

Age Friendly Louisville
Outdoor Enhancement Workgroup
MEETING MINUTES
August 27th, 2024
In Person

Members Present

Alli Woosley

Sophia Banks

Beth Mathis

David Allgood

Jessica Elkin

Becky Peak

Tewsdaay Babicka

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:00 PM by Alli.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. DEBRIEF OF RECENT COLLABORATION MEETINGS

IV. Alli, Becky, and Sophia recently met via Zoom with Nicole of 50/50 Mentoring (the group that facilitated the senior lawn care program in Newburg this past summer). We discussed working with 50/50 mentoring to do a beautification project as part of our action plan. 50/50 typically compensates their teenage and young adult volunteers, funding for this was discussed (AARP Challenge Grants or other opportunities). 50/50 would like to stay in the Newburg area.

V. Alli, Becky, Jessica, and Sarah recently met with CW Betsey Ruhe (District 21). CW Ruhe gave us insight on how to better work with Metro Council. CW Ruhe also confirmed a contact for DWP to begin discussions of accessibility at next year's Bourbon and Beyond and Louder Than Life concert series. Someone will reach out after the concert season has concluded in 2024. CW Ruhe is very active outdoors in her district. She walks and bikes frequently. She confirmed that the Taylor Blvd ramp area would be a great place to organize a trash cleanup. Overall CW Ruhe provided valuable insights and is willing to work with our OE workgroup.

VI. VISION STATEMENT

a. The OE workgroup Action Plan still needs a Vision Statement. Utilizing ChatGPT, Jessica provided a first draft of a vision statement.

b. **"The vision for the Outdoor Enhancement domain is to create inclusive and accessible spaces—both indoor and outdoor—that promote safety, engagement, and well-being for individuals of all ages. This includes improving green areas, enhancing accessibility and seating, also during special events, and focusing on beautification, to create welcoming and enjoyable environments for community gatherings.**

c. Advisors will review and submit any changes.

VII. NEXT WALK AUDIT

- a) Alli recently visited Park DuValle Senior Apartments and residents voiced concerns over the speed and safety in the area. These apartments are in close proximity to PDHC. Reviewing the Vision Zero data, several pedestrian-related incidents have happened in that area.
- b) Location was determined to be diverse, mixed-use and age and near a health campus as highlighted in our other findings.
- c) KIPDA will lead a walk audit at this location in the fall.
- d) OE workgroup will need to decide on which tracking form to use, and who to invite and decide on the total area covered.

VIII. BEAUTIFICATION EVENTS

- a. Taylor Blvd exit seems to be first choice. Can we do this with no funding? Should we seek funding from AARP Challenge grants, Ford Grant, Home Depot community vouchers etc.
- b. Goal of Spring 2025

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Save the date for Tuesday, October 29th for the Age Friendly Louisville Kick-off at the South Central Library.
- b. Next Music in the Park event will be Thursday, September 19th at Petersburg Park.
- c. Park DuValle Fest will be on Saturday, September 21st at Russell Lee Park

X. NEXT Meeting

- a. Proposed next meeting to be held Tuesday, September 24th, 2:00-3:30 pm in person at the Edison Center.