



NAC 3 Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2019

Recorder: Jenifer Rodriguez, NAC Coordinator

Location: Monocacy Elementary School

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:15 pm

Attendance: 36 (Residents of NAC 3 and Cloverhill), 3 NAC Board Members, Sgt. Thomas and Cpl. Stream of Frederick Police Department, Gabrielle Collard, Division Manager of Current Planning, Ashley Waters, Communications Manager from Office of the Mayor, and designated guest presenters

2019 UCR POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Thomas

Crime is the lowest it has been in 20 years, maybe longer. The number of crimes (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, & stolen autos) reported was 1,662 during 2019. This is especially significant because the population of Frederick has continued to increase.

POLICE REPORT: Cpl. Stream

CRIME STATS:

Date Range	11/22/19-2/22/2020
Calls for service (total)	1592
Proactive Enforcement	364 Patrol Checks & 279 Traffic Stops
Arrests	17 (2 assaults, 2 domestic, 1 CDS, 1 suspicious vehicle, 10 traffic stops, 1 trespassing)
Significant Issues	Selective enforcement on Christopher's Crossing
Other:	
Robbery:	1
Burglary:	2 residential (1 attempt, 1 confirmed), 3 commercial
Theft of Auto	0
Theft from Auto	1 tampering, 2 TFMV

CRIME PATTERNS/TRENDS/MISC

Community Crime Notifications	Please lock your home and vehicle doors and keep valuables out of sight. Call if anything seems suspicious. The police are doing selective enforcement at Willow Rd and a speed box was placed. Selective enforcement has been done at Amber Meadows as well. Aware of the continued speeding on Christopher's Crossing, selective enforcement done there as well.
Additional Needs	
Resident Concerns	One resident mentioned she was at Monocacy at the overpass on her bicycle at 3:22pm on 2/19/20 and she heard sirens but there were no lights. It was difficult to tell where the vehicle was coming from. Stream to follow up.
Additional Info:	Crime rate is down for the first time ever
FPD Events	62 nd academy to start October 21, 2019, FPD is accepting applications for new hires and lateral officers.

1) High Road Foundation, Bob Eisinger

Mr. Eisinger presented regarding installing a Monorail in Maryland following I-270 rather than constructing hot lanes and toll lanes. Some of the benefits to a monorail mentioned were that it is automated, unaffected by elements, reliable, no storm water impact, and that the time, cost, and impact of construction is lower over time than other alternatives. The distinction between light rail and heavy rail is the designation of passengers at station. Eisinger said a benefit to monorail is that it can grow with demand without being replaced. Per Eisinger, there is no additional ground requirement and has faster implementation, and construction is done remotely and supports placed during the night so traffic is not impacted.

The proposed monorail would go from Frederick to Urbana to Comsat to Germantown and then Metropolitan Grove and possibly to Bethesda. Long term goals would be to connect to Virginia and other surrounding areas.

A ridership study estimated that from Frederick to the Red Line would 50k per day. Other calculations show that the road can manage 2k per hour per direction using a personal car, 7k using a bus, and a monorail can move 40k per hour per direction.

In the proposal, the maintenance lot would be situated directly above the metro lot, thus not needing additional green space.

More information can be found online at www.thehighroadfoundation.org.

Resident Questions/Concerns:

- One resident asked what the cost in ridership would be. The answer is the assumption is that it would match current public transportation prices, likely \$5 to get to the Red Line. During rush hour the monorail would come every two minutes and at around six-minute intervals for non-rush hour.
- A resident asked how the monorail is considered waterproof. The answer is that it runs on rubber wheels on a cement structure. Ice can be an issue but that it would be treated similar to the Purple Line is in Bethesda.
- One resident asked how ridership was calculated. The answer is that Cambridge Systematics uses a formula which takes into consideration, among other things, riders who leave the bus system for the monorail and average traffic patterns.
- A resident asked what construction costs would be. The answer was that it costs \$350 million per mile to build monorail, compared to the \$127 million per mile for the metro. However, the longevity of monorail is much longer. Also noted was that it will be easier for the monorail to go green.

