

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

**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Time:** 12:00p.m.

**Location:** via Zoom

**Recurrence:** Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Minutes Submitted by:** Samantha Ward

**Minutes Edited by:** NAC Members

**Previous Meeting Minutes (February 9, 2022) Status:** Approved

**Attendees**

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Anne Pringle (WPNA) co-chair

Alvah Davis (WPNA)

Emma Holder (PNA)

Timothy Karu (PNA)

Garry Bowcott (SJVNA)

Moses Sabina (SJVNA)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Damon Yakovleff (LNA)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Samantha Ward (MMC)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Tori Pelletier (City Councilor)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

**Minutes** The Minutes of February 9, 2022 were APPROVED as presented.

1) Construction Update (was provided in writing prior to meeting)

Congress St/Malone Family Tower

•Winter weather and manpower shortages delayed the pouring of concrete along the east core walls. On Thursday March 10 a concrete pour involving 30 +/- concrete trucks up Gilman St. between 6:00am and 5:00pm is scheduled. There are no lane closures or restrictions foreseen, just the potential for traffic congestion during the time frame. As with previous similar concrete pours, Turner Construction will also have traffic flaggers to mitigate help congestion.

•No other scheduled March activities that could impact neighborhoods....all activities within site and no impacts to roadways/sidewalks etc.

Pizza Villa wall – Expect permit anytime. As mentioned last month, contractor did erect staging in anticipation of permit while staging install crew available. Perimeter chain link/security fence will remain in place with 8’-0 high plywood around perimeter to keep anyone from accessing and “camping out” etc.

Greyhound/Food Pantry – Building Permit issued February 24. Original construction budget is 6+ months old...MMC and contractor currently repricing, verifying availability of subcontractors/vendors, executing contracts.....anticipate commencing end of March/early April.

Recuperative Services Project/Gilman & Congress – Renovations continue...July completion schedule remains unchanged.

Discussion Summary: No questions raised on the report.

Action to be taken: NAC discussion of the Food Pantry and Recuperative Care Center will be at the April 14 meeting

## 2) MMC Update

### Discussion Summary:

Jennifer offered a COVID update - things are looking up, the Omicron surge seems to be slowing down. Returning to normal business is proving to be challenging. Surgeries are ramping back up and triaging/prioritizing cases. A question was raised as to whether there will be any analysis of the cost/health impacts of delayed care. No, this is too hard for an individual hospital to determine.

Brian discussed a sustainability initiative, “Earth Day Cleanup” on Friday April 22 from 11am-12pm; pickers, bags, gloves- all will be provided. A question was raised about the location(s). Brian will get clarification. It was mentioned that Parkside used to do a “Parkside Pickup Day”; it would be great to loop all neighborhood associations into cleanup efforts, with the City’s DPW picking up bags at the end of the day. Brian will speak with Mike Arsnow (sustainability manager) on a broader approach. The LNA and WENA representatives voiced support for a broad approach, which could perhaps extent into the weekend. Parks Friends groups could be involved as well. Councilor Pelletier is engaging with local schools (Reiche and King) re: sustainability.

Action to be taken: Brian will speak with Mike Arsnow (MMC Sustainability) for a broader approach. NAs to consider clean up efforts in their areas, connections with other groups.

## 3) 2022 Work Plan- Review DRAFT, edit, and adopt

Discussion summary: Anne reviewed changes made to Work Plan since last draft. Following discussion, the Work Plan was revised further, attached. The Work Plan is a flexible planning document and can be revised as necessary, as new issues arise,

Action to be taken: none.

#### 4) Old Business

##### Discussion summary:

Overnight parking in neighborhoods: The problem, raised by neighborhood residents, was presented - overnight parking by MMC staff in neighborhoods has increased within the past two years. Is there space in the visitor garage? Jennifer McCarthy spoke to the history of the parking garage. When MMC is fully open to visitors (pre-and post-COVID), the visitor garage and South Lot are full of visitors. But currently, some employees are parking in the visitor garage and South Lot, due to decreased visitors. When full, they park on the street. Fast forward two years, we see a much cleaner route upon completion of MFT. Jennifer noted that employees should be parking in the St. John Street Employee Garage. The convenience of on-street parking was recognized, because of the convenience, but as a healthcare organization, “health and wellbeing” efforts (walking, biking, alternatives modes of transportation etc.) should be emphasized. The TDM reflects this and should be reemphasized, especially in light of current gas prices. It was noted that most employees don’t (and can’t) afford to live on the peninsula, but seek the convenience of on-street parking. It was suggested that perhaps parking rule changes and enforcement could address the problem. Brian and Nell will bring a group together (including Alvah) offline to address the issues

Greyhound Mural Update: Damon provided a template for an application for a mural design process.

Action to be taken: Nell to bring parking conversation offline. A time-line needs to be developed by SJVNA for the mural project.

#### 5) New Business

Discussion summary: Brian mentioned that there will be a presentation at the next meeting (April) on the Food Pantry.

Brian will not be in attendance at the next few meetings, due to the impending birth of his son.

Action to be taken: Who will fill Brian’s communication role during his leave is to be determined.

Next meeting: April 13, 2022 @ 12pm

Submitted by: Samantha Ward

On date: March 9, 2022

**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