



NAC 11 Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015

Recorder: M. Bowman

Location: Brewers Alley

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 9:00 pm

Attendance: 38 Resident's

POLICE REPORT:

Sgt. Beliveau was in attendance to talk about the police statistics as well as address any issues or concerns. Sgt. Beliveau talked about 2 residential burglaries. Residents asked for an update to the shots fired incidents that occurred last summer/fall. Another resident talked about a peeping tom incident and some issues she is having around 4th and Maxwell Alley. Another resident asked about using trail cameras at Maxwell Place at the condo building. They have had a few graffiti incidents over the past 2 years.

Sgt. Beliveau also talked about how officers cover the creek and a resident suggested that the department expand the coverage to target more of the downtown area.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE:

Dennis Fortney was in attendance and talked about their purpose for attending the NAC meetings to provide updates as to what is happening in the area. He reminded residents to please have their fireplaces cleaned and that if you have a fireplace or gas appliances or heat that it is important to have a CO detector in your house.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Code Enforcement / Blight**

Nikki Bamonti from the Mayor's Office was on hand to talk with residents about updates in the NAC 11 area and brought with her the latest blight and watch list for properties in the City of Frederick. Nikki said there are 4 properties that are blighted and that the city is working on a policy on how to uncondemn properties.

Ned Bond used Freedom of Information regulations to obtain emails, photos, and memos from the City of Frederick government that indicate that some of the violations and citations that the city attorney said were completed at the October court hearing against the Ro's had in fact not been completed. The 26 building permits open at the time showed that the work was not actually completed. He read the code language and questioned the city process for both issuing, inspecting and closing NOV's at Asiana. The NOV issued for the 10 citations clearly mandated final inspections by the Permits Department for most violations, yet Code Enforcement closed all the violations and listed them as complete. Nikki described the general learning process in a building with so many code violations and suggested that they have to do some things differently. Ned described incidences where violations were closed and then reopened without proper procedure and described the current open violations and re-condemnation of the building. Other residents spoke about the need for more transparency, integrity and clarity about the processes. A NAC facilitator referred to the presentation Nikki made a few months ago regarding the parts of the Code Enforcement process and asked for a response from the Mayor's office to the NAC, and other citizens, with regard to issues of integrity in both the selection of violators and the inspection and completion portion of the process. There is also some confusion as to the situation with Asiana and the status of the fines and condemnation.

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Residents also brought up 340 E. Patrick Street and asked why they have only received 1 citation so far. They would like to know why and how that is possible.

There was also a request from residents to hold a discussion with the Mayor and Code Enforcement to have some of these issues addressed.

Nikki reported that residents could look up current Notices of Violation (NOVs) on the city website <http://spires2.cityoffrederick.com/codeenforcement/index.html>. But several residents pointed out that the list was incomplete and did not have NOV's that were on the books for months. Nikki suggested it was an IT problem and she would look into it. There were also complaints that Code Enforcement did not always return calls.

- **Street Animation Project – Kara Norman (Downtown Frederick Partnership)**

Kara Norman was on hand to talk about the sidewalk café project and to give an update as to where things stand. She said the Partnership Design Committee began the discussing the Sidewalk Café Ordinance last summer and the goals were to:

- Increase the liveliness of the downtown streets by increasing the number of sidewalk cafes.
- Allow for clear pedestrian pathways by creating the opportunity for cafes to be located curbside as well as extend onto adjacent properties.
- Improve the aesthetics of the sidewalk enclosures

In Fall 2014 the Partnership begins meeting the City of Frederick staff to review potential changes to the ordinance. Input from the Liquor Board also is sought to ensure consistency with their regulations.

Kara presented some pictures of what the various cafes look like and wanted input from residents. She asked for audience feedback on these 6 issues.

1. Who uses sidewalk cafes ?
2. Would you like to see more sidewalk café seating?
3. Would you like to see the restaurant lose their ability to have sidewalk seating if they have more than 3 violations?
4. Would you like to make landscaping of outdoor seating optional?
5. Would you like to allow restaurants to use neighboring properties to continue their outdoor seating if permission is given?

If anyone has additional comments please contact Kara at 301-698-8118.

A request was made to have Kara Norman present the finalized draft of the Sidewalk Cafe' Ordinance to the NAC when available.

- Frederick News Post – if you do not want to receive the “free” newspaper please email circulation@newspost.com and let them know.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 2nd Early evening Fire & Ice Downtown Frederick
- April 18th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Youth Resource Fair Francis Scott Key Mall – for more information please contact Michele Bowman

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<p>NAC 11 MEETINGS – 7:00 pm Brewers Ally</p> <p>2015</p> <p>February 17th – Alcohol Prevention Initiative & United Way</p> <p>March 17th</p> <p>April 21st</p>
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