



NAC 3 Meeting Minutes
Monday, November, 25 2019

Recorder: Jenifer Rodriguez, NAC Coordinator

Location: Monocacy Elementary School

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

Attendance: 40 Citizens (Residents of NAC 3 and Cloverhill), 4 NAC Board Members, Cpl. Wolfe, Gabrielle Collard, Cherian Eapen, and representatives from Winpenny Tell Property annexation, Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs, & Northgate Fire Station projects

POLICE REPORT: Cpl. Wolfe

CRIME STATS:

| Date Range | 9/19/19-11/21/19 |
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| Calls for service (total) | 806 |
| Proactive Enforcement | 158 Patrol Checks & 62 Traffic Stops |
| Arrests | 4 |
| Significant Issues | |
| Other: | |
| Robbery: | 1 |
| Burglary: | 1 |
| Theft of Auto | 0 |
| Theft from Auto | 5 TFMV / 7 Tamperings |

CRIME PATTERNS/TRENDS/MISC

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| Community Crime Notifications | Please lock your vehicle doors, and remove or hide valuables in the glove box or trunk. |
| Additional Needs | |
| Resident Concerns | One citizen was concerned that there were very few traffic stops during the last two months. Cpl. Wolfe explained officers during the day are often need to respond to calls, which is the biggest priority. He mentioned that in the future, there may be officers assigned solely to traffic stops, but there are no plans for this currently. Cpl. Wolfe explained that in the evenings there is more time for traffic enforcement |
| Additional Info: | The police force is doing selective enforcement on Christopher's Crossing to curtail speeding. Academy started and there are currently 7 FPD members. FPD is hiring, so residents are encouraged to have interested residents contact the police department for ride alongs or any other information. Cpl. Wolfe mentioned that HS education is required, and more education is encouraged as police work is becoming more academic. |
| FPD Events | |

PLANNING:

1) Manager of Current Planning from the City, Gabrielle Collard

The City is currently working on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan for Frederick. She encourages citizens to contribute to planning by submitting suggestions and comments online on the City of Frederick homepage regarding land uses, foundation level, macro issues, etc. She explained that this is when citizens voices are the strongest. There will be work shops the beginning of 2020.

2) Project Name: Annexation

Case Number(s): PC19-987ANX

Address: North and west of existing City boundary; off Winpenny Drive
Planning Staff: Gabrielle Collard
Applicant: Gerald Winnan
Engineer/Surveyor: Harris Smariga & Associates c/o Chris Smariga
PC (ten.): TBD
Description: The applicant is requesting that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider annexating the approximately 79-acre property into the City. The property is currently zoned R-1, Low Density Residential, and AG, Agricultural, under the County's jurisdiction but if annexed, the Applicant is requesting that the Mayor and Board assign the R4, Low Density Residential designation. If approved, the R4 zoning would allow up to 316 residential dwelling units on the property.

Chris Smariga explained that one entrance to the neighborhood already exists on Yellow Springs Road, another entrance will connect via Tuscarora Creek. He explained that the southern area is currently zoned as low density residential and the northern portion as agricultural. He explained that this project would create more forest and parkland areas and stream buffers. He said that primarily single-family homes and some townhomes would be built and capped at density.

Citizen Comments/Concerns:

- A citizen asked about the timeline. The timeline for annexation given was 6-8 months, and that building would begin in approximately five years.
- One citizen asked if it has already been determined that after annexation and rezoning if the owner will sell. The answer is that it has not yet been decided.
- Several citizens were concerned about having another neighborhood use Tuscarora Creek as an entrance since it is the only entrance/exit for Tuscarora Creek and Cannon Bluff Neighborhoods. The response was that this is something the surveyor will discuss with City Planning. He did say that the neighborhood would also use the northern exit onto Yellow Spring Road as well.
- One citizen was concerned that the development would add to the already heavy traffic on Yellow Spring Road/Winpenny near Yellow Springs Elementary School. The response was that traffic surveys will be done to determine what the roads can sustain.

3) The Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs, Nick Brown:

Nick Brown explained that the current family shelter has been running for five years. It has a scattered site, one main site that is used during the day, and then 1-15 congregations that help house a family. With the purchase of the Hayward Farm building for \$1, they will have permanent fixed site for a family shelter.

The lot has been subdivided from the water tower, which is owned by the City. Settlement on the house is December 6th and the hope is that construction will beginning in 2020 and be operational in 2021.

With the Hayward farm building, the Coalition will be able to increase the capacity three times, and that instead of being able to house 15 people, they will be able to house 40-50 individuals. Each suite will have its own bathroom. Nick mentioned that there will be a capital campaign to offset construction costs.

