

## Minutes from Neighborhood meeting with Highland Hospital

Meeting set up by Mike Thompson and Barbara Ficarra

**Date:** April 24, 2012 5:30 p.m.

**Location :** Gleason Conference room.

### **Attendees:**

*Neighbors:* Michael Burger, Greg Stefl, Jacqueline Lindauer, Mike Thompson

*City council members:* John Borek (Assistant to Adam McFadden)

*Highland Hospital Administration:* Barbara Ficarra, Director of Community Relations

Mike Zanghi, Director of Facilities

Kara Halstead, Physician Liaison / Director of Service Excellence

### **Goals of the meeting**

- 1) Status progress
- 2) next steps

### **Action items from last time**

- ❖ **Brian Liberti and Mike Zanghi** to work together to come up with trees the city can plant which will be able to resist salting.
- ❖ **John Borek** will pull together planning commission requirements for neighborhood screening of parking garages from site planning documents.
- ❖ **Barbara** to remind staff re smoking at Bellvue near ER entrance. Revisit staff smoking on Mt Vernon and Rockingham and remind staff about sitting on street in "blues". Also will look into medical waste on the street issue .
- ❖ **Mike T.** to distribute minutes. Also will create problem tracking document and distribute.

Meeting started at 5:35 p.m.

Introductions

### **Discussion:**

- Mike Thompson presented problem matrix which was used as a working document during the meeting
- Mike Zanghi : Announced Highland will remove dead trees from their property from Oakland to South ave. tree planting by City on this stretch. Highland to plant trees ( selected under advice from city forester Brian Liberti, between sidewalk and North Parking lot from Oakland to Mt Vernon. It is too late for spring planting, planting to happen late summer /fall. These trees will be salt resistant Honey Locust 2 ½ -3" caliper @ 12-15 ' tall. Highland will also be selecting bushes to be planted as fill in where arborvitaes are not vital with Miss Kim lilacs or elderberry. Landscaping will also be added by the Physician Office Building Garage. The final plant selections have not been made.
- John Borek : could not find requirements originally agreed on by hospital in site plan approval for Physician office bldg & garage. Mike Thompson to provide his copy of partial documentation from 1989.
- Discussion about eliminating parking on Mt Vernon near florist entrance not acceptable ; many patients at hospital rely on that entrance, however, enforcement of safe/legal parking practices to be communicated to those using this entrance.
- Noise, smoking by EMT's and ambulance personnel on Bellvue entrance especially noise late at night, Medical trash ( nitrile gloves, masks) around hospital on Bellvue and Mt Vernon

, Staff Smokers hanging around on Mt Vernon and Rockingham ,Staff wearing “Blues” outside and sitting around on curbs on Mt Vernon. Barbara reiterated to call 220 0809 or 424 0315 for these occurrences when they are happening if possible.

- Truck deliveries after 10:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m. especially backup “beep-beeps”.
- Mike Z to talk with at least 2 vendors about this. Hospital Administration was reminded quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Dock is staffed around the clock, more exploration will be done on this issue .

Group agrees to next meeting Tuesday July 10, 5:30 Highland Hospital.  
Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Michael Thompson*

Highland Hospital - Neighborhood			status codes	
			<b>R</b>	No action planned
Interaction matrix update April 24-2012			<b>Y</b>	Action being planned /solution in progress
			<b>G</b>	Issue resolved
Item #	Item	Date of initiation (when brought to group's attention)	Status	
1	City trees died on Rockingham street	2/28/2012	Y	city forester Brian Liberti working with Highland to select, plant and care for new street trees and HH trees 2 1/2-3" caliper by 12-15' Honey Locusts
2	screening and landscaping on Rockingham side of Hospital unacceptable	2/28/2012	Y	plan in place to plant screening shrubs
3	screening and landscaping on Mt Vernon side of Hospital unacceptable	2/29/2012	R	next phase
4	Noise on ER side of hospital late at night	2/28/2012	Y	call 220-0809, 424 0315
5	Medical trash ( gloves, etc) outside around hospital	2/28/2012	Y	call 220-0809, 424 0316
6	Smokers hanging around Rockingham & Mt Vernon	2/28/2012	Y	call Barb, 341 6210; Barb has sent memos mike following up with staff
7	Staff in "Hospital Blues", sitting on curbs smoking and taking breaks.	2/28/2012	Y	call Barb, 341 6210; Barb has sent memos mike following up with staff
8	Truck deliveries between 10p.m. and 8 a.m. noisy	2/28/2012	Y	Mike Z talking to Vendors