

April Neighborhood Meeting

4/4/16

Chris introduced Lisa from the Election Commission- Encouraged everyone to vote, if you move into Davidson Co then you have to re-register. Promoting the next election on 8/4 county general and state primary. Early voting schedules. Need polling officials, it is a paid position, \$150 for the day.

Summer Block Party kickoff promotion with cake and punch

Chris called meeting to order @ 6:35pm

Introduced PTO president at WB- Jessica Jarrett.

-Adding 9 classes to WB next year and expect full capacity by 3rd year of 635 kids.

PTO met with Gardens of Babylon for playground addition. Natural playground, no plastic, uses natural plants native to the area.

Had map to illustrate new playground. Described maze, wildflower beds, balance beam climbing structure, outdoor classroom, new trees, no existing trees will be taken down unless they have a disease, wood climbing wall, and a sound garden.

Want to be welcoming to the neighborhood, so want to leave some space for 12 South residents animals. Current soccer field will stay.

Not just an addition to the school, but addition for the neighborhood.

Running a fundraiser, asking businesses for support as well as residents and a fun run sponsorships.

Lorre- timeline? Spring and summer, have talked with farmers market and Sevier park festival to raise money and support.

Raised \$13,000 so far, total estimate is about \$40,000. Willing to add project in pieces if they cannot raise all the money at once. Open to anyone after school and on weekends.

Thank you to the Islamic Center for their festival! It was a huge success!

Mary Self- manage 12 south farmers market- getting ready to start again on May 3rd. Vendors are all from TN or Georgia.

Last year they launched a free cooking class for kids from 7-11, was very successful they are bringing it back, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday in June/July. Will promote and increasing number of kids who can take part and number of classes. Kids buyer from the farmer, work on cooking techniques.

Community Corner- new campaign- recruit non profits in the area to have a space.

Market is Tuesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Courtney Stone from MTA-Job is to try and engage with the community.

N Motion-

Timeline for NMotion-

January-July- Identify Values and develop guiding principles for transit

July-October- Develop Improvement strategies, Develop future transit systems, evaluate scenarios.

Mid 2016- Recommend Plan

Want people to evaluate all 3 options and if they like one from one or another, give feedback to tweak ideas.

Exceeded goal of 10,000 engagements, currently at 15,000.

Public is saying...

Convenience- Simplicity, Span, Frequency, Speed, Directness

Dependability- On-Time Performance, Predictability

Safety- Access to/from transit, perception of personal security at stop...people felt unsafe accessing public transit, not actual transit on the bus.

Showed density map, now and in 2040...projections for 2040 is 1 million new residents!

Extraordinary amount of people will be moving to middle TN and we need to address it.

Short-term solutions-

- 1.Simplified structure/payment and enhance technology-ex paying with phone.
- 2.More & better bus shelters
3. Park & ride lots
4. Longer hours & more frequent service on key routes
5. Unifying branding for the region.

Handed out survey with scenarios

Scenario 1- 5.4 Billion comprehensive regional system, could take about 25 years to complete

-Most expensive & longest timeline, frequent and dependable service

- Light Rail- Gallatin, Charlotte, Nolensville, & Murfreesboro

-Streetcar- Germantown through downtown to west end.

-Rapid Bus- Shelby, metro center, 12 ave. S, Elm Hill, Edgehill, Jefferson, hospitals, Opry mills.

-Longer Service Span – 5am-1am service times, 10 min headways, with 11 new crosstown routes.

-Commuter Rail- Clarksville via Nashville, Music City Star.

-Freeway Bus rapid transit, bus on shoulder, express bus

-New Local Service-Springfield, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Gallatin, Lebanon, Spring Hill, & Dickson.

Scenario 2- 2.4 Billion- bus-focused expansion instead of street car and light rail.

- Full Bus Rapid Transit- Gallatin, Murfreesboro Rd. Nolensville, west end,
- Rapid bus
- Longer service spans- 5am-1am, better frequency 10-15 min
- 9 new crosstown routes.

Scenario 3- \$800 Modest improvements- more convenience and attractive service in areas.

-Rapid Bus- West end, hilsboro, Dickerson, charlotte, gallatin, Nolensville

-Longer service spans- 5am-10pm

-Better frequency

-5 new crosstown routes

Always controversial issues involved- Allocation of scarce real estate, Balancing Nashville and regional projects, Equity Concerns, Complementary Public policy(Pedestrian access, workforce housing, land use & development), Money (How much? Who pays? How?), Sequencing of Improvements.

Everyone is encouraged to fill out survey, want to talk to as many different groups as possible to get a good representation of demographics.

Ross- question about service for people with disabilities? Doing a focus group with people with disabilities.

Lorre- Have EPA made any suggestions in regards to environmental impacts? Not yet, but in the coming months they expect more groups to come out with more info.

MTA is switching over to be an electric fleet of busses, mostly used downtown.

Why nothing on Franklin Pike? Best and worst case scenario? If there are areas that are lacking, ask MTA to take a look at those areas.

Home Tour- 4/23rd, info and tix at 12south.org

Need volunteers, pre & post party for home tour.

Sevier Park music 5/6 & 5/7, sevierparkfest.com, buy tix in advance- helps support friends of sevier park.

Neighborhood block captains- taking longer than anticipated and we are working on it.

Newsletter- putting people together to work on

Neighborhood Block Party- Lorre & Don discuss- still in planning stages & seeing if it's feasible. Want to make neighborhood more cohesive, older and newer residents coming together. Need to make sure we can afford it, how do we fund it, do we partner with other organizations?

New business item- trash bins on 12 South

Trash everywhere on 12 South. Local business owners seem receptive to helping out.

Colby- talked with Mark Macy about getting more frequent service, public works is maxed out but could possibly partner with MTA. If he can get public works to pick it up, he thinks we can get raise the money for the cans.

How much does it cost? Not sure yet, will work on it

If you are on 11th Ave S. stick around- need to schedule sidewalks meeting

Much of 10th and surrounding areas- pipes are getting replaced and is a massive project- it's a major infrastructure but give residents all new pipes...looking at late May...may lead to getting a protected bike lane on 10th. Want to change 10th to a pedestrian centric street.

Mr. Brown- Lives on west grove. Behind the complex that is being put on 12th. Impact has been much worse than he originally thought. Has issues with workers. Parked his chair in the alleyway to keep workers from loading and unloading in his alleyway. They have since stopped. Workers leave a crane swinging over his home every night.

Codes does not respond to complaints about runoff, call Metro water.

Approve minutes – lee motion, chris second, all in favor.

Financial- had many unpaid issues that Chris K was working on...insurance premium, called collection agency & we only owed \$205. Taxes weren't paid since 2013. We are now up to date on our taxes. Need new insurance as an entity, Chris was quoted at \$65/month.

Chris motion to pay for insurance- all in favor

Received \$500 donation from Mark Duetchsman via the community foundation.

Adjourned @ 8:05pm