2) Project Name: Monocacy Elementary Portable Classroom

Case Number(s): PC20-83FSI Final Site Plan

Address: Monocacy Elementary, 7421 Hayward Rd

Planning Staff: Sherry Kelly

Applicant: Frederick County Public Schools

Engineer/Surveyor: ADTEK Engineers

PC (ten.): N/A. This is a minor site plan that will have staff-level approval

Description: The Applicant is proposing to remove ten (10) portable classrooms and replace them with one 12-classroom megapod portable on the school site. The existing square footage of the classrooms is combined 47,227 square feet, and the proposed megapod is 47,406 square feet. The property is zoned Institutional (IST).

It was explained that a single better is much better for the children, and will include bathrooms for the students. The installation will be completed this summer after school is out.

No Resident Questions/Concerns

3) Project Name: Christoff Property

Case Number(s): PC20-97ANX

Address: east and west side of Opossumtown Pike, north of the Meadowbrook subdivision

Planning Staff: Sherry Kelly

Applicant: Frederick County Public Schools

Engineer/Surveyor: ADTEK Engineers

PC (ten.): The annexation process begins with a review and recommendation by the Planning Commission. That recommendation is forwarded to the Mayor and Board for a vote. The first phase of the review process by staff is currently underway and a date for discussion by the Planning Commission has not yet been scheduled.

Description: Annexation. The applicant is requesting that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider annexing the approximately 57-acre property into the City. The property is currently zoned 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 228 residential dwelling units on the property.

It was explained they are in the very beginning stages of annexation and this plan only at a high level, no specific neighborhood designs or roads have been determined at this point, only that there would be single-family homes attached and detached homes. It was mentioned that connecting to Bloomfield Road and connecting to a stub road near Tuscarora Creek would be logical.

Resident Questions/Concerns:

- One resident asked the likelihood that the R4 designation will change in the future to allow higher-density housing. The answer is that R4 allows villas, townhomes, and single-family dwellings and if higher-density is desired, they would have to submit for approval.
- A resident if Bloomfield will be annexed. The answer is that it already was, about 10 years ago.
- A couple residents asked about the impact to Bloomfield Rd and if it will be redone. The answer is that though nothing is decided, a road would likely connect where Willow and Willowbrook meet and pass through Crumb Farm and connect to the 15.
- A resident asked the approximate lot size. The answer is that they would likely be quarter-acre lots or smaller.
- One resident asked what size the buffer would be between different neighborhoods. The answer is that it would have at least the required 35 ft of conservation area.
- A resident asked about the timeline for construction of homes. The answer is that it would be a few years from now and possibly up to 10 years.
- One resident asked how this neighborhood would impact Opossumtown Pike and how the road might change. The answer is that there are no specifics, but that when it comes time to plan the area in greater detail with an actual subdivision plan then there would be studies done to see what improvements, if any, are needed.

4) Census 2020 (Recruitment), Susan Morgan-Chandler

Morgan-Chandler explained that since 1790 the USA has done a census every 10 years and that great efforts are taken in to make it as complete as possible. Every household is highly encouraged to fill out the forms they will be receiving about March 15. It can be done online. It was explained that it is very important for Frederick residents to complete the census because for each form that is not received, we lose \$18,000 over a 10-year period. Funding received goes to things like emergency services, roads, schools, etc. Trillions of dollars in funding are allocated because of the census.

Those looking to apply to be Census takers can apply at 2020census.gov/jobs. It is part time, seasonal for 6-8 weeks in April and May. The pay is \$21/hour and there is mileage reimbursement. Those who are selected for the positions will be contacted the week of March 7th. Veterans will receive three preference calls and three voice messages. After veteran preference, everyone else would receive one phone call, no message, and then put back into the queue until all positions are filled.

No Resident Questions/Concerns

OLD BUSINESS:

- A resident asked when Christopher Crossing will be opened. It will likely be open sometime in June 2020.

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>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NAC 3 MEETINGS – 7:00 PM Monocacy Elementary <u>2020 Schedule</u> April 27 June 29 September 28 November 23	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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