



NAC 11 Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015

Recorder: M. Bowman
Location: Brewers Alley
Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:30 pm
Attendance: 23 Resident's

POLICE REPORT:

Sgt. Beliveau was on hand to talk about any concerns or issues and to review the crime statistics below. Residents asked if something could be done about motorcycle noise. Sgt. Beliveau explained that factory installed equipment is legal, but modified exhaust is not. Sometimes it is hard for an officer to tell as some factory installed equipment and types of motorcycles can be loud.

Sgt. Beliveau also addressed the truck loading/unloading concern. He said that being in the downtown district there has to be some compromises so that the merchants can receive supplies. Residents also said they are seeing an increase in truck traffic on East 2nd due to the Monocacy interchange being open. They said that the larger trucks are having a hard time turning onto East Street at the bakery.

CRIME STATS: August 19th – September 15th

Calls for service (total)	1347
Proactive Enforcement	400 proactive - patrol checks & traffic stops
Arrests	43
Significant Issues	None

FOCUS FOUR CRIMES

Robbery	2
Burglary	0
Theft of Auto	0
Theft from Auto	2

CRIME PATTERNS/TRENDS

Community Crime Notifications	Reminder to residents to please lock their car doors, sheds, garages, houses, etc.
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CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Nikki Bamonte could not attend the meeting as she had a prior meeting commitment. There were questions raised prior to the meeting and below are the answers from Code Enforcement

Can the parking department report to CE any violations that they see such as snow and ice issues during the winter?
 This is a good idea – we do not currently have a formal process in place for this, but we will encourage the Parking Department to submit potential violations to Code Enforcement.

Can someone come to the October meeting to discuss the manner in which the sidewalks are kept: weeds, cigarette butts, etc.?
 We will make sure someone is available to attend the October NAC 11 Meeting. The Mayor and staff have met with the Downtown Frederick Partnership and several business owners to discuss this issue, but have not yet reached a resolution.

North Pointe community would like an update on the 2 properties on W. 6th Street that were on the CE list.
 7 West 6th Street- Property owner has made some progress and is still working to bring the property into compliance as schedule and funding allow.

11 West 6th Street- Building permits issued expired, project manager is currently working through the process. They hired a Structural Engineer and received the structural drawings this week. They hope to begin construction in the next few months. The project manager has someone visiting the property bi-weekly to ensure the property is maintained (Grass/Weeds/Filth Rubbish etc)

What is up with the condemned building on the 300 block owned by the Roes that just sits forever?

The property in question is 314 N. Market Street and the property does not have any open code violations at this time. The garage was previously occupied by vagrants, the structure was Condemned and the occupants were removed. The building remains condemned but is now secured.

What is up with the log cabin on 5th?

107 E. 5th Street- Approval was given by the HPC for demolition on 8/27/2015. The City is awaiting the permits for demolition. Property owner reports they have a potential buyer for the lot.

What is up with the property on 4th in the 300 block?

Assuming the property in question is 20 W. 4th Street. The City has HPC approval for demolition of the rear portion of the building but the property owner has appealed the HPC decision. The property owner also filed an appeal regarding the foreclosure of his right of redemption for the property. That case was recently argued in Annapolis and a decision by the Court is pending.

114 S. Market Street update – it has been vacant for years

Code Enforcement received one complaint regarding grass and weeds for this property, however, the violation is apparently in the rear yard which is not visible from the Right of Way. Code Enforcement could not issue a violation without actually seeing the issue. Having no contact information for the complainant, the case was closed.

Asiana update – 123-125 N. Market Street

Of the 26 permits opened last spring, what has been completed, inspected and received certificate of completion?

The permits are active and the property has been receiving the required inspections. Work is ongoing, therefore the permits are still open. Upon final inspection, the Certificates of Occupancy will be issued.

Is the building up to code? If not, what is still open?

The property does not have Certificates of Occupancy (CO). Until the CO's are issued, confirming that all utilities are restored and inspected, the property remains condemned.

Are there any open code violations on the building? No

The city sent the owner a demand letter in October 2013, requiring the building to be brought up to code with due diligence to avoid receivership. It has been 2 years, why has the city lost interest?

The property owner has been working with contractors and has made significant progress to address all issues. The City has remained in regular contact with the property owner.

Is the building still condemned and why? If it is not, when was it uncondemned and why?

The Condemnation on the property has not been lifted as the utilities have not yet been restored.

Why has the mayor, CE, and city hall turned their back on NAC 11?

The City works with all of the NACs to address the issues that are of importance to that particular area of the city. The goal is to provide each NAC the support that is needed. If you would like additional support, please notify Michele Bowman and we will try to better address your specific needs.

There is significant noise coming from the dairy plant on 7th Street, sounds like a helicopter is landing – can someone look into it? Michele will work with the Police Department to look into this issue.

There are a lot of recycling and trash cans out in the sidewalks in the historic district, can this be addressed. I live on South Market Street between South Street and the School for the Deaf. Some residents keep their bins out for days at a time.

Residents should file a complaint for the specific property address that they believe is in violation using the City Website, iSpire app or by contacting the Code Enforcement department by telephone. As of receipt of this complaint, an inspector has been assigned to monitor the general area.

There were also a few additional questions that were asked which are included in the suggestion/comment section below.

OLD BUSINESS:

- East Street traffic discussion – Tracey Coleman from the City of Frederick was on hand to talk about the East Street concerns (red light camera & traffic). She said the last study was done in 2010 and that to do a new study would be approximately \$30,000. She said the Mayor & Board would have to decide if one needs to be completed. She said that there cannot be a protected left without impeding 3rd, 4th, & 5th street traffic. Sgt. Belivea also said that as long as any portion of a vehicle is in the travel lane, they have the right to turn. Wade Brown (red light camera administrator) for

the Frederick Police Department) also said that all red light citations are reviewed and if any are questionable they are dismissed. So far none have been for turning left.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The sidewalk café ordinance is scheduled for the Mayor & Board workshop on September 30th. The workshop begins at 3:00 pm at City Hall.
- Future guest speakers - Residents were asked for suggestions. Michele will work on scheduling those.
 - Frederick Preservation Trust
 - Tom Rippeon – City of Frederick Arborist
 - Hotel Update – Richard Griffin
 - Zack Kershner, Director of DPW

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Why can apartments be constructed in the downtown area without adequate parking? Why was it changed from a spot for every unit to less than that?
- Can weight restrictions be added to trucks in the downtown area?
- The online CE tracking system (Spires?) that residents can see is not up to date, can it be updated?
- The website does not have the 2 new CE inspectors information listed can they be added
- Are there delivery times for the downtown area?
- # of condemned properties currently in the city?
- Can something be done in the planning process when applications are filed for items that may cause excessive noise?
- Can someone look into the Philadelphia noise ordinance for their downtown area? Complaint of motorcycles being too loud (even those that are not modified). Sgt. Beliveau explained that factory equipment is allowed, but modified is not. Residents were not satisfied and asked if something else could be done legislatively?
- How can a property be condemned but not have any open code violations?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• September 18 th	9:00 – 11:00 am	Coffee with a Cop	Dunkin Donuts Rt. 40
• September 26 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Medication Take Back	Harry Grove Stadium
• October 17 th	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Freecycle Round Up	Hill Street Park
• December 2 nd	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Holiday Art Competition	Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
• December 3 rd		Scents & Sweets	tbd
• December 5 th	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Candlelight House Tour	Downtown Frederick
• December 6 th	12:00 – 4:00 pm	Candlelight House Tour	Downtown Frederick
• December 11 th	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Kris Kringle Parade	Downtown Frederick

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