



Cpl. Geiser encouraged residents to report any question or concern to to the police department. He explained that officers cannot prioritize everything, and that they respond actively for issues where they hear the most complaints.

#### Questions/Comments:

- A resident asked if they had received any complaints regarding the stop signs recently placed at Christopher's Crossing & Poole Jones. A few residents explained that they are creating an issue of traffic getting backed up into the circle. Cpl. Geiser explained that a traffic team was created with Cpl. Geiser coordinating the team, and they are working to staff it. M.C. Keegan-Ayer (County of Frederick) mentioned that they were not aware the stop sign placement was backing up traffic when placed, so they are studying it now. Cherian Eapen (City of Frederick) explained that the County will be widening Christopher's Crossing from the ChrisX/Walter Martz to Whittier, which should be completed within 18-24 months from commencement of the project. The road will become a two-lane median road. Once it is finished, Frederick County will review the stop sign issue again.
- A resident was concerned about the speed limit on Walter Martz from the traffic circle onto Walther Martz heading toward Tuscarora Creek and suggested it be reduced from 40mph.
- A resident was concerned that on Amber Dr. there is a lot of speeding as well as people not stopping at the stop sign, only slowing. Another concern was that the bus stop sign on Carriage Way to Amber Dr. was moved and it's hard to see what is ahead because of parked vehicles blocking the view. Another concern is that there are several illegally parked cars there. Cpl. Geiser said he will be put on traffic radar.
- A resident expressed concerns that at the roundabout at Christopher's Crossing and Poole Jones/Walter Martz only about half of traffic stops for pedestrians. Cpl. Geiser noted that there have been complaints about crosswalks and they will look into it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from April 3, 2023 were approved with no changes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Frederick County Office of Economic Development – Katie Stevens, Director of Workforce Development and Agriculture Business | [Kstevens1@FrederickcountyMD.gov](mailto:Kstevens1@FrederickcountyMD.gov)**

#### Statistics about Frederick County:

- Population 279,835
- Median household income \$100,685
- \$12.2B Economy
- 101,375 jobs
- 6,661 businesses

Responsibilities of the Office of Economic Development for Frederick County include retaining jobs that facilitate growth and stability. It creates a tax-base that is non-residential to pay for infrastructure, programs and other needs. It focuses on community development, zoning and land use regulations, tax rates and incentives for businesses as well as marketing and education of business community and residents.

Stevens explained how the Office of Economic Development has two main organizations, economic development of both mainstream and mom & pop shops, and supporting current businesses and residents by finding jobs and connecting them with people, job training, etc.

Stevens works every day supporting the existing business community by hand-holding businesses through the regulatory processes, such as permitting and zoning. They provide education for businesses and support businesses that want to expand. Since the last election, they are trying to do more to help small businesses and have set up meetings with small businesses, the Maryland Small Business Development Center and the Women's Business Center help with business plans and marketing, etc.

The Office of Economic development tries nationwide to attract businesses to Frederick, Maryland by sharing the story of what is happening with Frederick. Then they support these businesses with permitting and other resources. Some of the key industries based from 2018's Growth Opportunity Strategy includes bioscience, professional and technical services, agriculture, technology and hospitality.

Some of the top locations and expansions include the expansion of the Rockwell Brewery and District Farms, Visitation Frederick Hotel, and Quantum Loophole.

Stevens explained that workforce development is important for everyone and the Office of Economic Development provides career coaching, resume building, classes, and job trainings to skill up. They also work with employers to create job descriptions and qualifications. They have a youth program for 16 to 24-year-olds to provide summer job training.

The Office of Economic Development continues to look toward the future to build industries. They want to make sure the businesses that come to Frederick County are a good fit as far as workforce and infrastructure. They seek to redevelop under-utilized sites.

Economic development is about everyone. The Office of Economic Development works with the City of Frederick, the State of Maryland, the Downtown Partnership, Visit Frederick, seeks to listen to the community. It tries to support underrepresented businesses through networking, classes and mentorship.

#### Questions/Comments:

- A resident asked what is considered a small business. The answer is for the purpose of the Office of Economic Development, they consider a small business to be one with under 50 employees.
- A resident asked what strategic planning or assessing and analyzing is being done to ensure that Frederick doesn't become like Montgomery County? Stevens explained that they are working with elected officials, and that they are trying to think smart about land without creating urban sprawl. Livable Frederick lays out a plan for future growth.
- Some residents were concerned about cost of living, especially those with a fixed income. Stevens explained that affordable housing is important to County Executive, Jessica Fitzwater.

