



OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes from June 6, 2022 and September 12, 2002 were approved. It was noted that we should be careful to give all candidates running for office an equal opportunity to speak at our meetings. It was mentioned that in the past there have been NAC 3 meetings designated for any and all candidates to present to residents.
- In anticipation for a visit from code enforcement, the following items were discussed:
 - Code enforcement needs to be more pro-active
 - Better code enforcement in Amber Meadows
 - Address trees hanging over walkways
 - Address weeds along Opossumtown Pike, especially the medians where the strip is narrow and the lawnmowers cannot cut
 - Address bushes/trees growing out of the sewers
 - Address maintenance of resident homes (peeling paint, broken shutters and screens, etc.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Composting Pilot Program – Phil Wescott, Key City Compost & Jennie Willoughby, City of Frederick Sustainability

A composting pilot program was recently extended to include NAC 3. The City has a goal of sustainability and to manage waste more efficiently. The objective of the program is to see if there is a financial, logistical, and environmental impact through composting after comparing data from the period prior to initiation of the pilot program with data with the program in place. It has partnered with Key City Compost, which is based in Frederick, to offer residents currently receiving waste services through the City to participate in the program. Residents will receive a 5-gallon bucket to collect food waste of all types, including bones, meat, bread, and produce. Because they are a larger facility, they can compost things that are normally difficult to compost. Each week the resident will set out their bucket on the curb for weekly collection and a new bucket will be left. This a program free to citizens, paid for by the City.

Link to join pilot program: www.keycompost.com Click “Services” then “Residential Services.” Enter your personal information and select “Sign Up Online.”

QUESTIONS

- A resident asked how long composting will remain free. The intention is for it to remain free.
- A resident asked when would be collection day? The answer is Monday.
- Another resident asked how the City and Key City Compost plan to gain participation and asked about plans to advertise. The answer is primarily by word of mouth and social media. The residents suggested a flyer or information sheet be created that could be shared at HOA meetings and through other means. Willoughby said that anything they’ve used to publicize via social media and NAC meetings can be shared.
- A couple residents asked about collection. Vans collect the waste and they are not always identified with sign. Key City will cater to an individual regarding placement of bin. The resident just needs to make a call to make the request.
- A resident asked how the pilot program is profitable to Key City? Wescott explained that the pilot program is just one piece of the project. Through composting they make soil which they then sell. It is also collected commercially from schools, businesses, and the like. Key City also tests soil for farmers.
- A resident asked if there is a cap to the number of residents that can enroll in the program? For NACs 3 and 8 together they can serve 800 residencies.
- A resident asked how long the pilot program will be. Wescott explained that initially it was approved as a one-year program as of August 2022. **Willoughby will find out and follow up.** She did explain that the fewer the people the longer the program could continue and that they could go six to eight months if participants maxed out. The City is hoping data shows this is a viable project in the long run. Their goal is to break even.
- A resident asked if the program is available to everyone? If you receive waste services from the City you are eligible.

NAC Revitalization – Allen Etzler, Manager of Communications, City of Frederick & Lauren Paulet, Community Engagement Specialist, City of Frederick

Allen Etzler explained how earlier this year, two Alderman wanted to make NAC a priority, to make it more effective and to work better for residents. They wanted to look at elements to address through the current resolution. They completed a peer review of 50 different cities across the United States to see how they engage the community. Three things addressed were: purpose, model/structure of engagement program, and boundaries.

- Purpose: In the resolution for the City of Frederick, the NACs have primarily used for informing. Other models’ purposes include: advisory arm (with voting power), constituent services lens (tree trims, police services, code enforcement and tracking), community engagement and development (create groups for projects, community garden, etc.), and independent nonprofit
- Structural models: formal representation and receive voting power where board of Aldermen would represent a district, coalition of NACs where coordinators are chosen by the City or are elected; grassroots, nonprofits, and no formal efforts
- Boundaries: Were designated 2002 and have not been reviewed or changed since. The City is deciding if they should be redrawn, and if so, the best way to go about it.

The City wants to see what is important to the residents and is still taking feedback. There are three different surveys for residents to take. Residents may also email or call Etzler or Paulet to dialogue and share ideas.

Link to surveys: frederickmd.gov/neighborhoods

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- One resident asked what is being referred to by “equity” in regards to boundary review models? The answer was whether or not to include a similar population minority and/or low-income level in each NAC so there is equal representation.
- A few residents expressed that the needs in a certain area are different from other areas of towns and that a sense of community should be a driving factor or similarity of needs.
- One resident expressed a concern about the City-wide planning meetings downtown, and that with so many NACs to cover, often they are waiting a long time to hear about planning specifically related to our NAC, where it has been exploding with building. The resident expressed that it has become harder to find out what is going on and have lots of questions and concerns but they feel they are being blocked out. The NAC board will send out planning information via email as it is received. Etzler said that this feedback was valuable and that it will be included in the resolution.
- A couple of residents asked about the engagement the residents in the more rural areas of the Frederick have with the City and the NACs. Etzler answered that there has not been much coordination with new neighborhoods. New resident engagement is something that will become a priority. Knowledge about the NACs should be intentional not accidental.
- A resident asked if new neighborhoods begin built in the more rural areas in our NAC will be part of our NAC. The answer is yes, that we have ownership of farmlands. **Etzler will confirm boundaries of annexed areas by Sunday’s Lane and Bloomfield.**

Striping Improvements to McClellan Drive – Shraddha Praharaj, Traffic Engineer, Traffic Engineering, City of Frederick and Cherian Eapen, Supervisor of Traffic Engineering, City of Frederick

The new striping on McClellan Drive will have new striping that includes pedestrian crosswalks, as well as larger stop signs and speed limit signs, marked cross walks, and a center line.

The maps shared at the meeting will be emailed out.

QUESTIONS:

- A resident asked if traffic has increased on McClellan the last few years? The answer was there have been no noticeable changes, but that it will likely increase once the Bloomfield residences are there.
- A resident asked if work has halted at Bloomfield? The answer that they are processing plans now for the large segment phases of 3 and 5 on Bloomfield and Sunday’s Lane.
- Residents asked regarding replacement of the existing traffic circle at Christopher’s Crossing and Yellow Spring Road and a walking path along Christopher’s Crossing from Walter Martz to Whittier. The answer is that this is County land, but the plan is to create a four-lane road with a median beginning late 2022 and that it is a two-year project. It will include a walking path.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- In preparation for a visit from Department of Public Works in December, please email any questions or topics you’d like discussed to the board at CityofFrederickNAC3@gmail.com.
- We need volunteers to place signs regarding upcoming meetings. If you are willing to place and take down a meeting sign in your neighborhood, please reach out to a NAC board member.

SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS / MISC:

- If you have a suggestion of a guest presenter from the City, County or local community, send an email or let a board member know. Also, if there is a topic that you think that should be discussed let a board member know.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Upcoming planning presentation: October 10, 2022, 6-8pm @ City Hall

Upcoming NAC 3 Meetings: December 5, 2022, 7 pm @ Monocacy Elementary

NAC CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAC 3 Email Address: CityofFrederickNAC3@gmail.com

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

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NAC 3 MEETINGS 7:00 PM @ Monocacy Elementary	All-NAC Planning 7:00 PM @ City Hall & Virtual	FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT
12/5/22	10/10/22 11/21/22 12/19/22	Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100 Anonymous Crime Tips 301-600 TIPS (8477) – phone 240-674-TIPS (8477) – text fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call 5 days prior to the meeting to make arrangements.

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