

Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 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 (June 9, 2021) Status: Approved

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)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Todd Reynolds (LNA)

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (CoP)

Josef Kijewski (PNA)

Peter Hall (WENA)

Anne Pringle (WPNA)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Meeting Minutes: Beginning

Construction Update- Walter:

Continue in July and August exactly what has been going on. Hole is getting deeper. End of August will reach bottom of excavation, then concrete slab.

Jennifer- renderings of what the site will look like to cover the fence; tours?

Walter- it's quite muddy; looking forward to showing people what it is now vs what it will be

Emma- no SJV people on the Zoom presently to speak to neighborhood issues

Website Updates- Matt

Added helipad complaint form to website; updated splash page (main MFP page); will have expanded sub-page about LifeFlight/helipad, NAC

Emma- modernization to something easier?

Matt- search terms seem to be working but will check on SEOs

Alvah- thanks Matt

Matt- we appreciate the feedback

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MMC Clean Up Day - Brian (7/20/21)

Hosting Western Prom cleanup; partnering with Casco Bay cleaning project; 5-6pm; traditionally employee event, but everyone is invited. Meeting close to hospital, Dana Center

MMC Employee Picnic- Brian

July 22nd on lawn near Dana Center; rain date July 23rd

Greyhound Update- Jennifer

Because it's a temporary space, not an entire overhaul, modifications will be minimal. Bid is due today/tomorrow; no need for notice of change of use?

Nell- correct, no neighborhood notice

Anne- no review process?

Nell- definitely a review process. Just not a neighborhood notice

Walter- sending in sometime this month

Jennifer- it will be very basic

Anne- community policing going in there?

Jennifer- yes

Tim- what does it look like?

Anne- painting over the wall?

Walter- no

Jennifer- no additional entrances/glass; main door and secondary door; there will be signage for food pantry and community policing; no decisions made on paint colors

Spencer- do we still want a mural?

Tim- yes. Would like to be looped in on conversation

Nell- a follow up would be helpful

Emma- let's take it offline for MMC/SJV

Tim- are the drawings completed?

Walter- yes

Tim- I'd like to see it

Jennifer- let's organize to talk offline; Brian would you mind taking the lead

Brian- absolutely, I can do that

NAC Grant Recipients and Overview- Alvah

Met last week to go over proposals; \$70k to allocate; met last night and whittled it down from requests for about \$103K to just about \$70k; shout-out to subcommittee or doing a great job

Western Prom- next summer's version of concert series

West End NA: proposal to build out community room at Reiche

SJV- one or two cadet teams; reviewing as pilot project; gather data for City

Parkside- website translation; 2 bike repair stations (Deering Oaks, Bramhall Sq.)

Libbytown- public art, gateway work, Denny's area

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Emma- does anyone know how much install is for bike repair station?

Nell- yes, I will follow up

Jennifer- who asked for it this time?

Alvah- Parkside

Jennifer- what if we put one on this campus? For members and neighborhood? Walter, let's connect on this

Nell- I'll send around specs and info to this group; this is so exciting- exactly what this grant program is meant to do

Peter- construction update?

Spencer- no solid date on start time

Nell- site plan is approved, not sure on start date

Spencer- ARPA funds; nothing concrete

Lin- happy to get pictures, will see that Jennifer and Nell receive them; benches with plaques

Peter- yes, we saw them last night

Brian- I appreciate the participation

MMC Properties

Discussions are ongoing

Next Meeting Topics

Construction Update

Grant Updates (supported and not supported- why)

Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 11, 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

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SJVNA – Saint John Valley Neighborhood Association

SNF- Skilled Nursing Facility

WENA – West End Neighborhood Association

WPNA- Western Promenade Neighborhood Association