

February 3, 2026

MJ BPAC Meeting

Mt. Juliet City Hall, Commissions Chamber

6:30 PM Meeting

Attendees:

Voting Members:			
Steven Armstrong (V)	Mike Earle (V)	Alisha E. Anderson (V)	Art Giles (V)
Jennifer Milele (V)	Matthew Richardi (V)	Mark Thomas (V)	Diana Vergara (V)
Vacant Seat (V)			
City Officials:			
Chief Chandler	Lt. Christensen	Jennifer Diekmann	Toby Toombs
Michael Mullins	Shane Shamanur	Emily Taylor	Matthew White

(v) – Voting Members

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum:
 - a. **4** of 9 voting members were present at call to order – Quorum **was not** established.
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes **were not** approved from the January 2026 meeting.
3. Citizens' Comments:
 - a. Sally Robertson addressed the committee regarding Ride Mt. Juliet and proposed that riders follow the Book Bike Librarian rather than an MJFD fire truck. She also proposed the route go back to the original distance of 5.8 miles and leave from the train station. She felt this route creates focus on the town center and local business.
4. Commissioner Jennifer Milele/Art Giles: Updates on City Projects, Changes, Comments, etc.:
 - a. Jennifer Milele
 - i. Not in attendance – no update.
 - b. Art Giles
 - i. Art Giles reported that the developer (Steve Griffith) building on Tate Lane has agreed to put a sidewalk on the east side of the lane, and he was willing to meet with Commissioner Giles and Victory Baptist Church. Michael Mullins noted that Victory Baptist Church is prepared to meet with Commissioner Giles to express their concern over any maintenance requirements that would fall on them. Art will schedule a meeting with VBC.

5. Grant Status/Opportunity/Updates – Public Works:
 - a. Toby Toombs was in attendance representing Public Works, but no update was given.
 - b. Art Giles mentioned there is a potential AARP grant opportunity with a submission deadline in March. The grant may require a joint submission from the BPAC and Friends of BPAC.
6. Ride Mt Juliet Day:
 - a. Citizens comments brought a proposal for following the book bike instead of following the fire truck.
 - b. Discussion was had related to Sally's proposal.
 - c. Michael Mullins stated that the city staff would not support a route change that would include Mt. Juliet Road.
 - d. Several members agreed that riding the hill on north MJ Road would be a problem with the increased number of small children who participate in the ride.
 - e. The committee agreed that riders should follow a fire truck during that portion of the ride and stick with the planned route.
 - f. There is no quorum to vote on an alternate route.
 - g. Diana Vergara has contacted the Veloteers about the bike giveaway.
 - h. For rider safety we need to place a Gator between the fire truck and riders.
 - i. The committee offered Sally the opportunity to ride the Book Bike Library at the front of the riders but behind the fire truck and Gator.
7. 2026 Calendar Discussion/Planning
 - a. There was no quorum to vote on the calendar, but the following suggestions were made.
 - b. February 28, is the kickoff for Walk Across Wilson
 - c. Committee members present were leaning towards a Greenway walk in August over July, and for the event to take place on Thursday 8/13 with a rainout date of 8/27.
 - d. Committee members present were leaning towards a BPAC members picnic in September over October. The October date listed on the proposed schedule conflicts with fall break for some schools.
 - e. A vote on the calendar was deferred to the March meeting.
 - f. See final page for potential dates for 2026 calendar.
8. Discussion: Identify Areas of City for Ped Connectivity and/or Repairs
 - a. Current Discussion Topics:
 - i. Steve Armstrong asked if sidewalks were a part of the Curd Road expansion planned for 2026, Toby commented that they are not.
 - ii. Armstrong asked the committee to investigate the need for a sidewalk on the west end of Curd Road to connect to sidewalks on MJ Road, and on the east end to connect to Golden Bear.
 - b. Previously Discussed:

- i. Jackson Hills Trailhead – Dead Trees shedding limbs onto the greenway. Parks is in communication with the HOA for approvals.
- ii. Sunnymede Dr – To have sidewalks connecting Belinda Pkwy to Rutland Rd with a cross walk to connect to the Providence Greenway.
- iii. Diana volunteered for developing a Map with these locations compiled.
- iv. Clearview Neighborhood connections discussed during Citizen's Comments
 - 1. Matt White to investigate potential solutions.
- v. Behind Goodwill connecting to Crossings Blvd.
 - 1. There is a missing piece of sidewalk.
 - 2. It is on a private road and therefore the City can't address this.
- vi. New Greenway at Bradshaw Farms – something should be extended so it doesn't dead-end.
- vii. Steve: Two communities would likely benefit from a sidewalk along the main street to connect to MJ Road.
 - 1. Falkner – would it make sense to have a sidewalk to connect to MJ Rd for kids that may want to walk to the middle school
 - 2. Mt Juliet Middle School – Weston could potentially use a sidewalk to connect to the rest of the system. Matt W. said that there will be a sidewalk done in Clearview when that is re-developed.

9. New Business:

- a. Art Giles encouraged BPAC members to form teams to participate in Walk across Wilson to benefit Friends of BPAC.
- b. Alisha will post to the Jackson Hills FB group.
- c. Steve Armstrong will post the BPAC FB page as well as the Woodland Place FB group.

10. Dismissal:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Potential 2026 BPAC Calendar of Events:

1. January:
 - a. Meeting: 1/6/2026 – 6:30pm
2. February:
 - a. Meeting: 2/3/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Walk Across Wilson Kick-Off Event: 2/28/2026
3. March:
 - a. Meeting: 3/3/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Walk Across Wilson: 3/01/2026 – TBD/2026
 - c. Potential Walk to School Days
4. April:
 - a. Meeting: 4/7/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Walk Across Wilson Continues
 - c. Potential Walk to School Days
5. May:
 - a. Ride Mt Juliet Event: 5/3/2026 (Rain out 5/17/2026) – 2pm
 - b. Meeting: 5/5/2026 – 6:30pm
 - c. Potential Walk to School Days
 - d. Ride of Silence (Veloteer Event): 5/20/2026 – 7pm
6. June:
 - a. Meeting: 6/2/2026 – 6:30pm
7. July:
 - a. Meeting: 7/7/2026 – 6:30pm – Potential to Cancel due to July 4th proximity
 - b. Potential Greenway Walk Event before school starts.
8. August:
 - a. Meeting: 8/4/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Potential Greenway Walk Event: 8/13/2026 (Rain out 8/27/2026) – 6pm (was Thursday last year)
9. September:
 - a. Meeting: 9/1/2026 – 6:30pm (week before Labor Day)
 - b. Potential BPAC Member Family Picnic – TBD – 5pm
10. October:
 - a. Meeting: 10/6/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Potential BPAC Family Picnic.
11. November:
 - a. Meeting: 11/3/2026 – 6:30pm
12. December:
 - a. Meeting: 12/1/2026 – 6:30pm – Typically cancelled in advance of Christmas Light walk
 - b. Potential Christmas Light Walk Event: 12/14/2026 (Rain out Date 12/21/2026) – 6pm
 - i. Typically Monday Night with rain out the following Monday
 - c. MJ Christmas Parade: TBD