

NAC 11 Subcommittee Updates June 2019

Habitually Vacant & Deteriorated Properties

(Bruce Albaugh, Coordinator Liaison)

- Subcommittee report summarized to NAC 11 May 21, 2019. Details status of recommendations of previous Mayor-appointed “blight” committees; analyzes vacancy ordinances in Maryland municipalities; updates data on NAC 11 properties deemed to be in Poor or Very Poor condition and At Risk of Demolition by Neglect and recommends an action plan for the city. Report is available at <https://bit.ly/2XyHjPF>
- Subcommittee members provided copies of the report to the Mayor and Board and commented publicly at workshop discussing proposed revisions to the City Code, Chapter 12.5, Article II, Receivership, on May 22, 2019.

Short Term Rentals (STR)

- The group submitted its report to the Mayor and Board in December 2018. Includes comprehensive analysis of regulation in surrounding jurisdictions to restrict STRs.
- STRs are a growing trend in Frederick: 92 STRs in 21701, clustered in downtown; 57 are entire house (per Airdna.com 6/10/2019) Concerns: Entire house STRs (commercial enterprises operating in residential neighborhoods) threaten the character of residential neighborhoods. Some evidence points to increase in housing prices and decrease in rental housing stock due to STR activity in some communities.
- City says it will explore the issue after the APFO and Comprehensive Plan updates.

Alley Safety and Parking Lines

(Bruce Albaugh, Coordinator Liaison)

- In response to this group’s request, the City completed

improvements to two Maxwell Avenue blocks in 2018, using paint and signage to create safe pedestrian passageways on this narrow street and connecting crosswalks.

- In budget hearings May 2019, the group asked for improvements to the six blocks that have no existing sidewalks, and funding to complete the remaining alley blocks that require more complex repair. As of 6/10/2019, there is evidence of work continuing on two additional blocks of Maxwell Avenue.
- Repainting parking space lines on downtown streets anticipated in Spring 2019, per City. No evidence to date.

Sidewalk Café Ordinance

(Darcy Richards, Coordinator Liaison)

- Concerned for pedestrian safety and resident concerns, the NAC 11 Sidewalk Café group reviewed the current ordinance, measured the width of all downtown sidewalk cafes, and developed recommendations for the City.
- Final report issued August 2018 reported that six of the 21 enclosed cafes take up more than half of the width of the sidewalk. Requests revision to the ordinance for more equitable sharing of sidewalk space: no more than 50% of sidewalk width and removal of the enclosures in winter.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee of the City requested that Board and Aldermen review the ordinance for issues of public mobility and safety.
- Group members presented comment at a Mayor and Board workshop on May 29, 2019. Mayor and Board reach consensus to conduct review. Further discussion scheduled for June 19, 2019, 3 pm.

Downtown Litter Group

(Julia Schaeffer, Coordinator Liaison)

- In July 2018 the Downtown Litter Group proposed a new ordinance that would hold property owners responsible for clearing litter from the sidewalks that abut their properties.
- In February 2019 the City’s Sustainability Committee endorsed that request in a letter to the Mayor and Board, offering specific language modeled on the Keep America Beautiful model ordinance.
- At the request of the Mayor’s office, the group submitted draft ordinance language based on the existing snow and ice removal ordinance in April 2019.
- In May 2019 budget hearings, group requests that city assume responsibility for purchasing trash cans for downtown and budget additional funding to purchase them.
- Downtown Frederick Partnership Design Committee supports the goal of clean sidewalks, but has concerns about how a litter ordinance would be enforced.
- Group has worked with Downtown Frederick Partnership on inventory of trash cans and a wish list for more.

South Corridor Community

Group (Nkem Wellington and Eric

Nicholson, Coordinator Liaisons)

- Neighborhood concerns about an increase in crime, loitering, vagrancy, panhandling, drug use, and the perception that the community is unsafe led the NAC to create this new subgroup.
- Group has formed significant alliances with others sharing these concerns, including Ausherman Family Initiative.
- Next meeting in late June 2019 featuring representatives of allied groups.



Join The Frederick Police Department And Your Community In Celebrating

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
6–9 pm

Activities include: Safety Info, K-9 Demo, Giveaways, Moonbounce, Children's Activities, Police Displays, Food, and more...

National Night Out Locations

Carrollton Park

455 Center Street

*Officer Scott Long 240-549-4609
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Hill Street Park

100 Hill Street

*Officer Robert Quintin 240-549-4536
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Lucas Village Community

155 Pennsylvania Avenue

*Officer Sara Evans 240-344-6948
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Mullinix Park

16 South Bentz Street

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NEWS RELEASE

Amended to correct event time

Community Engagement 2.0: Open House

Public Invited to Review Draft of 10-year Strategic Plan

FREDERICK, MD – June 14, 2019: On July 16, during an open house style event, the public is invited to review and comment on the draft 2030 Strategic Plan that has evolved based on community

Community Engagement 2.0 Open House for draft 2030 Strategic Plan

When: 12-8 p.m., July 16, 2019
Where: Municipal Annex, 140 W. Patrick St.
Info: 301-600-1184

comments, and collaboration among City staff and Mayor Michael O'Connor.

On July 16, from **12 to 8 p.m.**, the draft objectives and action items will be on display at the Municipal Annex. Chief Administrative

Officer Marc DeOcampo and other staff will be present to receive comments and answer questions throughout the day and evening July 16. Comment cards will be available, and the public may also email comments to the Mayor's Office: dkellizy@cityoffrederick.com.

During an intensive one-day retreat on May 20, City Department directors, managers, and Mayor Michael O'Connor collaborated to assign the hundreds of unique action items that the community and staff had identified earlier this year as critical to carrying out strategic goals and objectives laid out in the Strategic Plan.

Nearly 200 unique action items were identified as essential previously by the public, who engaged in the planning process during workshops, in questionnaires and in submitted comments. The May 20 retreat afforded key City staff the opportunity to make sure the items are assigned to the appropriate strategic goals and to establish collaborative opportunities for the implementation of those action items across departmental lines.



At a community engagement event, Mayor O'Connor hears people's goals for the City.

A final working draft of the 2030 Strategic Plan's Mission,

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Vision Statement and Goals that will guide The City of Frederick the next 10 years will be presented for public consideration and review by the Board of Aldermen later in July.

In conjunction with staff and the community, Mayor Michael O'Connor has been developing the mission, vision and goals, following a thorough evaluation of public comments made during events and submitted online.

“In five public engagement events and from online comments, several commonalities became clear,” said DeOcampo, lead staff on the project.

See a video about the community engagement events here: <https://tinyurl.com/y29bcemb>.

The Strategic Plan is projected to be approved by late-summer. It will be a strategy for driving future improvements to the City over the next 10 years. The plan will be used to guide budgeting, set priorities for City government, and assign actions to specific City departments.

“When we started this process, I said the plan would only be meaningful if it reflected public priorities, and we are keeping to that promise,” O'Connor said.

To stay informed and offer ideas, check the City [website](#) and sign up for announcements.

For additional information, contact DeOcampo at 301-600-1184.

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