

2017 Adopt-a-Spot Jackson-Mahon Community Engagement Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm – St. Joseph's

The North & East Lubbock CDC connected the Jackson-Mahon neighborhoods residents with the City of Lubbock Codes and Animal Control Departments to host the third of several neighborhood meetings featuring different city departments and action planning sessions.



NELCDC Introduction and Housekeeping Items

Lewis Vega, NELCDC Program Manager, provided the following opening comments starting at 6:10 pm:

- Started with talking about the school cleanup they had two weeks ago on Saturday
- Resident asked about how often they have the cleanups
 - Stated that because of work schedules so they can't always attend cleanups.
- Resident stated there should be more cleanups, because they see tons of paper piling up and trash
 - Lewis answered that the more people who shows up the better, a core group is amazing and adding more would be great
- Resident asked where the cutoff is for the Mahon area
 - Lewis answered: Avenue Q and university to the bridge and Clovis road and Erskine, plus the Habitat area which is five to six streets.
 - Jackson area is Clovis Road to Marsha Sharp to university to Q
- Resident talked about a cleanup that is trying to be scheduled in June
 - Still trying to get it set up

Following these opening statements, Mr. Vega transitioned the conversation to Wood Franklin, head of the City of Lubbock Public Works Department. The following topics were discussed:

Public Works – opening remarks

Mr. Franklin provided the following opening comments.

- Started with what Public Works is responsible for:
 - water and sewer
 - road areas
 - storm water
- Talked about a new division the city is trying to set up dealing with LP&L and other departments that deal with different areas of the public

Street Lights and LP&L

- If a problem dealing with streetlights arises email **streetlights@lpandL.com** or call **806-755-2509**.
- Resident asked what the number on the light fixtures were for?
 - Mr. Franklin stated it is for a reference serial number so when someone asks about it they can be exact on what is wrong so the city can identify the problem
- Resident asked what is to be done if a power outage happens?
 - Mr. Franklin stated that LP&L does not always know when a transformer goes out. When called on they need details from the local area so that can actual know and come to fix it. Best if everyone just calls. More calls they get the easier LP&L can pinpoint the problem and get it fixed as soon as possible. Faster its reported the faster it can be fixed.

Potholes and Sidewalks

- For potholes: **806-775-2606** is the direct pothole number. Lubbock does not know of every pothole and needs to have reports so they can fix as soon as possible
- Resident asked if Public works deals with sidewalks and driveways
 - Mr. Franklin stated that public works deals with some but not all
 - Public works deals with more of the construction when dealing with gutters and water for storm water and such
- Resident asked about vacant lot sidewalks
 - Mr. Franklin stated sidewalks are not required due to private property unless there is a specific city bus stop or stop area needed in that area to have a constructed sidewalk
- Resident asks what the requirements are a bus stop?
 - Mr Franklin answered:
 - Need to be a certain distance from both sides of the bus stop. Not a specific distance just need to make way for the bus that could come by
 - When building a bus stop, requirements come into play to determine if it is a good spot. Can be changed if chosen spot was not good enough for it. Concerned on where the bus stops blocking driveways and streets. Bus should never be stopped in an area like that and if it is stop needs to be adjusted for safety concerns

- School buses are different due to the designated stop signs on a school bus

Street Sweeping

- Resident asked about street sweepers
 - Mr. Franklin answered:
 - Street sweepers are not really for the look of the street its main goal is to keep the trash away from the waterways that is used for clear gutters and cleaner water in rivers and drinking water
 - How often is the street cleaned:
 - next to lakes and inlets for water more often, but each street needs to be at least twice a year
 - If needed can call and say a street really needs sweeping to try and get it swept
 - Sweepers usually run at nights, and the city has a total of 8 street sweepers

Flooding and Repaving

- Residents were concerned about flooding in areas and why the streets do not drain well
 - Mr. Franklin responded:
 - Not all water can be drained in all areas due to not wanting some in sanitary sewers or storm water sewers
 - Also, sometimes too much water and trash can backup sewers
 - Flood plain will be considered between Baylor and Avenue R
 - Some redevelopment may be causing a flood plain but the concern is not a flood plain due to the railroad area and the water should be moving fine
 - May have some drainage issues
- **361-726-8051** Residents' number that can be called when problem arises and he will help try to fix it
- Resident asks if the road near the tracks will ever be paved or repaved since it floods badly?
 - Mr. Franklin responded:
 - Does not know the exact answer but does recognize that there is standing water in that area
 - To have the road paved, needs to be played by the surrounding area that is being built due to the city not having to pave a road unless it's really necessary for the public safety and needs
 - Is trying to get transportation improvements, but the budget is not always there and have to wait for specific times
 - \$250,000 is what is being used so far for next year to pave more roads, but not enough to do a whole bunch.
 - Depending on storm water issues depends on how much it will cost to pave a specific area

Speed Bumps

- Mr. Franklin passed around paper of their websites talking about speed bumps. Showing that there is a sign then markings indicating the speed bump and slow down. Along with grooves in the street to help feel the oncoming of the speed bump
- Mr. Franklin talked about how implementing speed bumps can cause traffic to change causing the same problem in a different area
 - City must go through all areas and determine where the best place is to place a speedbump based on traffic, residency, and time it takes to travel areas, flood plains and how people drive already in that area
- Resident stated speeding problem was mainly Baylor area, Friday – Sunday when people not in area are consistently speeding
 - Mr. Franklin stated the more specifics can be given to the cops the more of a presence they can make. Hard to just get one to always be in the area
 - Municipal Hill and Russel, 2 blocks south of that put speed bumps in to test them
 - Can drive them at 25-30mph and will not damage the car

Questions/Answers

- Q: Speed bumps needed along with speed limit signs for safety
 - A: Do not post limit sign in residence due to law of 30mph, only if it is 35mph or higher will a sign be posted
 - A: Stop signs shown that people will still speed and stop faster than speed up fast
 - A: Best way to help safety of speeding is a black and white car (cop) but the city does not want them sitting in one spot all the time
 - A: Narrow a street it slows speed down due to concern of crashing or own concern for themselves

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