The shelter is considered part of a beyond shelter initiative which helps families exit from homelessness.

Comments/Questions from Citizens:

- A resident asked if this will strictly be a family shelter, and not an individual shelter for men. The answer was that it will be a family shelter which entails an adult having custody of a minor in the shelter, whether it be a father, mother, grandmother, sibling, friend, etc.
- Another resident asked what the typical length of stay is for a family at the shelter. The limit is ninety days with a possible week-by-week extension as needed for families close to ending reliance on the shelter. The typical stay for families is three to four weeks. He added that there are many services in place to help families transition out of homelessness.
- A resident asked if there will always be staff at the shelter, and the answer is yes, 24/7. In this new center it is anticipated to have two staff members during the nighttime and more during the day as a minimum.
- Another resident asked about CCTV, and the response was that there will be CCTV inside and outside and that the feed can be made available to FPD.
- A resident asked Chris to explain the impact on the local Elementary School. He responded that there will be little impact, as law states the child is to stay in his home boundaries for school while in a shelter, and that

accommodations are made to transport a child, even for longer distances. Only the child who becomes school age while living at the shelter would go to the local Elementary.

- A couple of residents wanted to know if there are future plans of this ever becoming an individual shelter. Chris reiterated that it never has been, is not now, and there are no plans of the shelter to become an individual shelter, and that it will remain a family shelter.

4) Northgate Fire Station, Sean Benjaminson

At TJ Drive and FCPS, there will be a fire station built to serve the community. The project will be fully funded by the County and plan entails 50 parking spots, host a two-and-a-half story tower for training and supplies.

Comments/Questions from Citizens:

- A resident asked if live fire will be used, and the answer is no.
- A resident asked if this a staffed fire station or volunteer. The answer was that there will be some staff, and may include volunteer firefighters.

5) Christopher's Crossing, City of Frederick Traffic Engineer, Cherian Eapen

Cherian explained that two of the crosswalks (one at McClellan, one at Midsummer) have been completed at North Crossing and another will be installed.

There will be a traffic signal installed at Christopher's Crossing/Opossumtown Pike and it is expected to be installed by the time the construction opens. The cost is \$350k. Heading west on Christopher's Crossing will have a left turn signal.

The round about that is under construction at Poole Jones/Walter Martz/Christopher Crossing should be finished by mid-January 2020. While a portion of the intersection is open, they can work more quickly when it is completely closed.

Cherian explained that the County will be adding lanes on Christopher's Crossing from Walter Martz/Poole Jones through to Whittier. There will be a County meeting December 10th.

Comments/Questions from Citizens:

- A resident asked if the Walter Martz detour onto Opossumtown Pike and other small, winding detour roads will be plowed this winter, since there is no designation of them being Emergency Plow sections. The answer was this would have to be looked into as they are county roads.
- Several residents were concerned that even with the cross walks in North Crossing, traffic flies by and they are not stopping at the crosswalks when there are people ready to cross. Citizens expressed the desire for something more to be done (flashing lights, stop signs, etc). The response was that they will continue to take a look at possible solutions.
- Some residents were concerned that the speed limit would increase on Christopher's crossing and explained that the posted limit is 25 and people go much faster already. The response is that nothing has been decided, but that if it is increased it will be to be more consistent with what the county is doing, while taking into consideration safety issues.
- One resident asked if the road from Walter Martz/Poole Jones to Opossumtown Pike will be two lanes with a wide median. The answer is yes, it will resemble North Crossing.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- The NAC 3 board is looking for residents who may be interested in joining the board as a coordinator. For background, see <https://www.cityoffrederick.com/322/NAC-3>
Email the board with questions: cityoffredericknac3@gmail.com
To apply, send a brief letter stating your interest in joining the team to <http://cityoffrederick.com/FormCenter/Mayors-Office-30/Commission-Vacancy-Application-88>
- The Planning Commission is having a hearing on December 9th at City Hall about the Sheetz gas station and that residents are encouraged to attend if they comments or concerns.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/MISC:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAC 3 Email Address: CityofFrederickNAC3@gmail.com

Facebook: Search for **City of Frederick NAC3** and click “Like” to receive updates/feeds.

Board Members:

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Members: Barbara Linthicum, Scott Florance, Jenifer Rodriguez

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| <p>NAC 3 MEETINGS – 7:00 PM Monocacy Elementary</p> <p><u>2020 Schedule</u></p> <p>February 24 April 27 June 29 September 28 November 23</p> | <p>FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100</p> <p>Anonymous Crime Tips</p> <p>301-600 TIPS (8477) – phone 240-674-TIPS (8477) - text fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org</p> |
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