

Top 4 Priorities

Several people over the past few months have asked why I am doing this and what I hope to accomplish. I hope this gives you a summary of my plans for the next few years.

Community Improvements/Beautification

1) Protect our natural beauty and develop infrastructure and amenities to enhance the enjoyment of our neighborhood. *We have a beautiful and unique neighborhood with larger lots, great tree canopy and wildlife.*

- *Protect the character of our neighborhood against possible zoning changes.*
- *Minimize the impact of improvements in or those adjoining our District*
- *Identify opportunities to improve amenities. Ideas include:*
 - *Developing walking roads, stripe a walking lane on roads that are wide enough*
 - *Improve our commercial areas on 100/70 split and Charlotte/Davidson intersections from both a traffic and for commercial use.*
 - *Develop a solution for the Charlotte Greenway Homeless Community*
 - *Identify the environmentally safe use of the West Meade Hills*

2) Develop stronger community engagement and neighborhood networks

We can accomplish much more as we work together with a stronger voice. We may have diverse ideas, but we do have a common interest to make improvements to our neighborhood and schools.

- a. The Twenty-Three West Partnership Council- Organize all neighborhood associations and special interest groups to provide a strong voice and develop groups. We had a good start before covid and plan to identify ways to continue to grow our community going forward. Committee's include.
 - i. Beautification
 - ii. Events
 - iii. Hospitality
 - iv. Education
 - v. Chamber of Commerce
 - vi. Public Safety
- b. Develop opportunities and support for our Senior community with neighborhood options such as classes and ride support.
- c. Identify neighborhood events or leagues such as the possible use of Hillwood HS as a site for a little league.

Address Key Metro Nashville Issues

Education

- 3) The lack of a good education is a great social injustice that has to be remedied. I plan on being proactive at address underlying issues. I Chair the Advisory Board for the Hospitality Degree at TSU and an Adjunct Professor, former Leader with MNPS Academies of Nashville that support the development of high school students into good careers. I also serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for NAZA (Nashville Afterschool Zone Alliance) supporting after school programs.
 - a. **Support key drivers of MNPS Success**
 - b. **Grow After-School Programs** that can have long term growth and impact in education, emotional well- being and career growth.
 - c. **Workforce Development-** Develop long term career options through MNPS and local colleges for minorities, re-engage adult learners for career opportunities. Use remote platforms that can provide educational training that have time limitations. I am working on solutions with MNPS, Nashville State, TSU and the Nashville Hospitality Association.
 - d. **Improve Health and Nutrition in at- risk communities.** Working with Vanderbilt on a program called the **Training Kitchen** to develop a sustainable self-help model to introduce healthy food choices to students and into neighborhoods.
 - e. **Support jobs and careers for those with disabilities.** In my job, I was able to hire several people with disabilities and have coached many in Special Olympics. We underestimate many of their potential. They are some of the greatest staff with incredible positive attitudes. We need to continue to identify opportunities that can fit into their needs. I have been active with ARC Davidson County as the former Treasurer and Board of Directors for over 10 years.

Budget/Finance

- 4) **Financial Responsibility-** Increase transparency, accountability and identify opportunities to build neighborhoods in need.
 - a. I introduced a Debt Policy statute BL 2020-336 requests the Director of Finance to make debt policy recommendations by 12/31. My goal is to identify options to curb debt and create a greater dialogue on our debt against priorities.
 - b. Develop better oversight and coordination of Metro Spending.
 - c. Identify Private Public Partnerships that can supplement Metro priorities. Investigate the use of different economic models such as pay for success to support social issues.
 - d. Economic development in priority areas. I believe that we can develop solutions with greater relationships across districts. It starts with relationships. We have sister city, can we have sister Districts that will help match resources against needs.