

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

Members Present

Alli Woosley*
Becky Peak
Delores White
April Ballinger
Rebecca Katz
Sarah Teeters
Jessica Elkin
Beth Mathis
Melissa Amos Jones
Sophia Banks*

*Notetakers

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

a) Group reviewed the current action plan. It was decided that goal 3 would now include public events and accessibility (Bourbon & Beyond, Louder than Life, Waterfront Wednesday etc).

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF GOALS

- a. Goal 1: Perform a walkability assessment in the city. Similar assessments have been done previously. Several sections were done in one day by different groups. Funding was provided and support from an urban planning group was available. What will this look like for our group? At the minimum, we can utilize the AARP walkability toolkit.
 - i. How do we identify the areas we will focus on? Vision Zero data, 311 calls/complaints, personal experience.
- b. Goal 2: Increase the awareness of the “cash for trash” initiative. Find marketing materials for this program. Help spread the word of this program. Encourage local groups to participate. Collaborate with the Outdoor Enhancement groups to choose locations and coordinate beautification events.
 - i. When areas are clean and welcoming, citizens feel safer and are more likely to utilize that space.
- c. Goal 3: Work with Metro Special Events, DWP and other groups to increase the accessibility of outdoor concerts and public events. Specifically, the accessibility of events that cover different types of terrain, proper shade and cover for disabled individuals and accessible restrooms.

V. FOLLOW UP

- a) Alli will locate Vision Zero data to share with group for the walkability audits. Alli will seek out a contact at Metro Special Events and/or DWP. Alli will find marketing materials for “Cash for Trash” program.

VI. NEXT Meeting

- a. Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, March 26th 2:00-3:30pm in person at the Edison Center.
- b. Zoom will not be available for the next meeting yet. Alli will be on vacation in March and Becky will lead the meeting.

VII. ANNEX: Additional Notes

Goal 1: Assessment of data available to conduct walkability audit

- [311 complaints](#)
- Identify agencies that will have data on street safety
- Project Zero ([Map](#) of injuries and fatalities, pedestrian injury data)

Goal 2

- Correlation street beautification – increased neighborhood safety: Dolores White mentioned the Big Four Bridge area as an example of a safe area, citing the increased foot traffic resulting from the improvements made there (police station close by)
- Adjust objective in relation to area where a implemented: Good lighting are wanted in a park to make it safer but not desired in an area where residential houses are close by
- Trash Cleanup**
- [Streets for People](#)
- [Oak Street Corridor](#) Beautification

Goal 3

- Add public and special events safer/more accessible to all ages
→ David Allgood (Director of Advocacy at Center for Accessible Living) could highlight best practices, how the events are set up and coordinated.
- Metro Public/Special Events Department***: Accessibility? People responsible?
→ Danny Wimmer, location of event was moved from riverfront to fairground because wheelchairs got stuck
- Security at event (Fair & Expo Center), information on event planning & security

Speakers, partners, and other thoughts

- Rebecca brought up to bring in speakers as partners not merely to inform, e.g. council members, Public Works
- Sarah Teeters mentioned Commissions with walkability audits. Regional & Mobility Council (TARC), contact firm guiding a walk audit (Company)
- Becky mentioned to consider all of Louisville (also east of Bardstown road, 81 independent cities ([Jefferson County League of Cities/Municipalities](#)/Home Rule Cities). These cities have their own budget and pay for improvement directly with allocated tax dollars.
- Cindi Sullivan, Executive Director from [Trees Louisville](#), could be asked to give data/[maps](#) and arborists (also from Parks) → Trees tear up sidewalks
- Examples: 9th Street and Muhammed Ali, Crosswalk Improvement: After assessing the incidents at the intersection of 9th Street and Muhammed Ali, the period for the pedestrian street light was extended → Raise, [Reimagine 9th Street](#)
 - **Timeline for Raise:**
 - **February 22, 2024:** Public Kickoff Meeting
 - **June 2024:** Concept Design Public Meeting
 - **November 2024:** Preliminary Design Public Meeting, Contact: [Michael King](#), Director of Office of Planning
 - Appropriate use of park space: [Bloomberg and Harvard](#)

**Girls scout cleanup program, Cash for Trash ([Brightside](#)), Neighborhood Associations, Dance Teams, Volleyball Teams, with business matching

***The Special Events Department has been disbanded. City is looking at contracting that out.