



# Minutes

## **Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association    September 12, 2017 333 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511    General Membership Mtg.**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Jim Capillo.

**Agenda changes:** Move Street Drain Art project earlier and add Parks & Rec report to committee section, add speed bump update.

**Approval of past minutes:** Stacy Stevens made the motion to accept the June 2017 minutes and this was seconded by Jason Slone. Motion passed.

### Guest Speakers

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman, Joe Smith** Announced several outdoor events occurring in the district.

Also, there will be upcoming public hearings of interest: 1. Leestown VA Hospital has applied to add housing on their campus. 2. Spectrum Communications will host an open forum for citizens on Aug. 24, 6pm, new Senior Citizens Center. More info by calling 3-1-1, or city website.

**Police report, Sgt. S. Shannon** Meadowthorpe continues to be one of the safest neighborhoods in Lexington. There were 19 shoplifting reports in July, with 2 EPO violations and 3 assaults. Most of these reports were filed at Speedway Gas and at Kroger. There were no residential burglaries reported. Sgt. Shannon recommends leaving nothing in your car and to lock your doors. She states a lot of noise must be made to break a window compared to opening a vehicle door. Please report any crime. For solicitors in the neighborhood, you can ask to view their peddlers license which is required for any door-to-door sales in Lexington. If you do not know someone at your door, do not open the door. It is helpful to police in prosecution if you have a 'no trespassing' sign posted on your property. These were tips shared with neighbors.

**Division of Emergency Management, Pat Dugger** The job of this Lexington agency is to prepare citizens, officials and businesses for emergency preparedness, mitigation, recover. Disasters include floods, active shooter, pandemic, earthquakes as examples. The city must have 1 plan with all agencies. Even homeowners should have their own emergency plan and prepare an emergency box for themselves and pets. Lexington is considered a premier leader in the US for

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development of the city's emergency plan. Many other agencies and cities use Lexington as an example. Ms. Dugger shared that LEX has more resources than typical cities of our size because of our proximity to the Bluegrass Army Depot (disposal of chemical weapons area).

Outdoor sirens in Meadowthorpe Park and all Lexington parks are meant to only notify those who are outdoors during a severe weather situation. The sirens are not meant to notify you in your home or business. A long 10-minute tone indicates a tornado has been spotted in the area. The sound of Westminster Chimes indicates a 'watch' has been issued for the area. It is also important to register for LexAlerts. This will allow residents to be contacted by cell phone in the event of an emergency in Lexington. Visit [bereadlexington.com](http://bereadlexington.com) and click 'LexAlerts', then click on the top right 'Sign Up'. You can list a maximum of 10 phone numbers associated with your name. This is also equipped for TTD (hearing) devices. You may select which type of alerts you wish to be notified (Amber Alert, Golden Alert, Winter Storm, Excessive Heat, etc.) This is a brand new system, so everyone should register. If you have no access to this online form, Make sure to register so the city has more contact options for you besides a landline. Register your pets for the city to connect any pets to their owners. You should also register if you receive dialysis, oxygen or other health issues. This info helps the city to connect you with options, if a disaster occurs. Also, volunteers are needed to act as victims for emergency response exercises. Volunteers of all backgrounds and languages are needed. Contact Shelley Bendall (LEX Preparedness Coordinator) if you can volunteer for one practice event. Call 3-1-1 or e-mail at: [sbendall@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:sbendall@lexingtonky.gov). Twitter: lexkyem Facebook: lexingtonkyem CERT (Community Emergency Response Team ) certification for residents is highly encouraged. This certification allows you access to report your views of damage from your neighborhood to a central location. This allows the city to receive a view of your neighborhood, if they are unable to reach your neighborhood. Check [bereadylexington.COM/CERT](http://bereadylexington.COM/CERT) or call 3-1-1. The city has just received a semi trailer for a mobile pet rescue during a disaster. This will connect pets and owners faster during an emergency.

**LEX Parks & Rec, Jonny Washington**, Pickleball nets will be installed on the park tennis courts and will be portable, allowing for instant access for playing tennis. Only Kirklevington Park has the only other Pickleball court and there is great demand. The installation at Meadowthorpe should relieve some of the pressure of this demand. Tennis leagues will begin using Meadowthorpe's newly resurfaced tennis courts because there is currently little use by neighbors. It is better to be using all of the park area, than to let areas sit vacant. There will be no splash pad installed in this area due to the end of season and this is not funded by the park system. Again, Meadowthorpe neighbors were praised for constantly updating their park and for being an active partner with Parks & Rec (such as requesting a Pickleball court).

