

2017 Adopt-a-Spot Parkway-Cherry Point Community Engagement Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 7:30pm – 8:30pm – George Woods

The fourth of several neighborhood meetings featuring different city departments and action planning sessions featured a meeting with the City of Lubbock's Public Works Director, Mr. Wood Franklin.



Mr. Lewis Vega, NELCDC Program Manager, called to order the Parkway-Cherry Point Community Engagement Meeting

- Lewis stated information about the meeting were located on the tables
- Ms. Linda Betts conducted a prayer
- Ms. Betts read the minutes from the last meeting
- Ms. Betts introduced the speaker, Director of Public Works, Mr. Wood Franklin

Following these opening statements, Ms. Betts transitioned the conversation to Mr. Wood Franklin, head of the City of Lubbock Public Works Department. Mr. Franklin handles under his jurisdiction storm water, water utilities, waste water utilities, streets and maintenance which include traffic and traffic maintenance

The following topics were discussed:

Public Works - Street Lights

- Mr. Franklin addressed concerns from survey which include street lighting and street sidewalks stating that **LP&L handles the street lighting** but doesn't mean that he cannot assist residents.
- **Poor lighting and contacting staff to address lighting issues.** If resident has a bulb that is out or not enough lighting in area. Lights typically go on residential intersections or mid-block they do have standards on light placement. Mr. Franklin stated that they would work with the engineering department once development has been done such as Erskine

and subdivision in King's Dominion. Residents can call #311 or email them: streetlights@lpandl.com if resident is experiencing any issues with street bulbs out, intersections, trees are over grown and the light are not shining bright enough anything of this nature. LP&L can take care of those issues for you they can trim that tree etc. Residents can also call phone#1-806-775-2509 and hopefully speak to a live representative not a guarantee it is LP&L. Mr. Franklin is not sure who answers the phone.

- Public Works is working to install LED lights along Erskine.
- Mr. Franklin advised that if residents have any problems right now with any intersections in their area he can take it back to LP&L he will write it down and take it to them so that LP&L will contact resident.
- Resident inquired about the location of street lights to be installed. Mr. Franklin stated the lights will be placed in the middle of the road (right-of-way); he'll check to confirm and get back with the neighborhood representatives.

Public Works - TXDOT

- Mr. Franklin spoke on **TX-DOT and the plans for Parkway Drive**. The plan is to extend the freeway, which currently ends at I-27. There will also be median enhancements.
- Residents inquired about Parkway Drive having only one connection and discussed opportunities with Mr. Franklin. The street type and designation limits the availability for funding. However, the improvements will provide controlled access and safer ingress and egress.
- **Residents inquired about the area (referred to as an old gas station)** being used by citizens. Residents appear to be concerned about activity in the area. Mr. Franklin stated that is private property so he is not able to address issues. Whoever owns that it's considered trespassing. NELCDC staff may need to bring this concern up to the police department.
- Mr. Franklin stated that once the intersection is closed and it becomes a freeway to MLK than that will open some funding and they have a beautification project underway to redo the median from I-27 & MLK
 - The intersection over MLK will be elevated (above-grade)
 - Design and funding is being planned through the Metropolitan Planning Organization "MPO".
 - Resident wanted to know about kids crossing the main street trying to get to Alderson Elementary school and wanted to know if anyone was doing anything about it? The freeway will not extend that far so there should not be any conflict for kids crossing to attend school. Councilwoman Patterson-Harris stated improvements will only occur at the intersection. Another resident pointed out the neighborhood may still want to look at doing something (traffic calming for example) because it's still going to be dangerous for the children. Councilwoman Patterson-Harris stated that the speed will

change and people will tend to speed. Mr. Franklin stated that he doesn't know if the speed limit will change however, the speed might very well change.

Public Works – Sidewalks

Sidewalks are a concern they have receive phone calls about trees lifting the sidewalks. Mr. Franklin indicated it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to fix the sidewalk. Mr. Franklin stated that the city is looking into the possibility of revising the ordinance so the city will be responsible for public infrastructure maintenance.

- The city does not require sidewalk paving adjacent to an undeveloped lot.
- The city has funds and has begun putting in ADA handicap accessible ramps.
- Pot Holes

Public Works – Speeding

Mr. Franklin stated that another concern he gets is speeding in neighborhoods. He provided his speech and stated that the best way to stop speeding is not through engineering but through enforcement.

- The only way to slow speeders down:
 1. Police Department.
 2. Narrowing the road
- Call #311 to report speeding
- Mr. Franklin recommends going through the police department or calling your Representative, if calling Police Department does not resolve your issue.
- Citizens may request speed humps through an application process
- If study shows that 80% of drivers speeding over 5-miles per hour that indicates a problem.
- The City will determine if problem exist on the adjacent blocks. Neighborhood must get 80% of the area homeowners to agree via a petition to install speed humps. Once 80% of the neighborhood homeowners have agreed the City will fund it. However, if studies show that there is no speed problem and neighborhood still wants to proceed with the process then your neighborhood must get 80% of neighbors agreeing to speed humps. Then the neighbors will have to come up with the funds.

Streets & Alleys:

Mr. Franklin provided the Street Superintendent phone#1-806-775-2600 Mr. Mike Gilliland who can assist residents with re-grading alley's

- Resident posed a question about street sweepers.
- Mr. Franklin stated that the street sweepers are from the storm water department their job is to clean the debris out of the street because they use the street to convey storm water. So, the grass clippings which has your

fertilizer oils from your car that sit in the gutter we don't want that to get tied down in the pile lakes and killing fish and ruining the water supply.

Adjournment:

- Ms. Linda Betts adjourned meeting at 8:49pm

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the NELCDC office at 806-747-5937. Bring a neighbor to the next meeting!

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