

CITY OF CROSSGATE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8., 2008
T. J. UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. John Lepping acting Mayor Pro-tem, Commissioners Ben Allgeier, Sharron Hilbrecht and Bobby Hazen were present. The city Treasurer Tom Elmes and city Clerk Susan Dotson were also present along with 12 city residents. We also had a special guest speaker, Louisville Councilman Kelly Downard from district 16 and his assistant.

Councilman Downard addressed the Crossgate meeting, its members and residents. He spoke about several items that are going on of interest for his district, which Crossgate is in. The following items were addressed:

Westport road expansion. The interchange contract for the Westport Road expansion portion of the project has been awarded and signed. From the interchange to Hubbards Lane will become 4 lanes and the interchange off the Waterston will be diamond shaped not clover. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of 2009.

Councilman Downard also informed us that the developer of Providence Point has agreed to put in a sidewalk from Crossgate to Providence Point thru the Unitarian Church property and that the church has agreed to let the sidewalk be laid. In addition to this connectivity a sidewalk will be built from Providence Point on Herr Lane across to the north side of Holiday Manor.

No new information on the Midlands project or Providence Point as far as development, due to the economy.

For speed bump funding there must be at least 300 cars per day traveling the road in which the speed bump is to be placed. If Crossgate is interested, the Councilman will help set up traffic counter to see if we qualify.

For Midlands a slip ramp was agreed to by the state to come off the Waterston thru the Midlands project to connect with Old Brownsboro road. The state has backed off of the agreement until the results of a more comprehensive study is complete. That study encompasses the entire Waterston, Old Brownsboro and Brownsboro Road interchanges. This also includes a pedestrian study of the same area. There is no time line as to when the study or result of the study will be available. Along with this we have 5 stoplights in a mile area which are not in sync or timed correctly for variances in daily traffic flow. Councilman Downard said funds have been budgeted to get this job done however no work has been done on the project and at this time no work has been scheduled.

Commissioner Hazen asked Councilman Downard about who we may contact at the breeding farm about the open field in the back portion of their property. He said he would see if he could find out who we should contact and suggested that we may have a more positive result if we worked with Graymoor-Devendale on this project.

Commissioner Hilbrecht inquired about Sanctuary Point and the ripping up of the trees. Councilman Downard said the developer left the trees he said he would in the back and it is hard to tell how the project will turn out right now because the houses have not yet been built or the roads put in.

A Fresh Market will be put at the corner of 42 and Rudy once the old hotel has been torn down. There will also be some other retail stores. The ingress and egress will be located toward the back of the property on Rudy to reduce the congestion off 42.

No new information about the 2 empty lots on the south side of Rudy Lane and 42 other than Windy Hills is considering purchasing the property.

As to the downtown and east end bridges, politically they must be done. When?
Unknown.

Commissioner Hilbrecht commented on the overgrowth and mess from the Chevron station at HWY 42 to Ballard High and that some companies need to do better with upkeep. Councilman Downard said no one would take responsibility for the bus stop on Old Brownsboro Road not even TARC. Commissioner Hilbrecht said she call Ballard High last year and did not get much positive feed back for the bus stop but she will call again and see what happens.

Mayor Pro-tem Lepping asked Councilman Downard if the Providence Point and Midlands projects could be changed, with the developers using the justification of the economy. Councilman Downard stated if they want to change they must file with Metro Louisville and that since we are adjoining property owners we will be notified of any request for change.

At this point Councilman Downard was finished. The time was 7:55 pm. and he and his aid left and our regular meeting began.

The minutes for August were approved, 1st by Commissioner Hazen and 2nd by Commissioner Allgeier all approved.

The Treasurer's report was also approved, 1st by Commissioner Hazen and 2nd by Commissioner Hilbrecht, all approved.

Commissioner's reports:

Mayor Pro-tem stated no new information from Waste Management and we do not yet have a snow removal contract for this winter.

Commissioner Hilbrecht stated that if you have a large pick up just call Waste Management ahead of time and they will pick up on the next regularly scheduled pickup.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said the summer picnics are over and for the first time she thought they were will received and hopes that the city will have them again. Also that pictures from the picnics should be on our web site by the end of the month.

The yard sale is this Saturday. Commissioner Allgeier will put out signs and Commissioner Hilbrecht will place an ad in the Courier for Thursday and Friday. Commissioner Hazen asked if we could have signs put up at the entrances announcing our special guests for the next two months to help get the word out to residents. Commissioner Allgeier said he would get signs made and out.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said she got together with Mayor Gray this past week and they talked about a Halloween party at the Kinman property with pumpkins, bales of hay, face painting, etc. Commissioner Hilbrecht said she would organize the party.

It was decided that the council would create an ordinance for the new mailboxes the city is considering. When the new mailbox flyer goes out to residents and council members do a door-to-door campaign to encourage mailbox updating we will also update information for the city directory.

Commissioner Hazen said all three houses in Crossgate for sale this month have either sold or have offers on them. This is a good reflection on our city considering the housing market as a whole.

Commissioner Allgeier stated that for the front entrance on the Warrington side the landscaper after further study believes we need a concrete drainage ditch and rise built to stop our plants from dying.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said we did not have a response from Mr. Richardson concerning the condition of his home and the issue has been turned over to Metro Louisville.

Adjourned 8:27 1st by Commissioner Hilbrecht and 2nd by Commissioner Allgeier.

Susan Dotson
City Clerk