### Reports

**Treasurer Report (Linda Melton, Treasurer)**

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**VP Report (Bill Congleton, VP)** The next meeting of the Board (standing committee chairs, street reps) meeting will be Tuesday, July 6. The last meeting of the year will be Nov. 7.

### Old Business

**Brick pavers update (Russ DiBella, Pepper Drive)** Pavers are still available to purchase for \$35 each and forms are available on the MNA website mnalex.org. There have been 16 more pavers sold and will be installed near Labor Day.

**Concrete sidewalks (Russ DiBella, Pepper Drive)** As a former employee of a concrete business for many years, Russ has acquired a few companies to consider if you must replace a sidewalk section. Most sections are 4'x4' and concrete costs are approximately \$10-12 a square foot. The city does have a grant program to give residents \$5 for each square foot of concrete. Most companies do not want to visit your property, if you have a small job. Russ is collecting and sharing info with residents who would like to coordinate and schedule concrete work together to keep costs to a minimum. Discussion regarding 'pink marks' on sidewalk sections, the 30-day replacement policy, dead tree removal, tree limbs over sidewalks and other city policies will be addressed at the Sept. 12 MNA meeting for residents. LEX Code Enforcement will be giving a presentation and available for general questions. If you have specific concerns, you should phone 3-1-1. If you are interested in sharing a concrete job with a neighbor to lower costs, phone neighbor Russ DiBella at 859.255.7775 and he will help you coordinate with another neighbor.

**MDRC (Jim Stone, Old Leestown Rd.)** The Townley area near Ken Towery's Tires will have a new business neighbor, Lexington Credit Postal Union. Building for this business will begin soon. Jim also welcomed new business neighbor on North Forbes, a Bates Security remote office and Blue Chip Insurance and Wealth Management also on North Forbes.

**Speeding (John Medina, Larch Ln.)-** The process for a possible addition of speed bumps on Larch Lane near the park entrance has moved a step closer. A formal request was made and now a petition will be circulating to the neighbors in the 300-block of Larch (only). The petition will allow a traffic study to be conducted and lead possibly to a report supporting the need for speed bumps. More info at the Sept. 12 meeting.

**1447 Antique Drive property (Holly Wiedmann, architect, submitted report)** After submission of name suggestions for the new facility by Meadowthorpe residents at the July Ice Cream Social, a new name has been selected---Lindbergh's Landing at Meadowthorpe. A big thank you to residents for writing a letter of support for the facility and initial meetings with the city have been successful. The process still continues for design and approval. The Board of Adjustment hearing will be on Aug. 24 regarding this property. Residents will continued to be updated.

### New Business

**Art Drain project (Beth Workman, Glendale)** The stencil program is meant to draw attention to storm water drains on the street, as a reminder to keep the drains clean. The drain leads to

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Town Branch Creek and should be clear of any leaves, trash or debris. If residents notice the stencils or art on a drain, they are less likely to pollute the area and actively remove leaves and debris from the drain entrance. You can do your part by keeping leaves out of the street and keep the city drains near your property clear. Volunteers are needed to paint the stencils on drains in the neighborhood and should contact Beth to volunteer at ekworkman@gmail.com. Beth requested \$500 from MNA to support the purchase of supplies, if she is unable to accumulate enough donations. Motion approved by Joe Collins and seconded by Liz Chilton.

Grants available for neighborhoods (Jamie Giles, city council employee & Meadowthorpe Ave. resident) Please use the note card provided tonight to submit grant ideas for a future committee to examine. Previous grants have funded: butterfly boxes, stone wall signage at Taylor Dr., 40+ rain barrels, tennis court resurfacing, kids 'slow down' signs, sprinkler system at community center garden and much more. Boiling Springs neighbor, Al Cinson, is working to form a group in submitting a request for tree replacement and tree removal grant (street trees in easements, only). Consider grants as the Corridors grant for Leestown Road (mural, signage, art—must be visible from Leestown Road, as visitors enter Lexington). Cost share for this grant and others, can occur from the neighborhood in 'sweat equity' (amount of time x resident volunteer) to reduce costs. Visit [lexky.gov](http://lexky.gov) for grant details and contact any MNA officer for suggestions or interest.

Any resident interested in coordinating a fall music concert at Meadowthorpe Park should contact a MNA officer or resident Jamie Giles.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting is Sept. 12.

The Lexington Fair Housing Council and the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence are offering 3 free webinars about the new state law and existing federal protections. To register for one of the webinars, visit: <https://kcadv.clickmeeting.com>.

Thank you for providing snacks! Annie Iweimrin Jacobs- Blue Chip Insurance and Wealth Management.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm made by Kim DiBella. Seconded by Jim Stone.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Traci Letcher*  
 MNA Secretary

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