

CITY OF CUMBERLAND, MD

Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)

MEETING MINUTES – January 30, 2017

Chairman Allen Hedrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 continuing with introductions. Attendance included appointees: Chairman Allen Hedrick-Chair, Jenn Jeudy, Lt. Brian Lepley, Councilman Rock Cioni, Lee Borrer and Terri Hast. Also in attendance was: Shannon Redman and J.C. Redman.

Lt. Lepley made a motion to accept the minutes from October which was seconded, and the minutes were approved as submitted. In lieu of a November NAC meeting, the membership attended the Cumberland Eastside Neighborhood Association (CENA) meeting.

Old Business

Outreach to CENA took place on November 21 with 4 NAC appointees attending. Questions were answered and connections made with various City Departments and Community organizations. Some follow-up occurred regarding Baneker Playground public accessibility.

NAC secretary was asked to attend Centre City meeting January 16, with 8 attending, to discuss various ways neighborhood associations organize.

Due to City Council election outcome, Councilman Frazier will not be able to serve as a NAC *interim* appointee.

New Business

Councilman Cioni agreed to take a list of some questions raised, suggestions discussed, etc. to the Mayor and City Council for discussion regarding the NAC moving forward. Included on this list were that the Citizens at Large terms had expired in September and we need new appointees which we don't think have been advertised. The NAC appointees have not all attended monthly meetings, with some having attended just one in two years – leadership is needed. The NAC would like to have a budget for promotion to gain awareness and involvement from the community. The NAC has heard that there is talk of dismissing this commission and we would like to see a list of goals that the City feels has not been accomplished, as much of our original charge has been met. Discussion on various ways to increase outreach were also discussed.

Ms. Borrer gave a short talk on the 2017 Annual Action Plan/CDBG Project Request. A handout was provided. She explained projects must meet HUD guidelines and gave the schedule for this year's program. If any neighborhood association has a project they would like to have considered for funding, they must submit an application by February 24. She explained the program and noted the meeting schedules. Last year the City received \$730,431 in funding requests.

Mr. Hedrick said that Nixle (Notify Me) is available on the City's website and is a great tool for community reminders and notices. Go to City website www.ci.cumberland.md.us, scroll down and click on 'Notify Me' and choose which subscriptions and settings you want.

Neighborhoods

It was decided that the next NAC neighborhood outreach would be in March and focused on the Johnson Heights/Mapleside neighborhood. Although SCBCA reaches that neighborhood, there is no group focused solely there. The February NAC meeting will focus on the agenda for that meeting and discussion on interior questions raised earlier. Some suggestions were made for meeting locations, flyers, 'Doodle Pool', etc. The NAC secretary will follow up with setting up a location for the March meeting.

Lt. Lepley announced that the Cumberland Police Department Citizens' Police Academy will begin on February 16 and run for 6 Thursdays, from 6-8 p.m. All are invited to participate in this program, now in its third year. An explanation and application is available on the City's website, Cumberland Police Department page.

The NAC will meet again on Monday, February 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m., City Hall.

Ms. Jeudy made a motion which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Terri Hast

cc: Margie Woodring, City Clerk