

## **WARD 9**

### **2016 Ward Meeting**

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

- Clean
- Good streets: gutters, curbs, pavement, no potholes, shoulders
- Additional traffic control signals
- Good neighbors
- Employment opportunities to keep young people here. Have a range of opportunities: blue collar, white collar, a variety of people
- Transportation center at airport.
- We have flat revenues. More long-range budget planning. How we are going to pay for this when costs are going to rise?
- Good supplemental source of water.
- Good recreational facilities including parks, golf courses, stadiums, etc.
- Have another provider for broadband – possibly the city
- Make Springfield a more attractive city. The parking lots are an eyesore. Get parking lot owners to make additional green space. Parking lots that are owned by Horace Mann are landscaped and it makes them look nice.
- Good introduction of solar power
- Outstanding public safety and maintaining public safety.
- Recycling Center that is county-wide
- Publicize the good about Springfield. The entryways are not great. Need to communicate that it is a great place to live. Have a comprehensive strategy
- Grow the positive message about Springfield School District 186. They have outstanding schools but everyone goes outside of Springfield
- Parking. We want a vibrant downtown Springfield. Work on signage with DSI to color code signs that people know they can park there after 5:00 p.m. without getting towed.
- Get rid of some of the one way streets to make downtown a destination and not a pass thru.

#### **Issues**

- Koke Mill Road. A lot of traffic. Washington Street and Route 97. Very unsafe. Turning on Washington, there are too many ditches. Shoulders are non-existent. Finished Koke Mill which is great but the north is not finished and scary.
- Koke Mill needs to be watched for speed. It is excessive.
- Oxford Street to Churchill Road, where it meets Harbauer. It goes down to one lane and is very dangerous. Harbauer joins on to that road and connects to Washington. It is oil and chip but the whole system is not satisfactory.
- Winch Lane and Jefferson. Difficult to get in and out of there without a light. A light is needed.
- Koke Mill is gravel and oil and should be paved and widened. When you get to Washington, the pavement floods and it shuts down versus fixing it. Cars get stuck and submerged in viaducts in heavy rain.

- Bruns Lane Court needs to be a priority. It is patched but it is not fixed. Needs to be resurfaced.
- Issue with the alley behind 62 Dawn. Is it city or County? No one can assist. Who owns the property?
- Old Jacksonville Road is a four lane road. Heading west, it turns from 2 lanes into 1. There is a safety issue. It stops at the edge of the pavement/culvert danger.
- Branch pickup. There needs to be a better map on the website that allows a resident to zoom in and see streets.
- Bluff Road. Contractor came in and did new strips of concrete but they left holes. They are supposed to redo it but it has not been done yet.
- Ownership of land by Jefferson Park. They are paved up to a point and then there is a barricade. Over by Churchill Road. A low spot. Can the Park District help or is it the city?
- Bike trail access. You have to trespass on Marchelle Avenue and that is not good. In Youngston Hills, they are the only ones that don't have access to the bike path without illegally going on property. They need to get an easement or something that allows them access.
- Garbage trucks: Can they be restricted by wards or zones so they aren't in and out all the time?
- District 186 and Pleasant Plain's school buses are in and out along Bluff Road. It is a ton of bus traffic and that has to be fixed.
- On Veterans, Palomino, Cider Mill and Lawrence turn lanes are an issue. Get rid of the turn lights. Because they have to wait for the lights to change and it is a long time.

**What would you like to see in Springfield 20 years from now?**

- Prosperity for all citizens
- Downtown that has activities for all
- Historic preservation
- Combined living, shopping, and services like hubs
- A completed Hunter Lake
- Connected bike trails to get around town
- Completion of railroad relocation – don't keep 3<sup>rd</sup> street, add a multi-modal center
- Every downtown building has occupancy – mix of all retail, homes (mix-use)
- A more active airport
- Widen 55 on the east side around town (here to Lincoln)
- Positive redevelopment of empty lots in inner city.
- Expansion of bus service and smaller buses
- One thing to be proud of/show
- Koke Mill Road

- Develop a historic corridor – connect them all. Walkability corridor that is focused around Lincoln
- Interactive map on the iPhone
- Interactive Children’s Museum
- Downtown that is a destination
- Changing mindset of parking downtown
- Downtown residential
- Upper stories downtown like other cities
- Great place to retire and promote it as such
- Movie theaters downtown
- Updated Robin Roberts Baseball Park