NAC 3 Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Monocacy Elementary School
AGENDA

POLICE REPORT: Officer Bobby Brown – Calls for Service

Calls for Service were reviewed and residents asked about recent thefts from garages. Officer Brown said they found out who was doing it and individuals were apprehended. He said that there have also been some thefts from vehicles and most of the vehicles appear to have been left unlocked providing easy access. He reminded residents to make sure they lock their vehicles. There have also been thefts of bicycles and that it appears to be a group of juveniles and asked that property be secured in homes and/or garages.

GUEST SPEAKER: Eileen Mitchell, Fort Detrick – Nallin Gate

Eileen Mitchell and Dustin Ganley were on hand to show the residents a draft drawing of the Nallin Gate entrance off of Opossumtown Pike. She showed where the new security gate would be located which will be able to queue a lot more cars than the current gates. This gate will also host a Visitor's Center. Mrs. Mitchell is planning to come back in the near future with an updated drawing. Current completion is scheduled for 2013 and the Fort is also looking to get suggestions from residents during this phase of construction.

If anyone is interested in being part of future meeting to discuss the new Nallin Gate at Ft. Detrick, please contact Ivonne Anglin at cityoffredericknac3@gmail.com or to share your comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Developer Updates:
  - **Walgreens** – construction has begun and will continue. NAC3 will continue to monitor.
  - **Aspen Ridge** - Have not had anything new from the developer since their final site plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission.
  - **Liberty Professional Center** – Developer filed for demolition permits to begin removing the front portion of the building and speculate that the work will begin after a few obligations are met.
  - **FCC Student Services Center** – construction has begun on the new student services center. This is not expected to bring in any additional traffic.
- **Route 15 South Improvements:** The City will be signing an MOU with SHA for the Motter Avenue bridge project. The City is responsible from the end of the bridge to Thomas Johnson. The cost for the cities portion is approximately 3.5M. The County will contribute 500k from the excise tax.
- **Safe Routes to School**: Rainbow Lane Sidewalk Project – residents are concerned about youth getting to school by using the patch of road that does not have sidewalks. This project will help youth get to school safely. Project was approved by the State, but Alderman Krimm is checking to make sure things are still on track and that there are no issues with funding.
- **NAC 3 on Facebook:** Please consider "Liking" NAC 3 on Facebook at "City of Frederick NAC3". NAC 3 Facilitators are also encouraging residents to get involved and post issues/concerns/comments on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Beth Conny, NAC3 Vice Present was provided an Honorable Mention for having received the Governor's Volunteer Award for her years of volunteerism with NAC3 and other organizations.
- Resident Inquiries: Community member wrote NAC3 regarding the need for signage on Christopher's Crossing at dead end due to community going into Clover Ridge development thinking at it connects to Pool Jones Road/Yellow Springs area. NAC3 contacted the City and signage was posted.
- Speed Cameras: Community member wrote NAC3 asking why was speed camera placed on Opossumtown Pike? NAC3 forwarded the question to Frederick City Police (FCP), Lt. Hetherington. The Lt. indicated that "Maryland Legislature enacted the law to help law enforcement make better use of their resources enforcing safe speed limits and school and construction zones. The City has focused on School Zones and are mandated to follow the ½ mile radius around schools. The City went a step further and enacted designated streets within that radius as eligible for speed cameras.

  At the beginning of the program FCP took information from schools, PTA groups, crossing guards, past enforcement efforts, accident data, and current traffic volume and speeds. The site on Opossumtown Pike was selected because, aside from many other reasons, it is a major feeder route between several schools in the area: FCC, Frederick County Vo-tech, Monocacy Middle, Monocacy Elementary, and Heather Ridge School. In addition, this area has been a location of dozens of complaints from residents in the area and the NAC that there is a speeding problem in this area that affects traffic in and out of the subdivisions in the

area as well as the safety of children that walk along Opossumtown Pike, Amber Drive, Deervalley, etc.

There are traffic signals in the area of FCC and the Middle School which do a decent job of controlling the speed of vehicles there by the lights. The section now being monitored by the camera was the "blindspot" in the area if you will. There were no effective means of slowing traffic on that section of roadway that didn't involve constant police presence running radar there. As you can imagine that is not very cost effective or the best use of our limited resources. With the camera we can accomplish the desired goal of slowing down traffic while freeing up officers to put their attention into other matters that require their more immediate attention."

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Community member raised concern of youth crossing Opossumtown Pike near Hayward. Youth are running out into traffic. City indicated they will have FPD look into it.
- Community member raised concern during the Ft. Detrick discussion regarding traffic tie up at the Old Farm Gate in the mornings. Individuals entering through that gate are using all lanes and blocking traffic that as the right-of-way to travel on Rosemont Avenue into the Shopping Center (by Duncan Donuts) and past. Many motorist are crossing the double yellow line to get pass the blockage.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 22nd is car free day!
- Wednesday October 5th at 7 PM - City Wide NAC meeting, City Hall – Economic Development & Planning updates will be discussed.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Facebook: Search for **City of Frederick NAC3** and click **"Like"** to receive updates/feeds.
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2011
November 14th Home & Personal Safety
2012
January 9th – Planning Meeting w/Community
February 13th
April 9th
June 11th
July & August – SUMMER BREAK
September 10th
November 12th

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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240-674-TIPS (8477) - text
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