

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
333 Larch Lane

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the agenda: Jim Stone made a motion to adopt the agenda and Brian Throckmorton seconded. All were in favor.
- III. Approval of past meeting minutes: Jim Stone made a motion to approve the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes and Brian Throckmorton seconded. All were in favor.
- IV. Recognition of guests and presentations
  - a. Fayette County Attorney Larry Roberts explained his role in the community. Some Fayette County Attorney roles and programs include:
    1. Criminal prosecution (Mr. Roberts' office begins the prosecution of every criminal case in Fayette County, ranging from graffiti to murder)
    2. Child support enforcement
    3. Traffic division (77,000 citations issued per year)
    4. Cold check recovery
    5. Delinquent property tax collection
    6. Gang enforcement
    7. Driver education
  - b. Senator Reggie Thomas announced some highlights to the new state budget:
    1. The Lexington Convention Center received \$60,000 from the state budget to help fund improvements and features to the Convention Center, such as adding square footage.
    2. The sound barrier wall separating Meadowthorpe neighborhood and New Circle Road is still a part of the state's plan and has remained in the state budget.
    3. The recently passed public/private partnership bill allows the state to partner with certain private practices in order to expand the state's ability to grow.
    4. A felony expungement law was adopted, which allows a person with a nonviolent felony an opportunity to get the felony expunged after a five-year period.
    5. The state will address and investigate all rape kits in the state by 2020. Presently, there are 3,000 untested rape kits in the state. In addition, new cases will be addressed within 90 days.
  - c. Councilmember Akers made the following announcements:
    1. In partnership with crime victims' families and Bluegrass Crime Stoppers, the Lexington police department recently launched a new "text-a-tip" program which allows anyone to anonymously text a tip to the police. Text "LexPD" and your tip to CRIMES (274637).
    2. The council is currently in budget season. The committee that Ms. Akers serves on has all of the economic develop agencies outside of the government (including Commerce Lexington, LexArts, Downtown Arts Center, Lyric Theatre, et cetera). She anticipates that the budget will pass next month.
    3. The Fourth of July parade will be held on Monday, July 4 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Lexington. Participants interested in being in the parade, such as bands and youth groups, should submit a completed entry form and fee to the Downtown Lexington Corporation by June 24.
    4. A free day of family-friendly activities is taking place at the Living Arts & Science Center (Fourth Street and Martin Luther) on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
    5. Ms. Akers is planning the fall festival at Masterson Station Park in September, and is seeking volunteers to help plan and volunteer day-of. The upcoming planning meeting is Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Center Point Christian Church. Residents wanting to help but unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to email Ms. Akers.

6. Pepper Distillery will be back in business in the distillery district off of Manchester Street, tentatively summer or fall of 2017.
7. Founder's Day will be May 21 at McConnell Springs. It will include historical reenactments, vendors, music, contests, food, and more.
8. The Bluegrass Birding Festival is this weekend at McConnell Springs.
9. Senior living facility update: The property has been listed for sale for close to \$1 million. Solly Van Meter, the developer, indicated to Ms. Akers that he was approached to purchase an existing facility in Chevy Chase. He purchased that building and at this time, the lot in Meadowthorpe has been placed on lower priority. If this lot doesn't sell, he will work on it at a later date.
10. The ChimneyStop bus shelter on Leestown Road in front of Walgreens is now finished and officially open. The official celebration event and ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the shelter.

V. Committee report

- a. Neighborhood Watch Committee police report: Seven tickets were issued on Boiling Springs and Meadowthorpe during traffic control. Two burglaries were reported.

Jim Stone motioned to extend the meeting, as it is 8:15pm at this time.

VI. New business

- a. Budget adjustments: Jim Capillo explained the budget adjustment suggestion that was put forth by the MNA board of directors:
  1. Community center programming: Reallocate the Hospitality Fund monies to Community Center Programming.
  2. Neighborhood issues: Reallocate \$1,000 from the Rock Wall Fund to a new, tentatively titled Neighborhood Issues Fund. In addition, the funds expended to oppose Republic Services' planned transfer station on Lisle Industrial Avenue to be allocated to the tentatively titled Neighborhood Issues Fund.

All were in favor of the budget amendments.

- b. Republic services update: Coleman Bush announced that 850 to 900 signatures were recorded on the position to oppose Republic Services' conditional use permit request. In addition, 70 opposition letters were submitted from Meadowthorpe Elementary and Providence Montessori students. Maria Kenney wrote a well-researched op-ed piece in Herald-Leader and Jacob Walbourn, attorney for McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC opposed each of Republic Services' arguments at the Board of Adjustments hearing.
- c. Troy Lyons owns property across the street from where Republic proposed their transfer station. He proposed to the membership to create a ZOTA (zoning ordinance text amendment) overlay in that I-2 area that allows for flex use. This does not take away the right of the current landowners to use their land as I-2 property, but it allows owners to do something creative with the land, with approval. Examples of flex use include I-2 zone uses, schools, libraries, museums, art galleries, metal work, photography, dance, drama, theatre, churches, private clubs, restaurants of a certain size, offices, and health and athletic clubs. Mr. Lyons made a motion for the MNA to give provisional support for a zone ordinance text amendment along the lines of the flex space. Mike Garvin seconded. All were in favor.

- VII. Motion to adjourn: Jim Stone made a motion to adjourn, and Tom Blues seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Carrie Asalon, MNA Secretary