

# **MINUTES OF MEETING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

Councilman Toby Clark opened the meeting and thanked all members and guests for attending. All Committee members were present, to include Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana, Councilman Toby Clark, Councilwoman Kim Richards, Andrew Fallon, Lynn Gauthier, and Jerry Embry.

Mr. Clark reminded all that this Committee is an advisory committee with no authority to make decisions. We will continue to do our best to come up with good ideas for the betterment of the community and take those ideas before the entire Council for approval.

Everyone agreed that the new "Welcome to West Buechel" signs are great. Jerry Embry had suggested to City Hall to possibly somehow cover the signs with plastic to protect against vandalism, but was told by the City Clerk that would be illegal. There was a brief discussion regarding this matter.

Councilman Clark brought up our survey and our decided method to proceed with. He will continue to go door-to-door and Councilwoman Saldana and Councilwoman Richards will begin to assist Councilman Clark with the survey. Councilman Clark will inform the entire Council of our process at the regular Council meeting. Liz Bierbaum spoke and said that this Committee should continue what it is doing and not attempt to merge our survey with the that of the Community Center Committee. Her reasoning is that the Community Center Committee is nowhere near ready for a survey and should not hold back this committee, which is ready. Andrew Fallon stated that it should be an A-B test; our data collection is the A test, and the Community Center Committee's survey will be the B test. Bonnie Manning suggested that we keep it very simple. Councilwoman Saldana stated that she had a conversation with Clerk Batliner, who told her she should not do what Kim and Toby are doing with the survey. Liz Bierbaum stated that at no time should City staff tell Council members what to do, just as Council members cannot tell City staff what to do. Everyone agreed with that statement. Regarding the Mayor's statement at the last meeting about residents not wanting us knocking on their doors, Councilwoman Richards stated that her first question to residents will be to ask if I is alright that we are knocking to speak to them about possible City programs. If someone states they are not ok with it, that address will be shared with all as a "do not contact/knock" house. All agreed this was a good idea. It was decided by all that we will continue to collect our data.

Councilman Clark brought up Christmas events. He stated that we will work with Ms. Bierbaum and the Community Center on any programs they work on.

Jerry Embry brought up the purchase of a digital sign for the yard in front of City Hall. Councilwoman Richards stated she would put it on the Agenda for the regular Council meeting for full Council discussion. This Committee will advise the Council that the City should purchase a digital sign.

Councilman Clark brought up the idea of Code Enforcement assisting with the stray cats. Liz Bierbaum stated because we do not handle animal control, the City being involved in any type of program would be a liability for the City. But she did state that she has Shamrock Foundation vouchers for free spay and neutering which are available to all residents.

Councilman Clark brought up a West Buechel Festival for next year. There was a brief discussion, and the Committee agreed that it would be agreeable to researching the organization of the Festival. We agreed we would attempt to find sponsors and vendors, with the approval of the full City Council.

Councilman Clark made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Committee meeting, motion was seconded by Jerry Embry and all members of the Committee agreed to approve the Minutes.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Clark closed the meeting.

48 responses

## West Buechel Committee Survey

<u>Big Projects</u>	1st	2nd
• Gymnasium Building	10	3
• Community Water and Picnic Park	19	2
• Free Wi-Fi For All Residents	15	5

### Projects

• Sidewalk Repairs	15	
• Additional Flag Poles at City Hall	0	
• Portable Street Cleaner	9	
• Improved Street Lighting	19	

### Programs

• Habitat Program	3	
• Yoga	4	1
• Tutoring Program	8	2
• Scholarship Program	21	1
• Neighborhood Cat Neutering	9	

### Events

• West Buechel Festival	33	
• Day at Churchill Downs	2	
• Picnic w/Food Trucks	6	1
• Potluck Dinners	2	
• Casino/Bingo Night	4	

**CITY OF WEST BUECHEL**  
**Municipal Order No. \_\_\_**  
**SERIES 2021**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it adopted and established by the City Council of West Buechel, as follows:

That the City Council shall pursuant to its budgetary and legislative authority establish a sub-committee for the purpose of determining how to best budget and appropriate city revenues derived from taxpayer funds for the economic development and betterment of the community of West Buechel, Kentucky.

That the sub-committee shall take the following actions including but not limited to, surveying residents, conducting its own research, reviewing financial data and reporting its conclusions in support of stated goal above.

That the sub-committee shall be comprised of three (3) council members, namely, Councilman, Toby Clark, Councilwoman, Kim Richards, Councilwoman, Evelyn Saldana and two (2) residents, Andrew Fallon and Lynn Gauthier.

That the sub-committee shall meet at the Buechel City Hall, 3705 Bashford, Avenue, Louisville, Ky 40218, the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (est) to discuss its findings.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2021.

/S/  
Mayor Brenda Moore, City of West Buechel

ATTEST: /S/  
CLERK, Debbie Batliner