

Public Safety Team | *Minutes from 1.28.23 Meeting*



Our Mission & Strategy ... in a nutshell.

This community action program's mission is to watch for and act on solutions that help make our neighborhoods and streets safe. This will be accomplished by: 1) Identifying and surveying the problems; 2) Developing concrete solutions that help reduce death & injury; and 3) Presenting our recommendations to Thom Druffel, D23Metro Council Representative

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Attended: Lauren Balmer, Laurie Loughlin, Jim Easter, Rachel Kaiser, Cam Neal, Alex Apple, Martin Shofner, & Tom Wright (Thom Druffel – out with knee surgery)

The best laid plans...

Lauren, Rachel, and Tom came up with a well-planned agenda and goal—to encourage everyone to choose a public safety PROBLEM from our list of 8 (see attached), help form a team around it, and work the SOLUTION.

However, the meeting's focus took a turn toward a better/worse PROBLEM: the fast-moving Belle Meade Plaza Redevelopment project. **Click and read Thom Druffel's recent newsletter for a quick & concise overview.** The consensus was: this should take priority because the proposed plans impact Public Safety in a number of ways, including among others:

- 1) increasing population density in an area whose first responders (firefighter, police, paramedic, etc) are already sorely out-numbered.
- 2) increasing traffic congestion in an area with highly dense traffick patterns and out dated infra structure.

So, being the wise sages that we are ;-) we went with the consensus. We will focus on Belle Meade Plaza Redevelopment, but continue to work the attached PROBLEM/SOLUTION list (i.e. further developing our relationship with West Precinct's Finest.)

For now, here are 3 must-knows to act upon:

- 1) Council Representative Thom Druffel will be at Panera's [this](#) Saturday at 10 AM to

address the Belle Meade Plaza Redevelopment problem.

- 2) The next Community Meeting is TONIGHT at 6 PM. It is a virtual meeting. You must register to attend the meeting. Click the link: <https://nashville.webex.com/webappng/sites/nashville/meeting/register/2acd9e2cf3c94078bff6a7e8aa102051?ticket=4832534b000000059dc5a3f786ab8297f0dff74b12536fdedb0cb560cb3cca7d29eb780901f71bd×tamp=1675101594975&RGID=r698b3f228712bff97d09dd1e6db37255>
- 3) There is a PETITION to Stop the Rezoning of Belle Meade Plaza: <https://chnng.it/djQcgbJrtG>
- 4) More to come, including additional ways you can help.

Problem/Solutions

- 1) PROBLEM: Speeding/observing traffic laws
 - SOLUTION: Positive reinforcement (along with police enforcement) Calling drivers to higher awareness. Some ideas include: Posting signs along neighborhood streets: "This is a walking neighborhood."
 - SOLUTION: Establish a relationship with West Precinct, attend meetings
 - OTHER SOLUTION(s): 1) Paint Bike Lanes, Walker Stripes, and the speed limit on streets, 2) Rumble Strips/ Audible deterrent, 3) Reflector Strips, 4) Neighborhood Legislation, 5) Signage, 6) Electronic Speed Warning Signs, 7) Speed Humps, 8) Report all crashes
- 2) PROBLEM: Need more sidewalks and lighting
 - SOLUTION: Learn more on the sidewalk endowment
- 3) PROBLEM: Intersections
 - SOLUTION: Plastic Columns/Tubes
- 4) PROBLEM: Pedestrian Safety – bicyclers and walkers
 - SOLUTION: Safety Awareness: Hold pedestrians accountable too: wearing appropriate clothing after sunset; walking on the correct side of the street, facing oncoming traffic
 - SOLUTION: Sidewalks
 - SOLUTION: Landscape signage / road graphics
- 5) PROBLEM: Crime Prevention/Car Break-Ins
 - SOLUTION(s): 1) Education, 2) Report all crimes, 3) Awareness: locking car & removing valuables, guns, etc

- SOLUTION: Establish a relationship with West Precinct, attend meetings
- 6) PROBLEM: Road Blockage due to construction, renovation and demolition
 - SOLUTION: 1) Letters from Neighborhood associations/organizations, 2) Report all blockage violations
- 7) PROBLEM: Who are the Authorities in charge of Law Enforcement, Policy and Management that impact our community
 - SOLUTION: Identify, research, and establish relationship
 - o TDOT, NDOT, City of Nashville / HUB Nashville, Davidson County, Law Enforcement, Policy Management
 - SOLUTION: provide case studies, exhibits, and documentation of problems outlined above
- 8) PROBLEM: Impaired visibility at Intersections / overgrown hedges/vegetation
 - SOLUTION: Identify and contact HUB Nashville

Important Links

Thom Newsletter / Belle Meade Plaza Redevelopment: <https://gem.godaddy.com/p/8d5b451>

Public Safety Team email PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com

Nashville Vision Zero Action Plan Website

Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure NDOT Website

West Police Precinct Website

Hub Nashville [hubNashville Website](#)

Thom Druffel's Website

Our next meeting – 10 am, Saturday, February 25, at Paneras on White Bridge Rd

Agenda items include:

- 1) Choose a public safety PROBLEM from our list of 8 (see attached), help form a team around it, and work the SOLUTION.
- 2) State Legislation to cut Metro Council Representation in half
- 3) What's happening with the Belle Meade Plaza Redevelopment project