

WARD 2

2016 Ward Meeting

What would make Springfield the “Model” city?

- More action downtown. Springfield is empty. More theaters; bowling alley.
 - We have bars and restaurants – (drunks) but we need a vibrant downtown.
- Activities for our youth. Places to meet – basketball court. Madison Court used to have one but courts around old railroad tracks
- Quality industry with quality jobs
- More summer activities like community swim clubs in the immediate area. Used to be able to walk to places but not anymore.
- Roller skating and ice skating downtown
- Holidays the bus shuts down. Should have special buses running to the mall from the east side to provide activities
- Synchronize street lights
- Rail transportation to get to the smaller communities like Riverton or Chatham, etc.
- Open Children’s museum to bring families downtown
- First class recreational facility. Bring people here vs. us having to take kids to tournaments out of town
- Fresh food market that is inside (not just outside farmers market)
- High Speed internet access downtown
- Parking is still too difficult downtown
- Tour bus to take to all the historic sites
- Green space
- Springfield does not have an R&B station or Hip Hop – we can’t listen to the music we want to.
- Options to bring events – other music, activities for people at an affordable rate.

Issues

- Infrastructure: we do not get any on the east side. We do not want oil and chip. We want asphalt. We are tired of the dust.
- We get the fire and police new cars to patrol our area but our roads are the worst.
- Street lights: We have the oldest lights in the community
 - Cook & Weaver – temporary light still there
- Jackson St received black top/asphalt – that is good news after 43 years.
- Bed bugs infestation
- Fly dumping
- We should not have to call city inspectors to pick up items. They drive through the neighborhoods and should see what they see.
 - Need to bring the parties together including landlords/section 8/etc. and come up with the solutions
- Vacant lots – too many. Need to do something about it. Build on it.

- 2301 Mayfair Row
 - Building a new road behind my house. They shake the house with the construction in the morning. Is it going to harm my foundation?
 - Portsmouth has retention pond that needs help
 - They were told they were going to build a retention wall now they say they are not. Public Works say they took feedback and residents did not want it.
 - Public Works tore down a bakery but the property is in disarray. They damaged the person's property and haven't fixed it yet.
 - First National Bank (whoever bought it) wanted to give the retention pond to the association. Tried to give it to Abundant Faith. They were supposed to clean it up 5 years ago. On Portsmouth, dealing with critters, snakes and rodents because it has been left.
- Ward 2 is struggling with homelessness around 5th and Capital. They leave trash and someone needs to clean it up.
- Cornell Street by Southeast. It is repaired but not properly. When it rains it leaves a puddle and if it is a lot of rain, your car can bottom out.
- Grass cutting and trash. We look like a dump. We may cut the vacant lot but do not pick up the trash on the property. Trash gets put in the gutters and clogs gutter. Need ideas to fix it.
- Vacant lot fines. If you do not cut your grass, you fine them and fine them for trash. See what other communities are doing.
- Beautification projects. Educate the people on what should be done. Lots of stores don't do it and we don't frequent them because we need to fix it.
- Springfield Projects. A program for beautification that we used to have but went away.
- Educate them more on being an adult. But parents need to be parents. Section 8 needs to drop that rule about girls have to be single/with child to get assistance and include all of the families.
- Rail project. When Ash Street closes, what is the route? Tenth Street goes all the way through and should not be part of the detour because of a lot of kids.
- Will parents be put in jail if their kids are truant?
- Truancy program at Lanphier High School needs more mentors. People need to get involved in school to help mentor these kids. Only 9 volunteers and they had 40 kids who needed someone.
- Jobs. We need factories
- 180 mile of oil and chip road

In one word, describe Springfield today.

- Boring
- Historic
- Unemployed
- Bump-ity
- Improving

- Promising
- Family
- Mediocre
- Underfunded
- Comfortable
- Transitional
- Disrespectful
- Divided
- Interesting
- Home
- Potential
- Medical
- Underdeveloped
- Progress
- Improving
- Potential
- Leaders
- Developing
- Blight
- Divided
- Family-oriented
- Historic
- Hopeful
- Lawless

In one word, how would you like to describe Springfield?

- International
- Accessible
- Thriving
- Entertaining
- Model
- Improved
- Educated
- Respectful
- Equal
- Peaceful
- Progressive
- Growth
- Jobs
- Vibrant

- Awesome
- Thriving
- Better
- Destination
- Successful
- Safe
- Modern
- Best educational system
- Educational
- Activities
- Flights – bigger airport
- Skyline
- Diversity
- Balance
- Quality of life
- Hunter Lake
- Stadium
- 21 century school buildings
- Improved state fair (free)
- World renowned businesses
- Complexes for sporting activities and entertainment
- Indoor water park
- Robocop