

CITY OF CUMBERLAND, MD

Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC)

MEETING MINUTES – April 25, 2016

Chairman Allen Hedrick called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Attendance included: Ed Madariaga, Tara Hartsock, Patrick and Louise Stangler, Allen Hedrick, Jen Thomas, Pam Buchanan, Frances Cook, Kathleen Breighner, Rita Schoenadel. Appointed City Councilmember Rock Cioni, City Staff Lee Borrer and Terri Hast. Commission members not present: Michael Cassidy, Katie Gattens, and Jen Judy.

The minutes from the meeting of March 28, 2016 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Cook and seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

It was told that the Center City's 1st neighborhood meeting was held April 18 with a good turnout. Minutes of their meeting are available to anyone wanting to view them. Borrer reminded all that neighborhood meetings are open to the public and by visiting each other's meetings you might pick up some ideas that could work for your own group.

SCBCA reported they have begun Halloween Parade planning and their last meeting for the season will be held in May. The next meeting will be in September.

New Business

The following discussion was to concentrate on the Westside neighborhood.

Neighborhood concerns and goals from the Comp Plan had been distributed earlier for review and were asked to be discussed. Rita Schoenaedel suggested using the churches and helping them each to develop programs for kids to help out in their community.

Hartsock and Thomas with Western Maryland Health Systems spoke on the Community Gardens for this season in Cumberland. One of the garden locations is on Sperry Terrace. Others in the community include Fairmont Ave., Williams Street, and Pine Ave. South Penn Elementary School will also be creating raised beds for planting. They explained how neighbors can help with planting, donations of all sorts, and upkeep. Borrer invited both ladies back for the West Side meeting to be held in June saying this would be a good topic item.

There are no existing neighborhood groups that anyone was aware of.

Several suggestions for a meeting location were given with West Side Elementary School being chosen. Hast will check into this possibility and an announcement will be made along with placing this information on the flyer for West Side in June.

A proposed agenda and flyer for the June NAC meeting were reviewed with a correction on the map noted.

The next meeting will be held in West Side Neighborhood on Monday, June 27, 2016, 5:00 p.m. May 30 is the Memorial Day holiday. The location will be publicized once arrangements have been made.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Terri Hast

cc: Margie Woodring, City Clerk