

CITY OF CUMBERLAND, MD

## **Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)**

*MEETING MINUTES – October 26, 2015*

Allen Hedrick reminded all to sign in and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Introductions were made.

Attending were: Appointees - Allen Hedrick (Co-Chair), Jenn Jeudy, Lee Borrer; and Terri Hast recording secretary. Also present were Gary Logan, Barbara Salas, George and Louise Elliott and Jamie Wiseman. Appointees unable to attend include: Councilmembers Seth Bernard and David Kauffman, Katie Gattens, Michael Cassidy, Lt Brian Lepley, and David Cox.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the August 31 and September 28, 2015 was made by Borrer, seconded and approved by all.

### **Old Business**

Josh Greise and Jeudy headed up the organization of the Walsh Humbird Neighborhood group by passing out flyers and leading a neighborhood meeting two weeks ago. After speaking with many neighbors in person they were disappointed to report six people showed up to meeting held at Rock of Ages Restaurant. Another meeting is scheduled for November 12 at the same location. A question was asked as to where the name Walsh Humbird came from with no one having the answer. Hast will check into it. A good many ideas were discussed at this meeting and neighbors questioned if they needed to form as a 501C3, which they do not. However Chapel Hill is undergoing this process and offered assistance in the process to if needed. A short explanation by City staff on the Code Enforcement process vs. various violations took place and it was decided to invite a City Code Enforcement officer, Police and City Arborist to future NAC meetings. All were encouraged to call Code Enforcement if they believe there is a violation and to report the low lit areas of their community, and to contact the police department for any suspicious activity. A suggestion was made to pass out fliers to the community on what is expected of residents in taking care of property. Hast mentioned a brochure developed regarding housing code and promised to bring some to the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Jamie Wiseman with the Rolling Mill Neighbor Group said they will meet for first time since 2013 at the Martin's Martin's Community Room in January with a date/time to be determined. There was discussion on which media to contact to get the word out which mentioned all radio, Times-News and Facebook and more. A question was raised regarding the section of sidewalk near Oldtown Road that has yet to be completed and understood that funding was in place to do so a few year ago. City staff promised to look into this.

Borrer mention that a new round of CDBG applications are due out and for all to consider qualifying projects for funding. M&CC will hold a hearing in February and approvals possibly by June or July. Groups do not have to be 501C3 organizations. Some qualifying ideas would be monthly clean up days, block party support, sidewalk repair, funding towards a community center, façade grants, etc. Please have dialogue within each group on what you'd like to do and make sure it's a community coordinated effort.

A motion was made for the NAC to not meet publically in November and December and have only the Commission meet as scheduled to review NAC goals and objectives. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 6:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 25, 2015 with the Commission meeting on the regular scheduled November and December dates.

Respectively submitted,

Terri Hast

cc: Margie Woodring, City Clerk