

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM
333 Larch Lane

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.
- II. Adoption of the agenda: The membership unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.
- III. Approval of past meeting minutes: Jim Stone made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes and Brenda Bush seconded. All were in favor.
- IV. Recognition of guests and presentations
 - a. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Planning staffers Brandi Peacher, Design Specialist, and Barbara Rakers, Administrative Officer in Planning Services, discussed the LFUCG's four main sections of planning: transportation planning, long range planning, zoning enforcement, and planning services. The division updates their comprehensive plan every five years, which includes identifying their major goals and objectives. This process will begin at the end of 2016 and early 2017, and the division encouraged active neighborhood associations like MNA to voice their goals for the area. Residents who would like to be added to a correspondence list for planning updates can email planningmailbox@lexingtonky.gov or contact Bill Salee, Manager of Planning Services, at bills@lexingtonky.gov.
 - b. Second District Council member Shevawn Akers made the following announcements:
 - i. The art sculptures on the Oliver Lewis Way bridge have been completed and installed. This is the largest public art project commissioned by the city of Lexington. A lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, April 29 at 7:45pm.
 - ii. Saturday, April 16 is non-hazardous waste disposal day. The city is hosting a "free dump day" from 6:00am to 1:00pm at the transfer station on Old Frankfort Pike. Saturday, April 23 is hazardous waste disposal day, taking place at 8:30am to 4:00pm. Hazardous waste includes gasoline, oil paint, cleaning products, and batteries.
 - iii. Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program applications are now open and due May 13. The grant includes storm drain marking, rain gardens, rain barrels, planting trees on a stream, and educational seminars for the neighborhood. The grant opportunity is up to \$35,000.
 - iv. Mayor Jim Gray's budget, with an operating revenue of \$345 million, has been released. A good portion of the budget, with fiscal year beginning July 1, is going toward parks this year, which includes new aquatic spraygrounds at Masterson Station, Jacobson, Douglass, and Castlewood parks. The budget also includes the hiring of 20 new police officers, new vehicles, and a new fire station. On that same note, Ms. Akers announced that the mayor appointed the city's first female fire chief, Kristin Chilton, who as previously a resident of Meadowthorpe.
 - v. Ms. Akers is planning a second district fall festival on Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 to 5:00pm at Masterson Station Park. She is looking for volunteers for both planning and during the event, as well as donations to help fund it. The next planning meeting is Monday, April 18 at 6:00pm at Center Point Christian Church at 865 Greendale Road. MNA has agreed to be the fiscal sponsor for the event.
 - c. Second District Council candidate Sasha Love Higgins introduced herself to the membership. She expressed her interest in education, economic development, and public safety. She is hosting a meet and greet on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Meadowthorpe Community Center.

V. Committee Reports

a. Neighborhood Watch Committee

- i. Police activity report: Commander Remark announced that the homes in the Meadowthorpe neighborhood had zero crime reports in March. An individual robbery did occur at Thorntons on March 28 and a store robbery at Dollar General on April 10. She also discussed the shooting incident at Royal Lounge. Ms. Akers expanded on the incident: The council tried to strengthen the nuisance ordinance on repeat offender properties with the goal of having more power to take action on repeat offenders. The ordinance currently requires four citations or arrests within one year in order to strengthen power. One of the fastest mechanisms is the ABC permits (which is run by the state). Ms. Akers is working for the following ordinance change: If there are two shootings within a two-year period, ABC can revoke the license from the landlord/property owner for a period of two years. Therefore, the address will not be able to have a bar or ABC license for that period of time.

b. Meadowthorpe Development Review Committee

- i. In the March general membership meeting, MNA was unanimously opposed of the Republic Services' conditional use permit request to construct and operate a transfer station on Lisle Industrial Road. Coleman Bush encouraged the membership to sign a petition and attend the board of adjustment meeting on Friday, April 29 at 1:30pm. His goal is to obtain 500 signatures before the board of adjustment meeting. He asked for volunteers to take the petition sheet door-to-door in the neighborhood. He also announced that a bus is shuttling residents from the neighborhood to the meeting.

c. Neighborhood Spirit Committee

- i. Traci Letcher and Amy Steele announced that families are welcome to attend an afternoon of painting speeding signs and butterfly houses on Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 to 3:00pm at the community center. The speeding signage, which will be displayed temporarily in the yards of participating neighbors, will encourage motorists to slow down. The following donations are still needed: paint brushes, quarts of paint, and scrap plywood. The following items are also needed: rake, garden tools, drill, saw, and other tools to install wood posts for the butterfly garden.

VI. Old Business

- a. There was no old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

- a. Jim Capillo announced that he would like the association to host a debate for Second District Council member Shevawn Akers and Second District Council candidate Sasha Higgins during the October general membership meeting.
- b. Jim Capillo announced that Larry Roberts, Fayette County Attorney, will be the guest speaker for the May 10 general membership meeting.
- c. It was announced that Tom Blues and Don Bertaldo are ill.

VIII. Motion to adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Carrie Asalon, MNA Secretary