



**FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING NEXT STEPS**

Progress Report – July 2016

ACTION ITEM # 1 – Neighborhood Watch Reinstatement and Informant Training



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Progress:

The CAT (Community Action Team) have worked with a number of community members on ways to assist the LPD and Commonwealth Attorney's office with the criminal activity in and around the Fairview area. They had a meeting on June 28 with over 25 community members.

Due to the recent concerns in the Fairview Heights neighborhood, especially centering around Younger Park, Steve and Cindy both participated in the Code Compliance walk through of the area on June 15. This was filmed by Steve Smallshaw to be shown on the government television channel. Many City officials, including Councilman Perrow, participated in this event and talked to the citizens.

Steven Wood attended a neighborhood meeting at the recreation center on June 28 to discuss the problems and attempt to revitalize the area's neighborhood watch. It has basically been



inactive for the past 2 years due to a lack of leadership from the elderly residents. Steve told me that several people attended the meeting, but no one was willing to assume the leadership, to be the coordinator to send out notices for meetings and be the liaison person with our office. Without a coordinator, and an actual phone/email tree to notify members of problems, or meetings, there cannot be an official neighborhood watch group.

Officer Doss met with Fairview recreation center supervisor Sue Downs-Loyd to put together their crisis plan. Off. Khaja also attended that meeting.

As with any neighborhood, the crime prevention unit will do all that we can to help address concerns, offer security information, conduct home security assessments upon request, etc. This is offered regardless of the existence of a Neighborhood Watch program in the area.



ACTION ITEM # 2 - Crime Prevention Design at Younger Park



City Department Contact:

Andy Reeder

Parks Services Manager

Working with Public Works and Lynchburg Police Department

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Progress:

Younger Park Field Inspection held at Younger Park on May 16, 2016 with PD and PW.

- Fairview Basketball Courts (court and a half) sealed, overlayed, with sports gel-coat applied, lined, and new goal posts, backboards, rims, and nets installed on July 12.
- Purchased game/security camera, security housing, security cable and mounting hardware. Will install by August 1st and use for 30 day trial before committing to additional cameras.
- Raised branches over basketball court, and along fence.



- Removed old metal (aluminum) bench on hillside, backfill with soil and seed/straw as appropriate.
- Cleared branches around street lights.
- Removed graffiti on play structure.

Here are some of the items identified of which many are currently being addressed:

- Add soil, roll with water barrel to gain proper compact bed, seed, and protect with jute fabric (or use seed matting) to mitigate exposed and eroded corner of basketball court.
- Have P&R staff check park lighting at night to determine what's working and what's not.
- Pressure wash/clean grill and picnic tables.
- Stain privacy fence around portable restroom unit.
- Replace missing fence sections along perimeter of park.
- Investigate pedestrian/neighborhood/emergency entrance off Nelson Street.
- Review Younger Woods Park Master Plan and the entrance off Nelson Street to reinvigorate that discussion; along with LPD request for a second entrance.



ACTION ITEM # 3 – Landlord Rental Issues



City Department Contact:

Keith Wright Community Development

Progress: Community Code Compliance Team *Implemented Fairview Avenue Walk-Through*

Meeting Notes 6/15/2016

The Community Code Compliance Team convened at Younger Park on Light Street at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15 for a Walk-Through of the adjacent neighborhood. After brief introductions and purpose, the walk-through commenced.

The following is a list of participants and the City departments or agencies they are affiliated:

Turner Perrow	City Council
Beverly Herndon	Public Works
Steve Smallshaw	Communications & Marketing
Steven Wood	Police Department
Cindy Kozzerow	Police Department
Sgt. Jeff Rater	Police Department



Officer Luther Rose	Police Department
Officer Lee Hughes	Police Department
Wayne Craig	Community Development
Sue Downs-Loyd	Fairview Center
Travis Hobbs	Fairview Center
Matt O'Daniel	Fire Department
Lawrence Harper	Neighborhood
Joyce Carwile	Neighborhood

The following are areas of concern or violations noted by the participants:

Code Compliance Findings/Summary:

The following properties to be investigated for possible City Code violations:

- Two properties on Light Street regarding overgrowth and illegal dumping.
- Three properties in the 3200 block Nelson Street regarding abandoned/inoperative motor vehicles.
- One property in the 2100 block Craig Street regarding abandoned/inoperative motor vehicles.
- One property in the 1900 block Ridge Avenue regarding abandoned/inoperative motor vehicle and illegal dumping.
- Four properties in the 2200 block of Haden Street regarding abandoned/inoperative motor vehicles.
- Six properties in the 3200 block of Maryland Avenue regarding abandoned/inoperative motor vehicles and overgrowth.
- One property on Gill Street regarding overgrowth.

