

Age Friendly Louisville
Outdoor Enhancement Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024

Members Present

Becky Peak (moderator)

April Ballinger

David Allgood

Melissa Amos Jones

Beth Mathis (notetaker)

Sign-In/Introductions

Items from Last Meeting

1. Assessment of public event venues for accessibility & define minimum standards

David provided info on current venues and their accessibility:

- a) Bardstown Road most buildings not accessible
- b) Iroquois Park some level mixed use seating, steep ramp, can be slick
- c) Nulu somewhat accessible, many businesses still have a step to get in
- d) Louisville Palace used to have integrated seating but now has steep ramp and limited accessible seating in back
- e) Businesses with ramps can often impede walkways
- f) Music Festivals rough topography, gravel, mud, no shade
- g) Discussed doing an Accessibility Study with Waterfront & Olmstead Parks

2. Preliminary Review of Vision Zero dashboard to assess high injury areas & causes of accidents (lighting, crosswalks, other)

- a) Will review Dashboard next month as a group so we can use larger screen
- b) David attends Vision Zero meetings
- c) Need to look at data to narrow down areas of focus
- d) Possible focus on pedestrians, lighting, and crosswalks
- e) Determine who is responsible for areas we wish to concentrate on
- f) Discussed improvements/confusion to older adults caused by Blue Lick Rd project

3. Review data to identify areas with heavy concentrations of older adults & young families as potential users of outdoor enhancements

- a) Review Census Data & 311 complaints
- b) Waterfront Development administering grants for accessible playground near Shippingport & Railroad Bridge
- c) Discussed working with the parks to ensure all new projects are accessible

4. Identify areas where litter cleanup & minimal beautification projects would be appropriate (Cash for Trash)

- a) Becky reported the Cash for Trash program is no longer available
- b) Discussed funding a small cleanup beautification project
- c) Becky & April suggested targeting Taylor-Berry/Churchill Downs areas
- d) April discussed beautification projects at Wilderness Road Senior Center
- e) Discussed staggering cleanup projects among groups each quarter

5. Items for Follow Up

- a) Follow up with Jason Canuel, Lou Metro Parks as possible speaker for next meeting (25 min presentation, address 2 issues, time for questions)
- b) Check with Erin Gavan of Bardstown Road Commerce Guild regarding accessibility survey
- c) Melissa will reach out to South Louisville Neighborhood Association regarding beautification projects
- d) April will bring pictures of Wilderness Rd exterior to develop beautification plan

Suggestions for April 23 meeting (not last Tuesday of the month)

- 1. Reach out to speaker
- 2. Ensure Virtual Option available/ it will be last day of Optimal Aging Conference
- 3. Send reminders/invite those who attended OE Kickoff to increase participation

