



NAC 11 Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018

Recorder: M. Bowman

Location: Brewers Alley

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:30

Attendance: 55 residents

City Officials Present: Mayor Michael O'Connor, Alderman Roger Wilson & Ben MacShane

City Staff Present: Michele Bowman, Matt Davis, Rick Johnson, & Zack Fleagle

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POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Tracey Wiles and Officer Ashley Antczak gave the police report. There were no written police statistics because their system was down, but Sgt. Wiles hopes to have them all next week.

Several residents said they are still experiencing aggressive panhandling, homeless and drug users and dealers in the area of the 100 block of South Market near All Saints St., particularly the area in front of the Manny Mart. The police reported that they have been in touch with Sunshine Management who owns the building in which the Manny Mart is located and they have done several things including increase security cameras and increase foot patrols in that area.

Some residents noticed an improvement based on police presence. However, others reported that there continues to be a lot of drug activity. Overdoses and aggressive panhandling have been reported in that area. In response to citizen complaints, officers reminded us that to make an arrest or prosecute panhandling a victim has to come forward. A request was made by a resident to form a NAC 11 Interest group around this issue. Chair Barbara Dillon offered to assist with this, and asked those interested to sign up to be on a group mailing list to discuss the idea further.

One resident asked the police about the KKK recruitment flyers found on cars parked in the public garage during the holidays, also found on cars in Westview Plaza. Police reported that it is not illegal to place flyers on cars but they cannot do it legally in the city garage. Flyers are not illegal but hate crimes are illegal

There will be a tour of the Community Action Agency on April 7th at 10 a.m. Those interested in attending should meet there. For further information, contact mbowman@frederickmdpolice.org

A resident asked about the vandalism every year involving the ice sculptures downtown. Police responded that and sculptures are on private property and that the business owners need to secure them.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rick Johnson, Frederick Municipal Airport

Rick Johnson, Frederick Municipal Airport Manager, gave an overview of the general facilities and current projects at the airport. It is run by the Frederick Flight Center. The airport provides flight training, State Troopers Medivac facilities.

Frederick Airport is considered a reliever airport for larger airports as they do not want a high volume of traffic from smaller aircraft. Frederick Airport does not have a radar system. Rick's presentation included an overview of current improvements and expansion. He described changes over the past three years; the Waffle House demolished, a perimeter fence is going around the airport. The airport is 616 acres. New snow removal equipment building have been erected and the runway was extended. With the extension of the runway, it will be continue with the same size aircraft, but will now allow them to leave the airport with a full load of fuel. There is no radar in the tower at this point; they are hopeful to secure funding in the future for a tower. The airport is the 2nd busiest airport in Maryland behind BWI with 80,000 trips. The airport hosts a Wings and Wheels event on May 5. The airport does not make a profit, but has a balanced budget.

The website for the airport is: <https://www.cityoffrederick.com/152/Frederick-Municipal-Airport>

INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

NAC11 currently facilitates several interest groups comprised of NAC11 residents and coordinators. NAC11 meetings include updates from several independent organizations, committees and groups that operate in NAC11 and involve issues of concern to NAC11 residents. These are groups made up of NAC 11 residents who volunteer their time to research and discuss ideas which would improve their neighborhood. These are not official City of Frederick groups.

- **PEDESTRIAN ALLEY SAFETY GROUP** (NAC Coordinator Bruce Albaugh) Bruce gave a report of the progress on the Pedestrian Alley Safety group to date. The committee made their initial recommendations to the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC). BPAC supported the findings of the group and made their recommendations to Mayor Randy McClement and the aldermen last fall. Zack Kershner, Director of Public Works will give a presentation at next month's March NAC 11 meeting to address the specific recommendations and plans that DPW has formulated to address the Street and Alley Safety recommendations. To keep the new administration up to date on the BPAC letter, Bruce gave a copy of the letter to Mayor O'Connor and spoke with him briefly on the subject. This group will continue to press forward to make sure that the city follows through with the BPAC recommendations and fund this project in this fiscal Budget.
- **SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS GROUP** (Sharon Suarez and NAC Coordinator Barbara Dillon) Sharon Suarez reported on the progress of the short-term residential rentals group. The group has researched the way other jurisdictions are handling short-term rentals issues of concern such as parking, safety and security for neighborhoods, city, and renter; tax issues, owner occupation and zoning. There may be different ways to deal with this issue in residential vs. business zones. Sharon discussed an upcoming community workshop which will allow interested residents the opportunity to hear more about the research which has been done and talk with the members of the group. A date has not yet been set for this event. Mayor O'Connor addressed the group and expressed his appreciation that the NAC11 was addressing this issue BEFORE there was a problem.
- **NAC11 DOWNTOWN LITTER GROUP-** (Julia Schaeffer & NAC Coordinators Tom Evans and Phil LeBlanc) Julia reported on the progress the group has made since forming in October 2017. Litter audits performed in January counted hundreds of cigarette butts on key blocks of Patrick and Market Streets. In a status report to the city Sustainability Committee on February 5, the group made three recommendations for the City to address the litter problem:
 - 1) Provide sufficient receptacles for trash, general recycling, and cigarette butt recycling;
 - 2) Seek funding for and create clean-up teams to remove existing litter on a regular basis; and
 - 3) Facilitate positive, creative public awareness efforts to encourage proper disposal of litter.

