

**Minutes**  
**Neighborhood Stabilization Committee**  
**Council Chambers**  
**College Park City Hall**  
**Monday, April 7, 2014**  
**7:05 PM- 9:05 PM**

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor and Council: PJ Brennan, Robert Day, Andrew Fellows, Alan Hew, Fazlul Kabir, Denise Mitchell, Stephanie Stullich, Patrick Wojahn  
Residents: Jackie Pearce Garrett, Bonnie McClellan, Christine Nagel, Aaron Springer  
Students: Chris Frye, Catherine McGrath, Tricia McLaughlin, Dirk Parham, Josh Ratner, Todd Waters  
University: Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell, Andrea Goodwin, Chief David Mitchell  
Police: Maj. Dan Weishaar  
Landlords: Lisa Miller, Paul Carlson  
City Staff: Bob Ryan

**Other Meeting Participants:**

University: Capt. Ken Calvert, Anne Martens  
Police: Cpl. Don Carter, Capt. Dave Lloyd  
City Staff: Yvette Allen, Bill Gardiner, Joe Nagro

**Welcome and Introductions:** Councilmember Stullich opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed the committee and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

**Review history and strategies of the previous Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Work Group (NSQLWG):** Councilmembers Stullich and Wojahn gave an overview of the NSQLWG, which the City Council had created in June 2012 to develop new strategies for addressing issues related to the increasing use of single-family houses as group rental houses, with the goals of improving the balance in the mix of housing and population in College Park neighborhoods and addressing quality of life concerns.

The NSQLWG created four task forces to focus on the issues: Issue Reduction, Home Ownership, Community Building, and Housing Diversity. Each of these four task forces developed a set of potential strategies that might be used to achieve improvements for the community as a whole. The NSQLWG's final report was presented to the College Park Mayor and Council and adopted on August 7, 2013.

Committee members were asked to think about which strategies they would like to work on.

**Name of Committee:** The name chosen by the City Council was the "Neighborhood Stabilization Committee," in an effort to use a shorter and easier-to-remember name than the previous group (Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Work Group). Some committee members suggested that "Quality of Life Committee" would be more appropriate and more positive. Another suggested combining the two concepts as the "Neighborhood Quality Committee." Because this committee was established by a resolution of the City Council, the Council is the body that can change the name.

The group agreed that we would poll the committee members about their preferences, and then compile that information and share with the City Council. Names under consideration include:

- Neighborhood Stabilization Committee
- Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Committee
- Quality of Life Committee
- Neighborhood Quality Committee

**Committee and Subcommittee Leadership:** Committee members agreed that Patrick Wojahn and Stephanie Stullich, the co-chairs of the previous NSQLWG, should continue to serve as co-chairs of the NSC. Other committee members are encouraged to take on leadership roles by chairing one of the subcommittees, or by leading the implementation of one or more strategies. Subcommittee chairs will be chosen by each subcommittee at the first subcommittee meeting.

**Formation of Subcommittees:** Subcommittees will work on implementing strategies, developing new strategies, and developing and implementing measures of progress. Each subcommittee will report back to the full committee at its quarterly meetings.

Committee members discussed ideas for potential subcommittees, and a motion was made by Bonnie McClellan and seconded by Councilmember Denise Mitchell to form the following eight subcommittees:

- A. Code Enforcement and Public Safety
- B. Expectations and Best Practices for Rental Property Owners
- C. Changing Incentives and Culture Change
- D. Housing Diversity
- E. Community Building
- F. Home Ownership
- G. Metrics
- H. Community Engagement

All were in favor of the motion. The first six subcommittees will work on specific strategy areas, whereas the last two subcommittees are intended to be more process-oriented, helping to develop metrics for measuring progress and ways for engaging the larger community in the work of the NSC (e.g., through public forums, a webpage, and other methods).

**Stakeholder discussion and review of NSQLWG strategies.** The list of strategies will continue to evolve; new strategies will be added and some may be deleted or revised. Based on suggestions from various committee members, the group agreed to add the following three strategies:

- 28: In addition to the Greek-organized on-campus tailgates, allow for tailgating by other groups at designated locations such as the City Hall parking lot (to accommodate increased game attendance resulting from joining the Big 10)
- 32: Strategy related to sexual assault prevention – wording to be determined
- 51: Expand the scope of and participation in Good Neighbor Day

Meeting concluded at 9:05 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2014. A meeting schedule will be emailed to committee members.