

CITY OF CUMBERLAND, MD

Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)

MEETING MINUTES – June 29, 2015

Lee Borrer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and reminded everyone to sign-in. Attending were: Lee Borrer, Jenn Jeudy, Kathy Robinson, Louise Elliott, George Reynolds, and Bob Peck.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the April 2015 meeting. All were in favor.

Lee asked if there were any questions regarding Community Development to which there were none. She asked if anyone or group had issues with some possible solutions to discuss. Garbage pick-up times are available on the City website and calls can be made to City Hall to find out garbage regulations for your neighborhood and for rules on the recycling program. Lee directed the membership to Code Enforcement for all nuisance complaints such as high grass and weeds, as well as property improvement maintenance complaints to 301-759-6456 and ask for Darrell Lee Powell or Buck Taylor. These problems should be reported when they arise and not held for the NAC meetings.

All City department reports are available online.

Neighborhood Reports

Decatur Heights: Bob Peck reported a block party coming up July for neighborhood and Lee question that it was cancelled so this will be checked out for date and time.

Mapleside: Lee will be starting a Neighborhood Group in her neighborhood. (book??)

East Side : Their Dumpster Day was a huge success and in they are working to find ways to get folks to their monthly meetings. Lee suggested public service announcements with Allegheny Radio and is not sure of the process other stations use, but probably similar.

Josh Greise and Jenn Jeudy are working on packets for folks willing to step up and join or begin a neighborhood group in their neighborhood.

Old Business

The NAC had given comments on the logo designed for NAC by the Caporale Group. Packets were handed out showing 3 logo designs based upon those comments. Logo and branding of this design is the most important with uses for the logo to come. The choice was made for the design labeled #1. In reviewing the individual neighborhood logos the decision was made for design labeled #1.

National Night Out will be held in Cumberland on Monday, August 4, from 5-9 p.m., on Somerville Ave. between First and Second Street in front of the Salvation Army. The next planning meeting is July 14 at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the Public Safety Building. Hope is that all neighborhoods will participate.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Public Comments

A gentleman made a comment that the Community Service folks he sees are not doing the work he feels is the best need. Another mentioned the flower beds full of weeds in each neighborhood. Both are looking to the City. Lee reminded all that the City does not have the manpower to take care of issues like this and the NAC's job is to come up with solutions or funding sources to get projects like this completed. If neighbors see folks in vacant properties they are probably not supposed to be there, so report it. Jenn said that many larger problems start small like this and raising awareness is the best way to combat crime. Recycling garbage cans have a proper use

and your neighbor is not doing so, you should say something to them but that is about all you can do.

A motioned was made to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 2015.

Respectively submitted,
Terri Hast

cc: Margie Woodring, City Clerk