The group reported that the Downtown Frederick Partnership is applying for a grant from Keep America Beautiful to purchase cigarette butt receptacles for downtown and related marketing materials. If the grant application is successful, DPW will be install and service the receptacles. The group and the Sustainability Committee support recycling cigarette butts. Zach Fleagle, DPW/Sanitation, said his department was enthusiastic about reducing cigarette litter and that they need to look at implementation carefully as it affects current staffing and operations. The 2018 Bring a Broom event will be held April 24. Details may be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bring-a-broom-saturday-2018-tickets-41144365906>

OLD BUSINESS

- **LIVE DOWNTOWN**, is a subcommittee of the Downtown Frederick Partnership - John Menke, a NAC resident recently joined the committee. He continues to encourage the group to keep focus on the impact to NAC11 residents on issues of parking and zoning.
- **EAST FREDERICK RISING** - Julia Ferguson resident of NAC11 and president of East Frederick Rising (EFR) spoke about their progress. She explained that EFR's has top 3 goals.

Goal 1 is to remove barriers / encourage development consistent with EFR's Vision Plan. They have been meeting with developers to understand their perspective and putting together a subcommittee of experts that can provide advice. They are also participating in the City's East Street Corridor Steering Committee.

Goal 2 is to increase engagement. To that end, we have created an East Frederick Rising Facebook page and Twitter account. Everyone is invited to like and follow them.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/East-Frederick-Rising-145875002784124/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EastFredRising>.

Goal 3 is to complete a project that has a positive impact on East Frederick such as bringing public art to East Frederick.

- **EAST STREET CORRIDOR SMALL AREA PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE** NAC11 Coordinator Darcy Richards is one members of the Steering Committee. She reported that the committee had just held their first meeting. The participants consist of a mix of retail businesses, residents, and industries currently residing or operating in the East Street corridor. In the discussion of concerns, several owners of industries in the area expressed concern that the growth in residential units will push their businesses out. Residents agreed that it was not desirable to have residential buildings near the industries particularly if they contributed noise and truck traffic to the neighborhood. Minutes are available at: <http://www.cityoffrederick.com/1134/East-Street-Steering-Committee>
The public is invited to sit in on the steering committee meetings. Next Meeting: February 27, 2018 @ 3:30pm, Rockwell Brewery: 880 N East Street Suite 201

- **MAYOR O'CONNOR'S STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY GROUPS -**

Kevin Sellner could not attend the NAC11 meeting but asked that we relate information about the mayor's five subgroups which are part of his Transition Team. They are tasked to provide input into each of the five areas below. The public may attend. The groups have a deadline of June 30th to finish their recommendations.

- Civic Engagement
- 21st Century Technology and Communication
- Economic Resilience
- Expanding Opportunity
- City Operations and Organization

The city website has details of the agendas and minutes. <https://www.cityoffrederick.com/1081/Mayors-Strategic-Opportunities-Advisory->

Civic Engagement is the Advisory Group which includes NAC issues. This Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on 2/26 at 5 p.m. and 3/12 at 5 p.m. Both meetings will be in Room 212 at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- **SEVENTH STREET FOUNTAIN AND PARK.** Karen Norman reported on the status of the plans for renovations of the Seventh Street Fountain and Park. She is going to apply for a grant of \$100,000 to supplement the city's CIP budget of \$250,000 to renovate this park. Which was last renovated in 1983. The Grant application is due March 1st and the funding is handed out on July 8th she is asking for a letter of support from citizens. The NAC11 Coordinators voted unanimously to support the Downtown Frederick Partnership in an attempt to secure grant funding for the renovation. NAC 11 residents at the meeting also voted unanimously by a show of hands to support this effort. NAC Coordinators will provide this letter.
- **RESCUING THE MURAL ON THE OLD FREDERICK NEWS-POST BUILDING -** Resident Matt Jones encouraged residents to save the mural currently painted on the side of the Old Frederick News-Post building on the Carroll Street side. He said murals like these can be reused as public art in other places. Residents can contact him to show your support and find out the next steps. Matt can be reached at mattyj1980@aim.com.
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION UPDATES -** Matt Davis, City of Frederick Manager of Comprehensive Planning said the proposed changes to HPC guidelines are now available online for review. There are summary pages as well as complete text of all changes proposed. A link to the documents are provided below. The next meeting for reviewing the proposed changes is a special All-NAC Meeting on February 28, 2018, 7:00 PM, Municipal Office Annex, 140 West Patrick Street. [Agenda](#)

Go to: <https://www.cityoffrederick.com/1125/Draft-Guidelines-Amendments>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| • March 3 rd | | First Saturday |
| • April 7 th | 10 am | Community follow-up meeting (downtown concerns) @ Community Action Agency |
| • April 7 th | | First Saturday |
| • April 21 st | | Bring a Broom Saturday bringabroom2018.eventbrite.com |
| • May 10 th | 5 – 8 pm | Alive @ Five begins |
| • June 15 th | | Movie Night on the Creek, first night - FREE |

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March 20 th	April 17 th	May 15 th
June 19 th	July 17 th	August 21 st
September 18 th	October 16 th	November 20 th

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100

Anonymous Crime Tips

301-600 TIPS (8477) – phone
240-674-TIPS (8477) - text
fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org

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