

BWNA Neighborhood Meeting

Date: 8/15/24

Location: Sayre Friendship Towers

Welcome: (Laurie Nichols & Debbie McCormick)

Introduction of Speakers:

Brenda Monarres 4th District

Feel free to call or email Brenda with any traffic questions or concerns. They have added another traffic person to tackle these needs.

Forest Green is next in for paving. So if we can wait to paint edge lines until paving happens, it could be next Spring.

Greenfield Drive there is a curve. Sayre employees park on the road and only one car can get down the road. This has already reached Brenda to be addressed; it just goes in order of when they were received.

Forest Green and Troy Trail, just past the park. A pedestrian island is also in the works. This has enhanced crosswalk.

Spring 2025 tennis courts will be completely new. Demo and reconstruction.

Roundabout is still in plans.

They are looking at sidewalks in front of schools.

The horseshoe pits have also been brought to the attention of the city.

The mowing is great in our park.

There is a handout about the ragweed. There was a complaint about the amount of ragweed in the park.

Compliments to Brenda on a job well done for our neighborhood. She is very on top of things. Our neighborhood has never had this many things done in our neighborhood in such a short amount of time.

Charlie Martin (Sewer): Director of Water Quality

He spoke one year ago.

3 million dollars have been put into solving odor issue. 2 at west hickman and one at town branch. It is still a work in progress. Smoke testing is getting ready to start. Pinnacle and

Cumberland Hill will be the first one since they are closest to the plant. The fall seems to be the time that this is the worst which is why they chose this time to do the test. Work will continue.

Questions: Note there are less incidents in Belleau Wood. Is this an accident? The plant got cleaned up and previous leadership went on. He is happy to take anyone for a field trip. The ash tank continues to cause problems for us. This is projected to be done by the end of the year. Lots of things are dependent on supply chain issues.

Gratitude was expressed that they are on the right track. They now have data to look at to figure out if what they are doing is effective.

Victoria Meyer and David Lowe- (Park Initiative)

Parks Funding Ballot Referendum

Parks are funded through the general fund.

All parks board members are all volunteers

What is a ballot referendum? Sometimes called ballot measures, ballot initiatives, or propositions.

Allows voters to decide issues directly.

90% of Fayette County residents visit parks

57% visit parks at least once a month

88% want upgrades to parks and recreational facilities.

Problem:

100+ parks require 8.5 million every year for improvements

The city's general fund has not kept pace with this need.

2024 study found \$123 million in deferred maintenance in our parks. (1/3 of cities yearly budget)

Citizen-Led Solutions:

2024 ballot referendum creates a dedicated fund source for parks.

Funds are protected by state law

Delivers \$8 million annually for parks capital projects

Utilizes fiscally responsible funding mechanism

Enables pursuit of state and federal matching grants.

The average homeowner would pay about a dollar per week.

Outcomes:

Transformational and sustained neighborhood infrastructure investment in parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational facilities citywide.

400+ projects remain in the 2018 Parks Master Plan

Improves public safety

Attracts new, high-paying jobs to Lexington

Robust Community Support:

Public opinion poll indicated strong support among likely voters

Unanimous Council vote advanced referendum to November ballot

100+ endorsements from business, community, and neighborhood leaders.

parksfundinglex.com

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Police Safety Officer

Dylan Taylor

We had 4 officers present.

Blinking Yellow lights are a big issue. Puts the driver in a judgment situation.

Southern Schools during pick up concerns were brought up. The road is a two lane road and traffic will back up. Maybe look into Fayette County Public Schools police who have jurisdiction.

Car Thefts seem to have improved. Officer Taylor says it is a quiet neighborhood.

This is the biggest crime and 95% of those are people walking around checking handles. Lock your doors.

Waxwing Way and Big Bea, Wilson Downing, Camelot: Overall very well for crime.

Suspicious neighborhood activity at night that you see you should call 911.

Traffic Cameras have been highly beneficial.

Review of Minutes from 7/7/24 Emily (There is a glitch in being able to pull up the minutes)

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

2nd:

Treasurer Report: Ron Sallee

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Motion: Scott McCormick

2nd: Karen Brown

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Jan Sallee - 105 current members
 - Thanks to the Delaneys for the door hangers.

Old Business:

Food Trucks: Susan Sallee

We have one on Friday and our last one will be on August 23rd. Info on website.
Promote Mister Softee as a neighborhood social.

City Grant Status: Susan Sallee

We got an earlier grant for DJ at picnic and landscaping totaling \$1000

We need some signs replaced. We have 2 estimates of around \$800. The grant was complicated and time consuming to invest in the matching grant. If anyone is interested in heading this project.

Membership Packets: Delaney's

Access to the MLS contact the Delaneys and give them your address.

Will need more gift cards and stamps for our new neighbors welcome letter.

2 new members were received from the door hanger initiative.

Sunshine Committee:

Recognized for their hard work.

Block Captains will probably be phased out.

New Business:

Looking for new ideas and open to trying new things.

Popsicle Parade

Halloween Ideas

Look of making schedule of activities of next year

Nominations/Volunteers for 24/25 BWNA Officer Positions

President: Scott McCormick

Vice President: Susan Sallee

Secretary: Kelly Stamper

Co Treasurers - Ron and Jan Sallee

Motion 1: Laurie Nichols

Snd: Daniel Delaney

Adjourn: 8:41pm

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Motion 2: Ron Sallee