

June 3, 2025

MJ BPAC Meeting

Mt. Juliet City Hall, Commissions Chamber

6:30 PM Meeting

Attendees:

Voting Members:			
Steven Armstrong (V)	Mike Earle (V)	Alisha Eley (V)	Art Giles (V)
Jennifer Milele (V)	Matthew Richardi (V)	Mark Thomas (V)	Diana Vergara (V)
Hunter Yoches (V)			
City Officials:			
Dep. Chief Chandler	Lt. Christensen	Jennifer Dickmann	Sheila Luckett
Chief Michael Mullins	Shane Shamanur	Emily Taylor	Matthew White

(v) – Voting Members

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum:
 - a. **6** of 9 voting members were present – Quorum **was** established.
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes **were** approved from the May 2025 Meeting by Unanimous Vote, with 2 abstentions.
3. Citizens Comments:
 - a. Sally Robertson:
 - i. For the Ride MJ Event, Sally encourages BPAC to participate in Bike to the Library.
 - ii. The city is getting better with bike paths and bike lanes.
4. Commissioner Jennifer Milele: Updates on City Projects, Changes, Comments, etc.:
 - a. No Report

5. Grant Status/Opportunity/Updates – Public Works:
 - a. Belinda Parkway Sidewalks – Results of TAP Grants have not been announced.
 - b. Town Center Trail Phase 3 is close to construction
 - c. Lebanon Sidewalk Phase 3 is close to construction.
 - d. Mt Juliet Road Sidewalk upgrades are close to construction.
 - e. Woodridge final inspections are underway. Bridges are closed, there were several locations of bolts missing.
 - i. Ribbon Cutting Date set for Sunday, June 22 at 2pm.
 - ii. Chief said there will be a balloon.
6. Ride Mt Juliet Day Recap:
 - a. Steve said Bike Rodeo was fantastic. Was the largest number of kids, but maybe the smallest number of adults.
 - b. Giving away the bike was great.
 - c. Art said he thinks it was the right decision to delay for the rain out date.
7. Ride of Silence Recap:
 - a. Diana said we need to do more marketing to get more people there.
 - b. Art appreciates those involved with the event. William gave battery powered candles to be used for future events.
 - c. Art is hopeful to have it outside again and maybe at the new PD building.

*(A citizen was warned for interruptions.)
8. Walk to School – Final Recap:
 - a. Steve stated that Elzie Patton Principal requested to do a Fall walk to school event.
 - b. A final press release went out documenting the events.
 - c. We could potentially do a walk to school in the spring and fall timeframe.

*(The same citizen was warned for interruptions a second time.)
9. Annual Greenway Walk Discussion and Planning
 - a. Decided on August 14th (Thursday) Rainout will be August 28th
 - b. Starting at 6pm
 - c. Route was chosen:
 - i. Athlete's Way Trail that Steve A. mentioned
 - ii. There is a trail head across from Amazon located at the light.
 - iii. Steve will measure all the options and report back to the group.
 - d. BPAC Members to review both locations and report back in June to determine the route we would like to use for the event.
10. New Business:
 - a. Bike to the Library

- i. Steve thinks mixing the promotion would confuse things. However as a press release that it could be added as an additional event, you can do another ride event during bike month for bike to the library.
 - ii. Art will discuss with the City attorney.
 - iii. Art wants to bring this up again in the next meeting (July or August).
- b. Milligan Bicycle Ride is June 14th 2025 - Saturday
 - i. Annual Event, This Veloteer event was previously called The Big Hill Challenge. The ride was renamed for a Veloteer member that passed away. All the proceeds go to Families for Safe Streets, a nonprofit.

*(The same citizen was asked to vacate the meeting after interruptions.)

- c. Travis will get the email set up and those emails will be forwarded to Art and Jennifer.
- d. Questions came from William:
 - i. Opportunity to work with Veloteers and Families for Safe Streets, and others, and one night at the Wilson County State Fair. William is asking if we would want to participate with them. We would only be covering 1 night. The Fair is Mid-August. Friends of
 - ii. Complete the Cedar Creek Greenway to the recreation area of Old Hickory Lake.
 - 1. The connection is shown on the Master Plan. With the idea that those that camp there would ride down into the city.
 - 2. It is a long route and would likely need to be done in phases.
 - 3. There are portions that are being built now and some that are planned.
 - iii. Continue the Town Center Trail to the Davidson County Line
 - 1. There has been ample discussion on this.
 - 2. Some think it is a safety issue.
 - 3. There have been issues in other connection areas involving less than positive interactions.
 - 4. All less than positive interactions cause additional resources to be used by City Forces including Police Department.
 - iv. Connect N. MJ Road to Jackson Hill Section of Greenway to Davis Drive.
 - v. Keep bike lanes clean around the city and Lebanon Rd. Too much debris and it forces bicyclists into the travel lanes to avoid the debris.
- e. Hunter Yoches is no longer in Mt Juliet District 4 and will be resigning.

11. Dismissal: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Potential 2025 BPAC Calendar of Events:

1. January:
 - a. Meeting: 1/7/2025 – 6:30pm
2. February:
 - a. Meeting: 2/4/2025 – 6:30pm
3. March:
 - a. Meeting: 3/4/2025 – 6:30pm
 - b. Walk Across Wilson Kick-off Event: 3/22/2025
 - c. Walk Across Wilson: 3/23/2025 – 4/19/2025
 - d. Potential Walk to School Days
4. April:
 - a. Meeting: 4/1/2025 – 6:30pm
 - b. Walk Across Wilson Continues
 - c. ~~Walk To School – MJMS 4/10/25 (rainout 4/11) – 7:45am~~
5. May:
 - a. Walk to School – Watertown 5/2/25 (rainout 5/12)
 - b. Ride Mt Juliet Event: 5/4/2025 (Rain out 5/18/2025) – 2pm
 - c. Walk to School – Rutland 5/6/25 – 6:15am
 - d. Meeting: 5/6/2025 – 6:30pm
 - e. Walk to School – WA Wright 5/12/25 – 6:45am
 - f. Walk to School – Elzie Patton & MJMS 5/15/25 – 6:30am
 - g. Ride of Silence (Veloteer Event): 5/21/2025 – 7pm
6. June:
 - a. Meeting: 6/3/2025 – 6:30pm
7. July:
 - a. Meeting: 7/1/2025 – 6:30pm
8. August:
 - a. Meeting: 8/5/2025 – 6:30pm
 - b. Greenway Walk Event: TBD 8/14/2025 (Rain out 8/28/2025) – 6pm
9. September:
 - a. Meeting: 9/2/2025 – 6:30pm
 - b. Potential BPAC Member Family Picnic – TBD – 5pm
10. October:
 - a. Meeting: 10/7/2025 – 6:30pm
11. November:
 - a. Meeting: 11/4/2025 – 6:30pm
12. December:
 - a. Meeting: 12/2/2025 – 6:30pm
 - b. Christmas Light Walk Event: 12/15/2025 (Rain out Date 12/29/2025) – 6pm
 - c. MJ Christmas Parade: TBD