NAC 8 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Recorder: M. Bowman

Location: Hillcrest Community Center

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:35 pm

Attendance: 14 residents

Guest Speakers: Tim Davis, City of Frederick – Transit Friendly

POLICE REPORT:

Sgt. Bruce DeGrange:
For the period of January 9 – February 8, 2011, there were: 646 calls for service. If you subtract proactive enforcement, 64 beat checks and 151 traffic stops there were 431 Calls for service. The average calls for service was 14 per day.

Here is the breakdown for some of the calls for service:

25 – Vehicle Accidents
5 – Juvenile Complaints
32 – Suspicious Activity
58 – 911
69 - Misc. (funerals, noise, parking, etc.)
0 – Abduction, cold
3 – Accident, personal injury
11 – Accident, property damage
3 – Assault
0 – Burglary Commercial
4 – Burglary Residential
1 – Chase
2 – Destruction of Property
1 – Disorderly Conduct, in progress
1 – Domestic Assault
1 –Drug Complaint
2 – Found Property
4 – Fraud
3 – Hit and Run Property Damage
0 – Graffiti
1 –Missing Person
0 – Robbery Armed
0 – Robbery Strong Arm
2 – Suspicious Person
1 – Suspicious Vehicle
0 – Suspicious Situation
13 - Theft

There were also 16 arrests:

1 – Accident, Property Damage
1 – Chase
1 – Disorderly Conduct
1 – Domestic Dispute
1 – Drug Complaint
1 – Suspicious Vehicle
1 – Suspicious Person
1 – Theft
8 – Traffic Stop

- Sgt. DeGrange also updated residence about the arrest in robbery of a cab driver at Giant Eagle.
- Residents would like an update in the International Market shooting and how the victim is doing.
- Complaint of a blue Ford Windstar with expired tags in front of 1400 Kit Court. It also has a broken out back window.
- Residents also asked about cars being parked longer than 48 hours and if they will be cited.
- Chief Dine reported some statistics from 2010:
  - 12% decrease in violent crime
  - There were 30% more guns taken off the street in 2010
  - The Frederick Police Department handles 52% of the Part 1 crimes in the County.

FINANCE: 2011 Balance $1000

GUEST SPEAKER: Tim Davis, City of Frederick – Transit Oriented Design Guidelines

Tim Davis was on hand to discuss and obtain feedback from residents regarding the concept of Transit Oriented Design Guidelines.

Rapid growth and development can create many challenges: traffic congestion, sprawl development, and poor air-quality are a few. These challenges, however, become surmountable when they are viewed as opportunities to find innovative ways to address growth-related transportation issues. The development of communities that are friendly to a variety of transportation modes is an innovative way to address growth issues, to support economic development, and to improve the community's quality of life.

Transit-friendly design (TFD) integrates land use, zoning, and transportation planning elements to promote higher-density, mixed-use development that is easily accessible by various modes of transportation. TFD embraces the concepts of "smart growth" and traditional neighborhood design by encouraging higher-density development in areas with existing public services and by encouraging interconnected street networks. Pedestrian accessibility and street-oriented site design are also important elements of TFD. Another important element of TFD is transit access design, which ensures that development sites are accessible by transit vehicles.

The entire Phase 1 document can be found at
www.cityoffrederick.com/cms/files/Planning/traffic-projects/COF_TFD.pdf

NEW BUSINESS

- **Scott Alexander – Frederick Alliance for Youth**
  Scott Alexander gave an update as to the proposed location for the youth center. FAY is actively pursuing a 2 ½ acre site on the corner of Orchard Terrace and Hillcrest Dr. They have also gotten interest from a Montessori School who would like to occupy the building during the day. The school could hold up to 300 students. FAY has put in for a grant for $500,000 from the state.
  - Concern from residents was parking, increased traffic, using tax payer money, and that the youth in the Hillcrest area would not take advantage of the school.

- Gary Brooks a resident in NAC 8 provided information on a couple projects in the area.
  - St. Johns is still zoned for R12 and may have a contract on it.
  - Golden Mile (Frederick Town Mall) he said that the mall is in negotiations with a developer to add more stores to the mall. There should be more information coming soon.
  - Livability Code was adopted. This should help Code Enforcement with overcrowding issues.
  - Hargett Farm – the land will be available for community gardens this spring/summer. This will help reduce the maintenance cost for the city.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Hargett Farm:
  - A resident said that there are 2 Alderman in favor of selling the land. Why is it not being sold?

    Mayor McClement said that a sale is a possibility, but the current real estate market does not make that a viable solution. This, most likely is not a solution for at least a couple of years.

  - A resident said that the roof of the barn needs to be repaired. If it was a private home it would have been fined by Code Enforcement. When will the roof be fixed?

    Mayor McClement said that he will check with Joe Adkins (Deputy Director of Planning) to make sure that there are not any historical restrictions. There are other thoughts in the works as well. He will let us know.

- What is the regulation for trash bags? Is there a ml requirement? If so can it and will it be enforced?

The concern is that people are throwing their trash on the back deck or side of yard and not putting it in a trash can. This creates and issue with rodents.

Code Enforcement said that they do not have the staff to inspect each residence. They recommended if there is an issue to please call them and they will handle it on a case by case basis. David Beers is the Code Enforcement Inspector for NAC 8. His # is 301-600-3837.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 9th	9:00-4:00 pm	Budget Workshop	Annex
April 12th	7:00 pm	Public Hearing – Budget	City Hall
April 26th	7:00 pm	Public Hearing – Budget	City Hall
May 3rd	7:00 pm	Public Hearing – Budget	City Hall
May 10th	7:00 pm	Public Hearing – Budget	City Hall

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Hillcrest Community Center,
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March 9th Rosario Garcia – Frederick Police Victim Services

April 13th
May 11th
June 8th

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