



Southside Steering Committee  
City of Paducah | Planning Department | June 13th, 2022

**Members Present**

Mike Muscarella  
Susan Ybarzabal  
Leslie Ballard  
Rev. Charles Dunbar  
Tommy Hollimon  
Kristian Prather

**Members Absent**

Sonya Thompson  
Connie Ragsdale  
Mike Fenske

**Staff/Guests**

Suzi Davidson – Parks  
Melanie Reason – Planning Dept.  
Hope Reasons – Grants Administrator  
Mayor George Bray  
Commissioner Raynarldo Henderson

The fourth session of this group took place on **Monday, June 13th at 5:30 pm** at the Paducah Housing Authority at 1105 Walter Jetton Boulevard. This meeting covered connectivity and infrastructure on the Southside, looked at paving and sidewalk plans, discussed public transit and bike paths, and provided follow-ups on recreation from the last two meetings.

1. **Follow-Up Discussion: Recreation at Coleman Park**

- a. The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Paducah have several updates planned for this park:
  - i. Resurfacing basketball court – On hold for comprehensive park plan
  - ii. Adding seating/bleachers – Added to basketball court area
  - iii. Removing broken equipment (horseshoes)— Completed
  - iv. Improving accessibility to playgrounds with added walkways/paved paths from perimeter sidewalks to create a stable access points to playground for those with mobility challenges – On hold for comprehensive park plan
- b. Discussion surrounded the Community Engagement event that will solicit insight into how Parks facilities are used and understanding of what elements could be added or improved. A draft design for community engagement activities was presented. Each activity is specifically designed to solicit certain types of feedback on different topics.
- c. Additional discussion included how to connect with community groups that utilize parks facilities, as well as stakeholder groups for future engagement. If you have a contact or connection with any of the groups identified below, or have identified any additional stakeholder groups to connect with, please let Melanie know.

- Sundaze in the Parks
- Faith Community
- Schools
- Divine 9  
(Sorority/Fraternity)

- Biker Groups
- Southside Association
- Southside United
- Southside Businesses
- Police Department

2. **Planning Process: Connectivity and Infrastructure**

- a. Discussion included an introduction to connectivity and infrastructure plans already in place through the City Engineering Department. Between 2016-2020, the Engineering Department completed \$6.9 million in streets improvements, which include streets, sidewalk, gutters and drainage. Street plans are created in 2-year cycles, with the next cycle beginning in 2023.

3. **Vision: Connection points, improved access, commercial nodes**

- a. Discussion surrounded community nodes and main corridors of the Southside neighborhoods, and the group discussed linkages between community nodes. Nodes are considered heavily trafficked areas, like busy intersections, bustling shopping areas, or places where people tend to gather. The group was asked to draw on a map the routes they typically use in their everyday lives within these neighborhoods, and to identify additional nodes of interest. See map below.

4. **Next Steps: Next meeting and action items**

- a. Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, Paducah Housing Authority (Blackburn) at 1105 Walter Jetton Boulevard.

