

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2009

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at the Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 10:00 A.M. Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order.

MAYOR

Louis A. Phillips

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Eckerle
Faye Ellerkamp
Kate Greer
Jim Ising
Marianne Rademaker
Suzanne Spencer

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Cheryl Cooper
Foster Haunz
Bob Rosenbaum
Tad Long, Facilitator, KLC

VISITORS

Martha Davis	Dick Kasting	Jim VanNort
Mike & Wendy Skelton	Norm & Dianne Morton	Lynn Renau
Joyce Bridge		

Mayor Phillips welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider the suggestions and recommendations received in response to a survey sent to all residents. The Special Meeting has been publicized as required, and notification was given to the Courier-Journal and the Voice-Tribune. The meeting is being held in public but is primarily for the Council to consider suggestions and recommendations which are listed on a flip chart and paper copies distributed to council members with additional copies available for those in attendance. Mayor Phillips then turned the meeting over to Councilman Ising.

Councilman Ising thanked Council members for accepting the strategic planning process which shows we are willing to move forward as a city. Over 300 responses to the survey were received from residents which gives the council an opportunity to move Windy Hills forward. Councilman Ising then introduced Tad Long, Director of the New Cities Institute, Kentucky League of Cities, who facilitated the City's Listening Session held last summer.

Tad Long said he was looking forward to working with Windy Hills. The participation and commitment from citizens and leadership demonstrates there is a commitment and pride in Windy Hills. Mr. Long then explained the process of moving ideas toward action. He said recommendations will not be made today, that the first step is evaluating recommendations by gathering reliable data in order to make decisions. Each project enumerated on the flip chart will be assigned to a council member or other city officials who will take ownership of that project. The person leading the effort doesn't have to do all the work but should ask other interested people to gather information and bring to the council a written report on their findings which should include feasibility options, timelines for the project, approximate cost,

etc. The time frame for bringing an interim report to the council should be four weeks, depending on the project. Resident Norm Morton asked if there were any “best practices” on any of the specified subjects, and Mr. Long replied that KLC will provide any information they have available. The following projects were then assigned to the following council members or other city officials:

1. City-paid Recycling: Kate Greer, short term
2. Allen Property: Suzanne Spencer, long term
3. Entrances/Identity/Brand: Jim Ising, Kate Greer, Suzanne Spencer, long term
4. More Street Lights: Jim Ising, ongoing
5. More Police Patrols/Safety: Marianne Rademaker, short term
6. Rudy Lane Speeding: Marianne Rademaker, Suzanne Spencer, short term
7. More Sidewalks: Jim Ising, long term
8. Watterson Sound Barriers: Lou Phillips, long term
9. Stop Light at Ambridge & Westport: Lou Phillips, long term
10. Community Center/Pool: Kate Greer, Suzanne Spencer, long term
11. Rental House Upkeep: Foster Haunz, long term
12. Neighborhood Events: Kate Greer, ongoing and long term
13. Paper Boxes: Lou Phillips, long term
14. Replace Trees: Kate Greer, ongoing
15. Parking on Street: Marianne Rademaker, short term
16. Eliminate Bike Traffic: Marianne Rademaker, short term
17. Community Phone Book: Cheryl Cooper, short term
18. Advance Notice to File for Office: Cheryl Cooper, short term
19. Eliminate Solicitations: Foster Haunz, short term
20. City Pay for House Numbers: John Eckerle, long term
21. Junk Pick Up: Faye Ellerkamp, short term
22. Eliminate Portable Basketball Goals: Foster Haunz, short term
23. Leaf Pick Up: Lou Phillips, Faye Ellerkamp, short term
24. Completion Date on Building Projects: Foster Haunz, short term

Mr. Long reviewed the process of taking an issue, finding team members, gathering information, putting it in a report and bringing to council. The Council will consider action once the report is completed. A project list will be compiled and then the public will be updated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Rademaker, seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously at 10:50 A.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk