



# City of Cumberland, Maryland Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)

Cumberland City Hall, Council Chambers  
July 27, 2015

## AGENDA

- I. Sign-in**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Introductions**
- IV. Approval of Minutes - June 29, 2015**
- V. City Department updates (if needed)**
- VI. Neighborhood Reports - re: NAC charge\* and important announcements**
  - a. **Center City / Downtown - DDC**
  - b. **Virginia Ave. / Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill / So. Cumb. Business & Civic Assoc. (SCBCA)**
  - c. **Decatur Heights – East Side Neighborhood Association (formerly Decatur Heights)**
  - d. **Eastside / Willowbrook - Needs Organized**
  - e. **Mapleside / Johnson Heights - Lee Borrer**
  - f. **Shriver / McNamee – Needs Organized**
  - g. **Rolling Mill –Needs Organized**
  - h. **Walsh / Humbird –Needs Organized**
  - i. **Westside & Dingle / Haystack – Washington St. Association**
  - j. **Wills / North End – North End Crime Watch**
- VII. Old Business**
  - a. **National Night Out**
- VIII. New Business**
  - a. **\*NAC charge**
- IX. Public Comment (5 minute limit each please)**
- X. Motion to Adjourn**
- XI. The next regular meeting of the NAC will be Monday, July 27, 2015.**

(See reverse →)

## City Charge to the NAC :

It shall be the duty of the Commission to maintain and improve the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods by coordinating the efforts of recognized neighborhood associations and to serve as a liaison for neighborhood associations with the Mayor and City Council (M&CC) and the City departments. The commission's duties shall include:

- ❖ Review proposals and make recommendations to the M&CC regarding programs that can improve neighborhoods and prevent their decline;
- ❖ Assist in the creation of neighborhood associations in areas of the City where no active association exists;
- ❖ Foster the development of neighborhood action plans;
- ❖ Identify improvements in infrastructure, municipal services, and code enforcement that might enhance neighborhood revitalization;
- ❖ Assist the M&CC in the dissemination of news and information of benefits in neighborhoods throughout the City;
- ❖ Recommend criteria for use in community betterment programs;
- ❖ Review the consolidated plan, housing code, and comprehensive plan for consistency with neighborhood association rules and objectives;
- ❖ Establish subcommittees as needed to study particular issues and recommend specific actions to the commission;
- ❖ Identify sources of public and private funds for the neighborhood revitalization activities;
- ❖ Provide guidance on matters related to the City's Neighborhoods Matter initiative.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Citizens at Large:	Allen Hedrick-Vice Chair, Katie Gattens, Jenn Jeudy, Michael Cassidy
City Council Members:	Seth Bernard-Chair, David Kauffman
Police Department:	Lt. Brian Lepley
Code Enforcement:	David Cox
Community Development:	Lee Borrer, 301-759-6437, lee.borrer@cumberlandmd.gov
Secretary:	Terri Hast, terri.hast@cumberlandmd.gov

### **UPCOMING RELATED MEETINGS**

<b>Chapel Hill East/West</b> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues., 6:30 p.m. (400 Arch St.) .....	<b>July 28</b>
<b>Let's Beautify Cumberland!</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon., 7 p.m., City Hall .....	<b>August 3</b>
<b>SCBCA</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues., 6 p.m., Outdoor Club (no mtgs Jan, Jun, Jul, & Aug) .....	<b>September 8</b>
<b>DDC</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs., 8:15 a.m., City Hall.....	<b>August 13</b>
<b>National Night Out Planning</b> (as needed for August 4 event) .....	<b>July 29</b>
<b>East Side Neighborhood Assoc. (formerly Decatur Heights)</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon., 7 p.m., 305 Decatur St....	<b>August 17</b>
<b>Housing Authority of Cumberland</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed., 12:30 p.m., City Hall .....	<b>August 19</b>
<b>Human Relations Commission</b> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon., Noon, City Hall .....	<b>August 24</b>
<b>North End Crime Watch</b> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs., 6 p.m., 400 N. Mechanic St. ....	<b>August 27</b>

■ **Neighborhood Advisory Commission - work sheet**

1. What are some possible program ideas that might improve City neighborhoods and prevent their decline? (think of short and long term goals and action plans with @ idea) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How can the NAC assist the City in creating and growing neighborhood groups in neighborhoods where there are none? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How can the NAC help to develop neighborhood action plans in each of the City's neighborhoods? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. List some recommendations where improvements in infrastructure, municipal service and code enforcement could enhance neighborhood revitalization. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Name some ways the NAC could help to spread City news and information of benefits throughout the City? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you have ideas on how we can better evaluate community betterment programs? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Review the City plans and housing codes for consistency and list any inconsistencies found?

- Comprehensive plan - <http://www.cumberlandmd.gov/260/Planning> (lower right, 2013 Comp Plan - Citywide and Neighborhood element)
- Consolidated plan - <http://www.cumberlandmd.gov/159/Consolidated-Plan-Statutory-Program-Goal>
- Housing Code - <http://www.cumberlandmd.gov/167/Housing-Code> (lower right, Housing Code)

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8. The NAC could develop subcommittees as needed to study particular issues and recommend actions to the commission. Do you think we have need for this now, and what would that need be? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Can you identify sources of any 'non-city' public and private funds for City neighborhood revitalization activities? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. How could the NAC provide guidance regarding the City's Neighborhoods Matter Initiative? \_\_\_\_\_

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