

CITY OF CUMBERLAND, MD

Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)

MEETING MINUTES – February 27, 2017

City Councilman Rock Cioni called the meeting to order at 5:00 continuing with introductions. Attendance included appointees: Jenn Jeudy, Councilman Rock Cioni, Josh Greise, Terri Hast and Sgt. Tony Tringler. Also in attendance was: Dione Clark-Trub, Bob Clark, and Scott.

Mr. Greise made a motion to accept the minutes from January which was seconded, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

The March NAC meeting which will feature the Johnson Heights/Mapleside neighborhood is set for City Reach Church at 610 Brookfield Avenue, across from the City football stadium. Mrs. Hast explained the NAC and the reason for outreach to the new attendees. When asked if anyone new of any hot topics regarding this outreach neighborhood, none were provided. Councilman Cioni promised to ask Mayor and City Council if they'd be interested in attending. He was to also outreach the Let's Beautiful Committee! Regarding attendance.

New Business

Councilman Cioni had taken some questions from the NAC to the Mayor and City Council. The NAC was asked how much the funding request would be for promotion and refreshments for each outreach meeting. It was decided that \$100 should cover a Facebook boost and refreshments. The NAC agreed to work harder on acquiring Public Service Announcements on the radio stations and in the newspapers. It was also suggested to use the After School programs, Salvation Army, Licensed Childcare of Allegany County, and the local Board of Education and schools to get the word out regarding meetings and outreach forums.

Neighborhoods

Planning for the Johnson Heights/Mapleside meeting began. It was decided to ask all NAC appointees, including City appointees to be sure to attend the March outreach meeting as it is important all show up as expected. Some meetings in the past had only three appointees attend. It was suggested to promote the March meeting as an Open forum mentioning who plans to attend. A comment was made that the Mayor and City Council appears to not be neighborhood oriented and this could show that they are.

It would be nice to see more community service work be more meaningful by doing things like walking kids to and from school, creating Neighborhood Crime Watches or Citizens on Patrol. A question was raised if the Let's Beautify Cumberland! Committee does projects through throughout the year and City staff will ask the Shade Tree Commission about this. The Hagerstown Citizen's on Patrol organization was mentioned and interest was shown. It was decided to ask Cumberland Police if they had done any research on how this organization works with Hagerstown Police. A suggestion was made to go to Hagerstown and do some checking. Another suggestion was made to contact those involved by phone instead and have a conversation. The final decision was to contact Lt. Lepley with the Cumberland Police and ask if he or some others had visited Hagerstown in the past for this very thing. Sgt. Tringler said that the police would never want anyone to get involved in anyway except with eyes and ears ONLY and hopes that no one would attempt any contact with suspected criminals.

The NAC will meet again on Monday, March 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m., City Reach Church Fellowship Hall and will be an open forum for the Johnson Heights/Mapleside neighborhood residents.

Ms. Jeudy made a motion which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Terri Hast

cc: Margie Woodring, City Clerk