

Minutes for the monthly Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting 2nd Wednesdays via zoom

-2/10/21 12:00pm Zoom

-Minutes submitted by Brian Batson, edited by NAC members

- Previous meeting's minutes (January 13th 2021) approved

-Attendees

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair

Josef Kijewski (PNA)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Peter Hall (WENA)

Moses Sabina (SJVNA)

Tim McNamara (SJVNA)

Anne Pringle (WPNA)

Alvah Davis (WPNA)

Todd Reynolds (LNA)

Chaning Michele (LNA)

Matt Wickenhowser (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Dominic Gagnon (MMC/Turner)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

New members: Todd Reynolds and Chaning Michele from Libbytown Neighborhood Association

Walter – Construction update:

Tiebacks, underpinning, work continues status quo.

There is an existing sewer line we'll be looking into - Both line and manhole have to be excavated and replaced - city is working with the team, requiring traffic studies in front.

Unanticipated work on congress st. – targeting 1st of April – 3 weeks or so of work

Josef K (PNA) has initiated and is monitoring repair on damaged CMP utility pole, Sherman and Deering. hit by snow plow – CMP responded; put a new pole in; moved their power line – series of next in line – spectrum, etc. – bottom cable on pole belonged to MMC - Finally replaced and moved to new pole yesterday.

Spencer – can we help find parking spots for people who lose them with the project?

Walter – yes – we anticipate only 2.

NAC grants processes for 2021:

Emma – MMC provides 30K each year to the neighborhoods for the grants –

Alvah – we've been through 1 cycle – made it through and adapted

Nell – the grant program is written into the IOZ – foundational element for hospital – every year, hospital grants 30k to 5 surrounding neighborhoods. Lays out general use guidelines.

Brian – please identify previous 2020 NAC Grant Committee members – Lin, Liz, Alvah, Brett, Tim, (Spencer sat in)

Alvah – process – each neighborhood would designate someone to be on the committee, they'd vote on slate of project, forward to whole NAC –

We ended up proposing to grant \$20k to each of the 4 projects and set aside \$10k for future use

Emma – so what model do we want going forward?

Tim – The group had discussed concept of doling it out equally; was voted down – hospital and city didn't like it. I think the committee was productive

Spencer – Only involved in initial meetings – I thought ability to hear back from each neighborhood was extremely useful –

Sharing in wealth – discussion between neighborhoods was significantly helpful

Josef – What are the concerns about having a committee vs dividing the money annually and allocating to each neighborhood?

Spencer – 30k is not enough to do a project on its own.

Lin – advantage of having the subcommittee do the work – gives us a chance to find out what the other groups are doing (Anne and Moses in accordance)

Emma: motion to form a new 2021 committee for the next round of grants – with membership from each neighborhood.

Seconded by Anne P

NA reps for NAC Grant committee: Thanks everyone!

- Alvah for WPNA
- Josef for PNA
- Peter for WENA
- Channing for LNA
- Tim for SJVNA

General discussion of Greyhound space:

Tim – Vacant space at greyhound. Concern with zoning compliance, also states that while the hospital deals with pandemic issues, it continues to maintain its real estate interests such as the Greyhound lot and Pizza Villa.

Jennifer – hospital bought it because it got dropped in our lap; small group from corporate toured; now vaccination clinic running. Prefers that Greyhound lot be discussed by the entire group, not a subcommittee.

Brian – asks whether there is a timeframe worked into the IOZ/IDP?

Anne – Workplan for IDP?

-Next Meeting March 10th, 12-1 pm

Topics Proposed for Discussion:

Divestment Plan for of unused MMC properties, Greyhound space.

NAC Grant committee may propose current year grant proposal submission dates, as well as reporting requests for last years submissions

Other topics may arise