

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

**Date:** June 9, 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 (May 12, 2021) Status:** Approved

## **Attendees**

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair

Alvah Davis (WPNA)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

Al Green – MaineHealth

Samantha Ward (MMC)

Tim McNamara (SJVNA)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Todd Reynolds (LNA)

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (CoP)

Chaning Michele (LNA)

Josef Kijewski (PNA)

Peter Hall (WENA)

Ann Pringle (WPNA)

Moses Sabina (SJVNA)

## *Meeting Minutes: Beginning*

### **Walter – Construction update:**

Moving forward for the balance of June; continuance of tiebacks and excavation; approaching august slab

Emma- any plans we can see?

Walter- sure, we can share some

Anne- has the port-o-potty been removed? –Yes

Nell- elevations are in the plan

### **Life fight- Al Green**

Were refueling flights included in the sound study? Yes.

Anne- why do refueling flights make a difference?

Al- the sound study used the volume of flights to calculate the overall yearly profile

Nell- looking for a final signoff from Tom on this issue because there has been some confusion; just a brief memo

Emma- we need understanding on a “flight”; 1 vs 2

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Al- experts use flights vs trips

Emma- one flight is two instances

Alvah- quarterly report on numbers?

Al- twice a year update

Alvah- previous minutes reflect quarterly

Al- we can push back on Tom for quarterly

Anne- link vs phone number to report noise?

Al- no, it's still a phone number

Emma- Matt Wickenheiser looking into an email option

Alvah- Matt said that software development was looking into it

### Maine Med Real Estate

MMC will review and evaluate possible divestiture of non-essential properties. Any potential sale will have to be approved by both the MMC and MaineHealth Boards.

### Recuperative Care

Jennifer- we filed a permit, anticipating construction in July; beginning of 2022 will turn over to Greater Portland Health

Brian- interior renovations?

Jennifer- Yes

Anne- what is recuperative care?

Jennifer- patients not sick enough to be in the hospital anymore; IV antibiotics for example; not a lot of movement; frees up hospital beds; located at Sleep Lab

From TIM through LIN: Monitoring report is still insufficient

Spencer- newly acquired properties, Tim would like more information

Jennifer- which properties?

Nell- would it make more sense to address after Al's presentation?

### AI Green Monitoring Update

Following the same format as IDP

Brian sent the report to everyone's email

WHY- institutional needs are the same; building need; department needs; parking need; clinical need

Clinical need- case mix index (average severity of patients in the hospital); back to pre-pandemic levels; MMC's CMI is in line

Jennifer- CMI has gone up significantly in the past 7-8 years

Building Need- Columbe Family Tower, SJS Garage, Congress Tower; Deangelo's and greyhound

Anne- it was originally cancer care before COVID, returning?

Jennifer- built as universal rooms, but that is the intent

Anne- how and when the hospital talks to neighborhoods as partners

Al- minor projects- respite center, food pantry; remained vague and high-level so we can make decisions on how these programs operate

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Tim- do you see the IDP monitoring report as information on short and long term use?

Al- directionally, yes. Minor project details have yet to be determined

Jennifer- report is every 3 years; we will talk about projects here at NAC first  
Campus Reorganization

Parking Need- largely addressed by SJS Garage

Baseline information- projected daily census; our forecasts are typically conservative; aggressive growth in the past years than we expected; provided update on number of people we expect to see on campus in a typical day

Anne- reduction vs increase on campus activity

Al- table 2.3 was pandemic- related; speaks to inpatient vs outpatient

Anne- recommendation to make a footnote

Tim- 222 St John Street- is this included in the re-write

Al- no significant plans for that building at this time

Tim- looking for sense of direction from the hospital on 222 SJ; the report doesn't cover new projects

Brian- IDP is "we currently do not a plan for this"- is that what you mean?

Tim- important to have a plan

Jennifer- how specific we should be in the IDP. Long term lease of 222 SJ was required; almost \$10 million required to upgrade 222 SJ

Spencer- maybe a short blurb to say "this property's current use is \_\_\_\_\_ , here is why we are not moving forward at this time"

Tim- we're looking for activity in these buildings regardless of funding

Nell- this plan is an update, not a future plan. Things are going to evolve over the next years, this is a snapshot. Important to know if the long-term plan is going to change; we will continue to have conversations in the group

Jennifer- putting things in writing and changing them can be looked at unfavorably

Jennifer- there are financial priorities; 222 long term is support services

Engagement -

Al- We talk about this group, the grant program, etc; we'll take what we have today and make a revised plan

Anne- Washington properties?

Al- currently part of St Joes rehab

### **NAC Grant Questions**

Emma- thanks to Tim for the guidance documents; July 1<sup>st</sup> will come quick; synopsis of previous grant- can we send that in separately?

Alvah- yes

Anne- questions and submitting emails- some confusion on submittal?

Josef- we can just redirect

Alvah- up to the neighborhood as to how they want to do it

Josef- lends to oversight and understanding

Alvah- can we submit applications for Maine Med properties?

Jennifer- which properties?

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Alvah- HR parking lot on Marshall St; will send to Walter  
Tim- can I bring other people to our meeting tomorrow, Walter?  
Walter- yes

### Topics for next meeting (5 Minutes)

- Grant Discussion- grant committee will have pre-meeting so they can provide overview to the NAC
- Six Month helipad update
- Needles on Western Prom
- Assault on neighbor when confronting Florence House resident; meeting with Preble and Avesta
- Cadets

### Adjourn

**Next Meeting: July 14, 2021**

### Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91871624329?pwd=N1ByZ3k1RzdMNVU0WlhneUhSaGhzZz09>

Meeting ID: 918 7162 4329

Passcode: 6NgY2Z

### 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