Zoning Findings/Summary: No Findings. Possible illegal business on Haden Street being researched.



Public Works/Utilities Findings/Summary:

- Stop sign covered with brush at the corner of Light and Nelson Streets. Assigned to public works for clearing.
- Brush at 3200 block Nelson Street. Assigned for pick-up.
- Three areas in the 2100 block of Craig Street with brush/trash/litter. Assigned for clean-up.
- Drop inlet in need of repair in the 2100 block of Craig Street. Assigned for repair.
- 2100 and 2200 block of Haden Street with bulk items and culvert under driveway in need of cleaning. Assigned for clean-up and inspection
- 3200 block of Maryland Avenue with bulk/brush. Assigned for pick-up.

Building Inspections Findings/Summary:

- Three properties on Light Street, Haden Street and Maryland Avenue with possible violations of the property maintenance code regarding exterior conditions.

Police Department Findings/Summary:

- At the dead end of Light Street in the right-of-way, there were multiple vehicles on with junk/debris scattered.

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ACTION ITEM #4 - More Positive Programs and Places for Teens



City Department Contact:

Jenny Jones

Director of Parks and Recreation

Working with Lynchburg City Schools (Scott Brabrand) and
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Progress:

- Summer 3-on-3 Basketball League – *Implemented* – There are 4 neighborhood teams. (College Hill, Jefferson Park, Yoder Center, Diamond Hill). Also, Daniel Brooks, Calvin and Jimmie are helping to referee with the 3-on-3 league. Also, Khadrian, Monet, Ms. Micky and Mr. Goode have been great with coaching and participating. College Hill and Jefferson Park have the leading records.
- Summer 5-on-5 Basketball League co-sponsored by Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg City Schools and LPRD – *Implemented* – *Summer league weekend teams there are 14 teams. (8 Middle and 6 High Schools).*



- Fairview Basketball Courts (court and a half) sealed, overlaid, with sports gel-coat applied, lined, and new goal posts, backboards, rims, and nets installed on July 12.
- Lights at Miller Park Basketball Courts – *July 25 scheduled installation.*
- Summer CHESS Club with Lynchburg City Schools at Yoder Neighborhood Center – *Implemented*

A fundraiser is being hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings on July 18. Fifteen percent of proceeds to benefit our 3-on-3 league. We want to provide a snack to players as well as shirts to play in the Virginia Commonwealth Games. Present the ticket below:



Photos from the summer basketball leagues.



ACTION ITEM #5 - Coordinate with Fairview Neighborhood Churches and Stakeholder Groups to Pool Resources



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Sue Downs-Loyd Fairview Center Senior Recreation Specialist, Parks and Recreation

Progress:

Sue Downs-Loyd conducted Fairview Neighborhood Coffee Chat with Churches, Businesses, and Neighborhood stakeholders on July 11.

The meeting held on July 11 at Fairview Center was well attended. Eighteen were in attendance including Brenda Robertson, Julia Tomlin, David Jones, Joyce Cariveilo, Verna Henry, Treney Tweedy, Teresa Watson, Ida Slaughter, Ernest Kyle, James Arnold, Susan Armentrout, Carl Gordon, Phil Reed Jr.



Discussions included:

- Better communication so all interested know of events and meetings; particularly Neighborhood Watch meetings and Resource Network meetings.
- Carl Gordon spoke about The Lynchburg VA Resource Network group that has been meeting alternate Thursdays, (the next will be July 21). Meetings are held in the basement of Mt. Zion Church. They are developing a website to also link partnerships and additional information.

The web address will be www.thelynchburgvaresourcenetwork.com.

- Brenda Robertson spoke about many positive activities the youth at Church of God of Prophecy plans.
- Carl Gordon suggested lobbying City Council to enact policies whereby parents are judged by the system when their children are delinquent. He feels parents need to be more responsible for their children's behavior.
- Trenay Tweedy responded by saying lobbying was not the answer since the court system needed to be involved in the process. She also shared what Roanoke has been doing for 20 years, the Drug Court where those with drugs charges are given opportunities for rehab as opposed to incarceration. She also shared the goals and programs of YouthWorks in Lynchburg and some of the successes they have seen.
- We also discussed other possibilities in getting young people involved and having them develop ownership of the neighborhood in a very positive way, and using peers to influence each other to make changes.

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Fairview Neighborhood Center

Final Neighborhood Meeting with
Lynchburg City Staff Action Items Reports.



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