

March 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 Dickmann	Toby Toombs
Michael Mullins	Shane Shamanur	Emily Taylor	Matthew White
Todd Serbent			

(v) – Voting Members

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum:
 - a. **7** of 9 voting members were present – Quorum **was** established.
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes **were** approved from the January and February 2026 meetings by unanimous vote and one abstention.
3. Citizens' Comments:
 - a. Sally Robertson asked why her book bike is not something that BPAC is supporting. Art said that BPAC does support it by allowing her to ride her bike at the events. Sally created a link that she sent to Art and Steve. She wants to know where it is going to be placed to promote walking and biking. Art said he will share it with the rest of BPAC and it will be discussed another meeting.
4. Commissioner Jennifer Milele/Art Giles: Updates on City Projects, Changes, Comments, etc.:
 - a. Jennifer Milele
 - i. No Report.
 - b. Art Giles
 - i. No Report.

5. Grant Status/Opportunity/Updates – Public Works:
 - a. Old Lebanon Dirt Rd bids came in under the estimate.
 - b. Town Center will start up soon.
 - c. New Fire Hall on Old Lebanon Dirt Rd. They are going to extend the sidewalk to Roberson Park. Should be done next month.
6. “Light up my Crosswalk” Information/Discussion: Matt White
 - a. Matt shared a YouTube video about a light up the crosswalk with a mounted light that turns on with a pedestrian push button push. This is being done as a pilot in Nashville.
 - b. Matt will monitor this pilot in Nashville to see when it may be beneficial to install in Mt Juliet.
7. Approve 2026 Calendar
 - a. Moved the Greenway walk to be August 13 with rainout on the 27th.
 - b. BPAC Member Family Picnic set for September 18th.
 - c. Calendar passed by unanimous vote.
8. Discussion: Ride Mt Juliet Day Discussion/Planning
 - a. Will Start at Charlie Daniels Park. Same route as last year.
 - b. Date: May 3rd at 2:00 PM (Rainout is May 17)
 - c. We need two 2 Tents, 2 Tables, 4 Chairs from Parks.
 - d. Earles will help with sign-in.
 - e. Mike Mullins will arrange for MJPD to do a Bike Rodeo.
 - f. Steve will work on the Flyer.
 - g. Diana will coordinate with Veloteers on the Bike Give-away.
 - h. Mike to discuss with MJPD about the loaded weight of their Gators. The weight limit of the wooden boardwalks is only 6,000 lbs.
9. Ride of Silence Discussion/Planning
 - a. Diana is working on the Flyer
 - b. This is a Veloteer event that BPAC supports.
 - c. Date: May 20th at 7pm (International Event Time)
10. Discussion: Identify Areas of City for Pedestrian Connectivity/Repairs:
 - a. Current Discussion Topics:
 - i. Sidewalk Connection is missing between S Mt Juliet Rd and ML Rose.
 1. Matt said it is in the Transportation Plan, but it doesn’t have funding yet.
 - ii. Davis Drive is not in the transportation plan. Getting grant funding would be challenging, but it could still be done as a city project. This would ultimately connect Golden Bear to other sidewalks and neighborhood. There is a project proposed in the area, but it has challenges at the moment with the proposed plan with parcels in the floodway.

- iii. Golden Bear is getting really bad from the construction. The bike lanes are very covered with debris and rocks.

b. Previously Discussed:

- 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.
- iii. Jackson Hills Trailhead – Dead Trees shedding limbs onto the greenway. Parks is in communication with the HOA for approvals.
- iv. Sunnymead Dr – To have sidewalks connecting Belinda Pkwy to Rutland Rd with a cross walk to connect to the Providence Greenway.
- v. Diana volunteered for developing a Map with these locations compiled.
- vi. Clearview Neighborhood connections discussed during Citizen’s Comments
 - 1. Matt White to investigate potential solutions.
- vii. 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.
- viii. New Greenway at Bradshaw Farms – something should be extended so it doesn’t dead-end.
- ix. 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.

11. New Business:

a. Walk to School Event

- i. Dates are set from the individual Schools.
- ii. WA Wright – 5/8 – Meet at 6:45 – walk at 7:00
 - 1. Meet at NW Corner of Green Hill High School (left back)
- iii. Elzie Patton – 5/13 – Meet at 6:30 – walk at 6:45
 - 1. Meet at Charlie Daniels Back Parking Lot
- iv. MJMS – 5/13 – Meet at 7:45 – Walk at 8:00
 - 1. Charlie Daniesl Back Parking Lot
- v. Rutland – 5/14 – Meet at 6:15 – Walk at 6:45

1. Meet at Grace Baptist Church (Belinda Parkway), Bridge Mill Drive, Mt Juliet Bark Park
- vi. Watertown Elem. – 5/19 – Meet at 6:45 – Walk at 7:00
 1. Meet at First Baptist Church
- b. Citizen request to add speed limit signs to East Division and Belinda Parkway.
- c. Art encouraged everyone to participate in Walk across Wilson and to log their minutes for their desired team (preferably Friends of MJ BPAC)
- d. Updated Road Designs for the City. Todd Serbent presented on what some different cross sectional views could be. All would have a reduction in speeds. These will be finalized with support from BPAC and be submitted to the Planning Commission on Thursday March 19th.
 - i. Residential Collector (main road inside of a neighborhood)
 1. Code calls for 6 ft sidewalk, 6ft grass strip, and 6 ft bike lane.
 2. The new change would combine the bike lanes into the sidewalk having a 10ft greenway on both sides.
 3. Design speed would lower from 35 to 30 MPH.
 - ii. Commercial Collector
 1. The proposed change would increase to an 8 ft sidewalk, would remove the grass strip but would maintain bike lanes on the roadway.
 - iii. Community Collector
 1. Similar changes to the commercial collector, but with a median.
 - iv. Arterial Collector
 1. Increased buffer for the bike lane.

12. Dismissal:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

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 Starts: 3/01/2026
 - c. Potential Walk to School Days
4. April:
 - a. Meeting: 4/7/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. 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. Walk To School – WA Wright 5/8 – 6:45 am
 - d. Walk to School – Elzie Patton 5/13 – 6:30 am
 - e. Walk to School – MJMS 5/13 – 7:45 am
 - f. Walk to School – Rutland 5/14 – 6:45 am
 - g. Walk to School – Watertown 5/19 – 6:45 am
 - h. 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
8. August:
 - a. Meeting: 8/4/2026 – 6:30pm
 - b. Greenway Walk Event: 8/13/2026 (Rain out 8/27/2026) – 6pm
9. September:
 - a. Meeting: 9/1/2026 – 6:30pm (week before Labor Day)
 - b. BPAC Member Family Picnic – 9/18 – 5pm
10. October:
 - a. Meeting: 10/6/2026 – 6:30pm
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