

May 6, 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 Diekmann	Abraham Farias
Sheila Lockett	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 April 2025 Meeting by Unanimous Vote, with 1 abstention.
3. Citizens Comments:
 - a. Sally Robertson:
 - i. Tia’s Boutique made a towel to give away. She will be taking orders if others wish to buy one. It says “Follow the Firetruck – Ride Mt Juliet”
 - ii. Sally also talked about Bike to the Library that she is hosting. Based on “Let’s move at the Library”
 - iii. Sally also made some Ride of Silence Arm Bands – they are MJ colors of Black and Gold.
4. Commissioner Jennifer Milele: Updates on City Projects, Changes, Comments, etc.:
 - a. Linwood Station – on East Division
 - i. They wanted to do a sidewalk in a certain spot but there isn’t room, so they are going to go South.

5. Grant Status/Opportunity/Updates – Public Works:
 - a. Still Waiting on Town Center Trail Phase 3
 - b. Still waiting on NTP for Lebanon Sidewalks Phase 3
 - c. Woodridge Sidewalk Update
 - i. Bridges should be complete and handrails added by end of the month
 - ii. City still needs to do a speed study at the new crossing.
 - iii. Ribbon Cutting:
 1. Challenges: Location – some will walk, some will park at Trailhead and walk over.
 2. Ribbon cutting on Sunday June 22nd at 2pm.
 3. PD will make it happen and make the event special for Art.
 - d. No grant news on Belinda Sidewalks project.
 - e. Previous updates:
 - i. Belinda Parkway grant submission is still under review and PW has not had any response yet on the award.
 - ii. Woodridge Sidewalk Update:
 1. Woodridge Sidewalks: Progress is ongoing. They will place bridges, then boardwalk then sidewalk. Target for end of May – but likely won't include punch list completion. Delay is due to prior conflict with a water main.
 - iii. Lebanon Rd Sidewalks Phase 3:
 1. Project is planned to move to construction phase next fiscal year (July 2025-July 2026)
 - iv. SS4A Steering Committee Update:
 1. Matt Richardi stated that the next Safe Streets 4 All Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th, in the afternoon. The meeting is to discuss the Draft Safety Action Plan developed for the City. The Steering Committee received the draft document on February 21st.
6. Walk Across Wilson Recap:
 - a. It was a good event, Friends of BPAC got 3rd place.
7. Ride Mt Juliet Day: Rain Out Date (Discussion, Flyer, etc.)
 - a. Steve made and shared an updated flyer due to the Rain Out of the first date.
 - b. Event was rained out and re-scheduled for May 18th. Starting at 2pm.
 - i. 2 Tents, 3 tables, 6 chairs – from MJ Parks
 - ii. Mic and Speaker from Travis.
 - c. Diana coordinated with the Veloteers for the Bike. (Jennifer to discuss with Diana).
 - i. Steve A. to contact Steve C. to get a photo of the Bike
 - d. The route is from CD Park and returning to the park.

8. Ride of Silence: Discussion
 - a. Date/Time: May 21st at 7pm
 - b. Jennifer to coordinate with Diana regarding anything else needed from BPAC
 - c. Ride the same as last year. Leave Train Station, ride to PD station, hold ceremony, ride back.
 - d. Sometimes attendees go out to eat afterwards
9. Walk to School: (Updates/Discussion)
 - a. Walk to school – individual schools update:
 - i. MJMS (Principal Lee Nachand)
 1. Date: Thurs. 4/10/25 (Rainout Fri 4/11/25)
 2. Meet at 7:45 AM at CD Park – back parking lot
 3. Begin Walk at 8:00 AM
 4. Nobody showed, event was moved to walk with Elzie Patton
 - ii. Watertown
 1. Date: Fri. 5/2/25 (Rainout Mon. 5/12/25)
 2. Largest showing of students in Watertown since it started. 230 participants.
 - iii. Rutland (Principal Shaunna Davis)
 1. Date: Tues. 5/6/25
 2. Meet at 6:15 AM and walk at 6:45 AM
 3. Three different meeting points: Grace Baptist Church on Belinda Parkway, Bridge Mill Drive, and Mt Juliet Ball Park on Springdale Dr.
 4. 400-500 children for the walk. Largest showing ever.
 - iv. WA Wright (Principal Wilma Hawkins)
 1. Date: Mon. 5/12/25
 2. Meet at 6:45 AM at NW Corner of Green Hill HS (left back)
 3. Begin walk at 7:00 AM
 - v. Elzie Patton (Principal Mary Holland)
 1. Date: Thurs. 5/15/25
 2. Meet at 6:30 AM at CD Farmer's Market
 3. Begin walk at 6:45 AM
10. Annual Greenway Walk Discussion and Planning
 - a. Decided on August 14th (Thursday) Rainout will be August 28th
 - b. Starting at 6pm
 - c. Route is narrowed to 2 locations – to be voted on at the June Meeting
 - i. Town Center Greenway to Jeremiahs

- ii. Athlete's Way Trail that Steve A. mentioned
 - d. BPAC Members to review both locations and report back in June to determine the route we would like to use for the event.
- 11. New Business:
 - a. Discussion about moving future Ride MJ event deeper into May.
 - i. 2nd Sunday is Mother's Day.
 - ii. 3rd Sunday is the 17th. With a Rain out on the 31st?
 - b. Discussion about adding a BPAC email address. – Travis with the City will set it up.
- 12. Dismissal: Meeting adjourned at 7:21 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