#### **City of Frederick, Traffic Engineering – Cherian Eapen, Supervisor of Traffic Engineering & Shradha Praharaj, Traffic Engineer I**

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Cherian Eapen and Shradha Praharaj attended this meeting to hear feedback from the community regarding a proposal to restrict parking on one side of the street in the Cannon Bluff neighborhood.

The roadway in Cannon Bluff is 32 feet wide. If parking is considered to be 8 feet on each side, it leaves only 16 feet of roadway for traffic. Fire code explicitly asks for 20 feet of clear space for emergency access on roadways, and if parking is not restricted to one side, no streets in Cannon Bluff qualify. Eapen explained that one-side parking was intended in the neighborhood since it was designed, but for some reason signs were never placed. The issue of parking and traffic was brought to their attention after some complaints this year.

The proposed plans from Traffic Engineering that have been circulated are drafts, and Traffic Engineering wants to hear from residents and seek to find a solution that balances resident needs and code requirements.

#### Questions/Concerns:

- A resident stated that he measured between parked cars on either side of the street and it was 20 feet.
- A resident explained that on Artillery Rd, the neo traditional homes have garages in back with no parking in driveways. The resident would like to know what reasonable accommodations would be provided for residents in the same situation.
- A resident would like more data and information regarding the complaint as resident experience regarding traffic and emergency vehicle passing has been different.
- Multiple residents were concerned that they weren't made aware sooner that the neighborhood was going to be restricted to one-side parking, especially if it had been in the plans all along.
- A resident was concerned that the neo traditional homes don't have driveways and so the parking bleeds onto streets of single-family homes.
- A resident asked who had complained.
- A resident asked the cost of each sign that will go up.
- A resident said that no-parking signs went up in the Preserve at Tuscarora Creek and they are not being enforced. Another resident stated the same thing happens in Tuscarora Creek.
- A resident is concerned that people are parking in front of the mailbox groupings and the mail carrier will not deliver.
- A resident stated they have not had issues with sight at Brigade and Caisson.
- A resident asked who the fire safety officer was that gave the recommendation of restricting parking on one side of the road. The answer is Steve Krone.
- A resident said that the distance for emergency vehicles can be reduced from 20 feet to 16 feet and asked why this cannot be considered for Cannon Bluff.
- A resident asked if any incidents have occurred to make the change.

NAC coordinators suggested that we hold another meeting with all involved parties to come up with a solution that will work for City, Fire Department, and residents. **NAC Coordinators will work with Lauren Paulet to set up a meeting with residents and corresponding City employees.**

Additional information provided by Praharaj after the meeting includes rationale for the proposed plan. In the proposed plan, parking was permitted on the sides which have fewer driveways, thereby maximizing the spaces. On stretches of roadway that have similar number of driveways on both sides, the side was chosen arbitrarily.

Praharaj also shared the specific City standards and fire codes related to this proposal:

1. 8 ft of parallel parking requirement: In [City's Manual of Standard Details for Construction](#), the roads in Cannon Bluff neighborhood are categorized as 2 lane street with parking on one side. This can be found on ST 11.2 (page 78). All city streets are required to have 8 ft parking stall

width for parallel parking, wherever applicable. For 2 lane street with parking on both sides, minimum pavement width is required to be 38 ft, found on ST 11.1 (page 77).

2. 20 ft fire clear space fire code requirement comes from the [State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code](#) (relevant section can be found under 18.2.3.5.1).

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- We are looking for additional NAC 3 Coordinators. If you are interested, please reach out to a NAC 3 coordinator or Lauren Paulet, Community Engagement Specialist.
- Report issues in the City of Frederick [here](#) or download the iSpires app. ([Apple](#) | [Android](#))

#### **SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS / MISC:**

- If you have a suggestion of an agenda item or guest presenter from the City, County or local community or an issue that should be addressed click [here](#), send an email, or let a NAC coordinator know.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **Next NAC 3 meeting:** October 2, 2023 from 7-8:15PM at Monocacy Elementary School
- **City-wide Planning Division Community Outreach Meeting:** July 10, 2023, 6-8pm @ City Hall (101 N Court St, Frederick)  
Subscribe to planning agenda notification emails [here](#).  
For more information about each project, search the City's database [here](#).
- **Next Ad Hoc Neighborhood Engagement & NAC Committee Meeting:** June 27, 2023 from 4:30-5:30PM @ City Hall 101 N Court St, Frederick, MD 21701)  
To view the meeting:  
Attend in person  
[Stream online via the Public Meetings page](#)  
To provide comments during the meeting:  
[Comment via Granicus](#)  
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