see in 2022.

Any links FMI

3) Note Taking and Record Keeping

Discussion summary: Emma sent a new template for use to Samantha (note taker), and suggested that MMC record the meeting for ease of note-taking. Alvah liked the notes taken by Anne at the last meeting. Samantha remarked that recording the meeting could be helpful. The recording could be used by the note taker and then destroyed. Jennifer expressed support for this. Lin spoke to Councilor Pelletier and welcomed her, questioned what she wants to see from this group. Councilor Pelletier responded that she is looking forward to conversations and actions regarding community engagement.

Action to be taken: Meeting host to record meeting and send to Samantha. Samantha to use new template.

Any links FMI

4) Evolution into Year 4

Discussion summary: Emma reviewed that the charter states monthly meetings during construction, quarterly during non-construction. Tim expressed that the group is what it is, and what it's going to be, and expressed concerns on clarity and impact of 923? Congress St. Emma invited Walter to share anything. Walter's report:

- 1- concrete pour today, Dec 8th
- 2- concrete pour Dec 14th
- 3- tower crane impacting Congress St pushed back to Dec 17th-19th, inbound lane effected

Action to be taken: Meeting to be scheduled with Tim, Anne Tucker, Preble St, and others

Any links FMI

5) Extra Thoughts

The proposed Recuperative Care Facility at 932 Congress Street was discussed. A collaborative project of MMC, Greater Portland Health (lead partner), and Preble Street, concern was expressed that SJVNA should have been involved earlier in discussion about the focus, operation, roles and responsibilities of the partners, and impact on the neighborhood. In addition, clarification is needed on any interrelationship between the recuperative care beds and the planned "public health enter" on the first floor. After some discussion, it was Agreed that a follow up meeting would be held, with a report back to the full NAC.

Emma thanked everyone. Other thanked Emma for her service at co-chair.

Action to be taken: Meeting to be scheduled with Tim, Anne Tucker, Preble St, and others

Any links FMI

Next meeting: January 12, 2022 @ 12pm

Submitted by: Samantha Ward

On date: December 8, 2021

Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96265248325>

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