

## **WARD 3**

### **2016 Ward Meeting**

#### **What would make Springfield the “Model” city?**

- Vibrant Downtown. Activities for all ages including families, older people, etc. Not just to go downtown to eat or drink.
- Activities to get youth involved. Multi-functional center for youth that may have tutoring, programs
- Properly maintained streets, sidewalks, traffic signals. Appearance, function, etc.
- Timing of traffic lights – ease of travel
- St. Louis – infrastructure of downtown, different types of entertainment. All types of affordable activities for families
- Good corridors in and out of the City – pleasant looking and traffic flow
- Balance of access to activities across City (i.e. Soulard; Little Italy; Museums) destinations all around that work well.
- Adequate police presence
- Good transportation system including buses, Amtrak, cabs and airport that is accessible
- Reputation for safety – live, drive and go
- Affordable and well-maintained housing
- Sustainable job growth
- Side street maintenance needs to be maintained
- Beautification projects that are throughout the city – trees, greens, shrubbery

#### **Issues**

- Recycling is still an issue
- Bus hours are still an issue. Needs to be extended outside of work
- Ward 2 and 3 vacant houses. We need the city to be responsible for mowing like we hold residents accountable.
- Basement flooding
- Street Flooding. For example Lexi and Livingston, Cook Street & Clear Lake. But there are many others.
- We are a stinky city. The sewer smell is everywhere (Cook Street underpass; 19<sup>th</sup> Street between Cass & Clay – church building)
- Erosion on Nickels Road
- North Grand right before it dips to Bruns Lane. There is a natural gas smell and want to ensure it is not leaking.
- More diverse economic development along Clear Lake besides auto shops, etc.
- Ditch at Adloff needs attention
- Gas station, grocery stores, etc. need to be in the neighborhoods. Some type of commerce in the neighborhoods
- Mechanism to enforce zoning ordinances on personal property – individually owned. Lots of litter; City workers who do not keep the property up. Still an issue from last year.
- Is there an ordinance about trees growing up in the fence line? Who maintains that?
- Leaf pickup. The time frame for pick up was shortened and it wasn't communicated effectively that it had to be put out on the first day. Communication needs to be clearer.
- \$400,000 – what is that for and how is it affecting the trees

- Issues with waste haulers do not put drop off hours on bill and need to.
- How do we cite people and rule on bad properties
- Ordinance about fences. Is there design parameters because some areas like 9<sup>th</sup> & Converse have a fence that is hard to see around to pull out in to traffic
- Create Ordinance so people cannot blow and put grass clippings in street
- Is there a tree program that people who can't afford to take tree down can apply for funding or assistance?
- North Grand and 4<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be trimmed back or better to take it down.

**In one word, describe Springfield today.**

- Historic
- Aging
- Growing
- Unorganized
- Progressive
- Depressed
- Expanding
- Depressing
- Boring
- Influence
- Needy
- Safe
- Historic
- Home
- Under-achievers
- Affordable
- Friendly
- Challenged
- Political
- Lost
- Nice
- Proactive
- Home
- Caring
- Divided
- Changing
- Potential
- Transitioning
- Lincoln

**In one word, how would you like to describe Springfield?**

- Inspiring
- Equitable
- Improved
- Developed
- Coming-together
- Achieved
- Awesome
- Prosperous
- Imax
- Upward mobility
- Stable –economically
- Inviting
- Perfect
- Entertaining
- Beautiful
- Progressive
- Affordable decent housing
- Exciting
- The Best
- Cleaner
- Enjoyable
- Exciting
- Progressive
- Illuminating
- Together
- Prosperous
- Community
- Treated fairly
- One-ness
- Vibrant
- Model