

NAC 1 Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2015
Whittier Elementary School

Recorder: Joan Willoughby
Location: Whittier Elementary School
Start time: 7:00 p.m.
End time: 7:50 p.m.

Attendance: 4 residents (FYI only - both Linda and I were there, plus “regulars” Sandy Johns and Violet Rice)

Police Report: Sgt. Stanley gave the police report for the NAC 1 area. He noted the usual number of calls for service, many of which involved traffic stops. He reminded residents of the regulations regarding the snow emergency, including removing vehicles from snow emergency routes. A resident raised a concern about snow clearing personnel pushing snow onto already-cleared areas during the last snowstorm.

Sgt. Stanley followed through on the request from the last meeting to note parking issues on Free Terrace, and said he had forwarded his report to Devon Hahn (sp?), the City’s Traffic Engineer (correct title?). A question was asked about the recent shooting (not in NAC 1) at Frederick High School. Sgt. Stanley indicated that the investigation is ongoing, and information will be shared with the public when that investigation has been completed.

Frederick County Fire Battalion Chief Tom Coe (A-Shift Northern Battalion Chief) attended the meeting, and indicated he oversees all county fire/rescue resources from Junior and Independent (NAC 1) north to the Pennsylvania border. He and Sgt. Stanley urged residents to help clear all fire hydrants from snow, to allow quick access for fire/rescue crews. He reported that they had received numerous calls for burst water pipes in the past few weeks, including some in the NAC 1 region. He urged all residents to take precautions to avoid having burst pipes, and to ensure that everyone in the household knows how to shut off the main water valve in case a pipe bursts. A question was raised about fire/rescue apparatus using sirens during overnight runs, and he explained the system and how they try to balance safety and convenience to residents along the routes. He also discussed the challenges to the 911 system in receiving multiple calls from cell phones regarding the same incident, often giving conflicting information on location or circumstances. He indicated that he will try to attend future NAC 1 meetings if his schedule permits. (For your information, Michele – his contact info is: Tom Coe, 240-674-3169 (cell); 301-600-9002 (office); TCoe@frederickcountymd.gov email)

Jenny Willoughby, the City of Frederick Sustainability Manager, presented the draft Sustainability Master Plan for the City of Frederick, and asked residents to review and comment on the draft before the end of March, when it will be presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Further review and action will take place over the next few months. The report discusses current activities/policies, partnerships, and suggestions or recommended actions/policies in eight areas. Included are:

- ✓ Air quality
- ✓ Water quality
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Waster/recycling
- ✓ Food and Nutrition
- ✓ Urban canopy & open spaces
- ✓ Impervious surfaces and built environment

Laura LaMotte, Prevention coordinator, Frederick County Health Department, and Jennifer Salisbury, of the Asian-American Center of Frederick, spoke of the Frederick County Alcohol Prevention Initiative. They told residents they have established a Facebook page (Frederick County Alcohol Prevention Initiative) and are currently surveying Frederick County residents about attitudes and beliefs around under-age drinking in the county. Residents at the NAC 1 meeting were asked to fill out a short questionnaire on the subject. Completed surveys were given to Ms. LaMotte and Ms. Salisbury.

No new business was introduced.

The next NAC 1 meeting was announced for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Whittier Elementary School