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Jump Start Coalition

4/6/2017

6:00pm – 7:00pm

NLR Community Center – 2700 Willow

Updates

- ANNOUNCEMENT: Bernadette is the new Director of the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center! Congratulations Bernadette! Bernadette will no longer be officially involved in Jump Start as City staff, but will continue to be involved as a resident.
 - Metroplan update
 - Contracts still not signed due to extended review and comment process
 - NLRSD is hosting community meetings to gather feedback and share information
 - Recycle Bikes for Kids has applied for a TAP grant to offer bicycle programming to high school students
 - Park Hill Elementary update
 - A software development firm has purchased the property
 - \$50-70,000 jobs
 - 40 employees to start, doubling by the end of the year, 100 by this time next year
 - UCA student videos, students, and professor will be recognized at the April 10th City Council meeting
 - Ozark Mission Project will be in NLR in June 2017 working on home improvement projects. Completed applications can be mailed to the address on the application or returned to Neighborhood Services. See website (March meeting) for homeowner request form and list of what they can and cannot work on.
 - The City of NLR still has free bike racks available for interested businesses. See website (March meeting) for form.
 - Brad Peterson, Garver engineer, presented on the Levy Jump Start project at the recent Levy Business Association dinner
 - No May Coalition meeting – Jenna is out of town. Attend Cinco de Mayo event at Seis Puentes on Camp Robinson instead!
 - Reminder: Please 'Like' the Coalition Facebook page, as well as 'Share' things that you think would interest others, and be sure to 'Tag' us in your posts related to Park Hill and Levy
 - Reminder: Sign up to receive Coalition info by visiting the Jump Start website (www.nlr.ar.gov/jumpstart) and signing up
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What's coming up?

- Neighbors United For Levy
 - First Mondays – 6:30 – 7:30 pm – North Heights Community Center
 - Keep NLR Beautiful Clean Up event at park on 37th St at Doyle Venable at 8am on May 6
- Park Hill Neighborhood Association
 - First Tuesdays – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Idlewild Park Clubhouse
 - Tour de Bark event in Park Hill Baptist parking lot on April 29. Event starts at 10am with walk around 11:30am. Need volunteers and sponsors.
- NLR Jump Start Coalition
 - First Thursdays – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – NLR Community Center lecture room
 - 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7
- Patio on Park Hill
 - Only one event this year!
 - Thursday, May 25
 - 5:00 – 9:00 pm
 - Lakehill Shopping Center
 - Please share the event on FB:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1347170198676076/>

Strategic Plan

- Decided that we want to use a \$1000 grant from the Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention for the Bike Day at Ridge Road event and the Trick or Trail event
 - Neighbors United for Levy will be the host of the October trail event on October 28 in late afternoon/early evening. More details to follow.
 - According to Principal How of Ridge Road there is a bike rack at the school but only one kid rides to school.
 - Discussed plotting safe routes to school, walking school bus program, principal trike races as part of bike day event
 - Idea: Bike tour from River Trail to Levy Trail through Camp Robinson and back to the River Trail. Gather input on proposed connector route.
 - Idea: Shorter family ride through neighborhood.
 - Anyone with ideas or interested in working on any of the following ideas please contact Jenna Rhodes at jdrhodes@nlr.ar.gov
 - Bike Day / Bike Rodeo, possibly in partnership with Ridge Road Elementary and newly relocated Recycle Bikes for Kids
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- Walkability workshop around Ridge Road related to safe walk/bike routes to school as well as connections to Levy Trail and the future 4 park connector trail in Park Hill
 - Investigating ways to encourage the businesses along Levy Trail to connect to it with things such as benches, patios, outdoor seating, etc, and the ways in which the City can create incentives for those interested
 - 5k race, possibly on Levy Trail for at least some portion of it
 - Halloween Trail event on the Levy Trail, possibly in partnership with local churches and businesses
 - Investigating possibility of distance signage for both trails
 - Identifying grants or sponsorships for trash cans/benches/bicycle repair stations/exercise equipment/water fountain/pads for food trucks on the Levy Trail
 - Bernadette and Jenna will continue working to update the bicycle master plan to reflect: the desire to have a 4 park connector trail in Park Hill, for the Park Hill trail and the Levy Trail to connect, for both trails to connect on to other larger trails such as the River Trail
 - Bernadette and Jenna will continue to have ongoing communication with Metroplan and engineering firms to ensure that community desires are considered throughout the process, and that there is solid community participation at outreach events at 10, 50, and 90% completion
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