

WARD 8

2016 Ward Meeting

What would make Springfield the “Model” city?

- Vibrant downtown: restaurant, shops, college classes. Places that can sustain
- Completed Kidzeum
- Walkability: outdoor theater, art sculptures
- Transportation: accessible from all over
- Cleaner and better landscape of the city. Main entrance areas, corridors
- Revolving plan on infrastructure (updated Capital Development Plan with yearly objectives).
- Springfield has great bike trails but getting to them is difficult. You have to transport your bike by car but you should be able to get there on bike because it is networked.
- Slower speeds on main corridors
- Losing 20-30s for job opportunities. Need things to retain young people. Blue collar jobs are needed and something more than medical and government. Increase the job opportunities.
- Bringing things in like an iMax. Things that could bring people around for a “day-cation”
- Dependable support from state government
- Go by public transportation to all historic sites. Can go all the way out to New Salem, to downtown, and around.
- Getting a bus stop out by the zoo and establish a more expansive zoo.
- Public recreation on our lake. Somewhere to enjoy the lake without joining a club.
- Working and strengthening our schools. People shouldn't have to move to go to school
- Recycling mandatory
- Revitalization of housing in central core so we don't become a donut.
- Become a Tree City. Plant trees in parkways, etc.

Issues

- Access to lower part of Washington Park
- Better storm water management
- Countdown timers on stop lights need to be uniformed. They don't give you the same countdown (is it on 3 it turns yellow; or is it 1 it turns yellow; etc)
- Intersection on Veterans and Monroe going into Old Jacksonville. Three cars can't turn – barely gets three people thru on arrow.
- Synchronized sensor lights when traffic isn't around and sitting at a red light
- Thank you to the city for the sidewalk repair for the neighborhood
- On Lawrence between Monroe and Washington - not a single cross walk. It is important for people to be able to walk.
- Consistency with neighborhood sidewalks. If it is fixed in one area, you should fix it all the way down. Including Oakmont to Monroe then Monroe to Veterans.
- Stronger and more restrictive policies with chronic nuisance issues. We need to improve that process.
- We need to be mindful on how we put bike trails on certain streets. Cars avoid those streets but it affects economic development
- Bally Vaugh Apartments: What is the status?
- Speed zone on Monroe needs to be enforced.

- Snow removal is great but the snow gets pushed on entrance way - Monroe Parks Condominiums for example.
- Yard Waste Ordinance: people are putting it on sidewalks and in streets. How do you report those?
- Issues with leaves and grass on West Capital. Bags just sit there because there is no sticker are on them. The city needs to pick them up.
- Better communication of pickup schedule. Outline the Ward better on the map and use better directions.
- Fall storm season and spring storm season. Power outages seem to be very high and how does that improve?
- City needs to be more proactive in code enforcement. We are complaint driven and city needs to be more proactive. Proactive inspections of neighborhoods.
- Construction on Monroe. Barrels are too narrow and need to be pushed back.
- More frequent street sweeping
- A lot of garbage on the streets. For example, Stanford and Amos. Needs to be picked up due to littering.
- House backs up to alley between Park and Adelia and a street light in alley is needed.
- Resurfacing of Chatham Road – when is that happening?
- Partnership with School District needs to keep occurring.
- Model of 21st Century Schools