

NAC 11 Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 / 7:00 pm
Brewers Alley
MINUTES

NAC 11 COORDINATORS: Present: Bruce Albaugh, Ricardo Bairan, Nkem Wellington, Darcy Richards, Julia Schaeffer (Chair) **Absent:** Eric Nicholson

CITY STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS: Michele Bowman, Brandon Marks, Lt. Paul Beliveau, Sgt. Tracey Wiles, Sgt. Matt Carrado.

MINUTES: Marge Rosensweig

INTRODUCTIONS: NAC 11 Coordinators, residents, and guests introduced themselves. Julia Schaeffer announced that Darcy Richards had stepped down from the Co-Chair role and Glen Ferguson’s term as a NAC 11 coordinator had ended.

POLICE REPORT:

Sgt. Wiles provided June 18-July 11, 2019 crime statistics: 1,338 calls for service; 334 “proactive” enforcement activities (88 traffic stops, 246 patrol checks); 53 arrests. Significant events: 4 burglaries, (two closed by arrest, one open, and one suspended); and two thefts from auto (both suspended). In response to a question about trends, Frederick Police Department (FPC) representatives noted a “drastic” increase in police presence in the Carroll Creek area and a commitment to continue watching, surveilling, and making arrests. As well, there has been an increase in S. Market Street area surveillance. Lt. Beliveau noted that NAC 11 has a police unit dedicated to the neighborhood (unlike any other NAC). Sgt. Wiles advised residents to call and/or text regarding incidents observed/experienced (e.g., threats, loitering) rather than writing to the Mayor and FPD will respond in a timely manner.

Additional discussion focused on the deterrent potential of cameras. While these installations can/do help, there is a need for additional funding and better access by police to private cameras. Other concerns raised and discussed included panhandlers in the C. Burr Artz Library, security provided by/to the Frederick Community Action Agency, speeding on N. Bentz, and how to address dispersal of individuals from the Carroll Creek and S. Market Street area to other parts of the City.

Danielle Doll, Associate Director of the Downtown Frederick Partnership (Partnership), described and distributed copies of their new services brochure which lists social/community services in Frederick, a city map, and emergency #s, and includes a business TIP card with information about ways to respond to panhandling. The brochure, supported in part by the Ausherman Family Foundation, has been distributed to local businesses and the Visitors Center. A NAC member suggested distributing copies to houses of worship.

Ms. Doll also described Tuesdays at the Trellis, a collaborative project of the Partnership and the Mayor’s office; and asked NAC members to let her know if they have suggestions for programming of these events which will continue throughout the summer.

PLANNING PROJECTS: None

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brandon Mark, the City’s Manager of Community Planning and Urban Design, reviewed the progress of the comprehensive plan, updates to which are mandated by state law. He noted that while the 2010 plan

focused on two small area plans, the 2020 plan will encompass the entire city and will have benchmarks that correspond to the budget and annual review.

NAC member questions focused on the extent to which the 2010 plan had been implemented, parkland conservation, citizen input, and planning decisions. Mark noted that the on-line survey provides guidance for citizen input; and that in the future, planning approvals will be more form- than use-driven.

ISSUE UPDATES:

Subcommittee updates are posted on the reverse side of the meeting agenda.

In addition:

- the Seriously Deteriorated and Habitually Vacant Property (SDHVP) subcommittee has continued to meet formally with key players (the Mayor and his staff, the Partnership, the Historic Preservation Commission) and informally (with residents and business owners/managers) to promote their proposed Vacant Property Registration Ordinance (VPRO). SDHVP members advised the NAC meeting attendees of the August 1st public hearing on the City's proposed amendment to the Receivership Ordinance to include a definition of "habitually vacant" and urged interested residents to attend and provide feedback.
- the South Corridor Community Group met on June 25th; and sub-groups are being formed to address specific issues. The Ausherman Family Foundation is supporting these efforts.

OLD BUSINESS:

The NAC coordinators noted that consistent with the Open Meetings Act, meeting minutes are being distributed. A process for receipt of subcommittee documents by the NAC will be developed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Several items were discussed:

- The new City logo: Attendees asked for clarification of the branding process, with particular reference to the logo design process, whether/how input was gathered from city residents, who (and using what criteria) selected the winning design, why a Jacksonville, Florida design team rather than a local firm had been selected for this project.
- Friends of Mullinix Park: Four (4) Food Truck and Family Night events have been scheduled by Parks & Recreation. Two have been held; the third is scheduled for July 24th. NAC 11 residents are encouraged to attend and share in this positive use of Mullinix Park.
- Carroll Creek video surveillance: NAC 11 members are urged to contact aldermen/women to support a budget allocation for this activity.
- High-density residential development: A proposal for low income tax credits has been submitted to the State for a 150-unit apartment complex at the corner of Broadway and East South Street (not in but immediately adjacent to NAC 11). Concerns were raised that such a complex would result in too much density and residents are advised to monitor the situation.
- Planning Commission's rezoning of the Frederick Soup Kitchen from institutional to permanent residence: Concerns include the density and number of units delineated in an area currently zoned institutional.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 6, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **National Night Out**. Four locations, including Mullinix Park 16 S. Bentz St. Safety Info, K-9 Demo, Giveaways, Moon Bounce (shared funding from NAC 11 budget), Children’s Activities, Police Displays, Food. See flyer.
- August 7-September 28 **Citizens Police Academy**. 8-week program designed to give citizens a better understanding of Frederick Police Department functions and operations. For further details, contact Corporal Dan Sullivan at (240)344-3073 / dsullivan@frederickmdpolice.org. Application available at <https://www.cityoffrederick.com/489/Citizens-Police-Academy>

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