



**LEXINGTON**

## **CORRIDORS COMMISSION**

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

11:00AM

GOVERNMENT CENTER

5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order - Farmer
- II. Approval of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Farmer (1-5)
- III. Bond Update – For Information Only (6)
- IV. FY 2017 Budget and Project Update – Plueger (7–8)
- V. Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Banner Project – CM Akers (9-19)
- VI. Eastland Neighborhood Rock Wall Project – CM Evans (20-27)
- VII. Temporary Public Art (*Silk Blooms*) Update - Zamarron
- VIII. Welcome Sign Project Update – Yanik
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjournment

*"It shall be the purpose of the Corridors Commission to assess the major roads of Lexington-Fayette County, especially the major or minor arterials, regarding but not limited to aesthetic qualities, landscaping, fencing, signage, litter control, bike and pedestrian considerations and other elements the Commission may deem appropriate."*

2016-2017 Meeting Calendar-3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 11:00 AM, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Government Center, 200 East Main Street – No meetings in July or December.



Corridors Commission

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Keeneland Room  
Keeneland  
Meeting Summary

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*Commission Members in Attendance:* Chair Bill Farmer, Steve Kay, Elizabeth Pattengill, Roger Damon, Robert Trimble, Susan Plueger, Maxine Rudder, Amanda Bledsoe, Jennifer Scutchfield, Jimmy Emmons

*Others in Attendance:* Mark Yanik, Nathan Zamarron, Lori Houlihan, Mary Quinn Ramer, Jenifer Wuorenmaa, Christa Marrillia, Heather Wilson, CM James Brown, Mike Sanner

Chair Farmer called the meeting to order at 11:15am.

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Farmer welcomed everyone to the Corridors Commission meeting and thanked Keeneland for their hospitality and generosity.

Marrillia thanked the Commission for beautifying the gateway to Lexington; it is Keeneland's front door.

Marrillia told the Commission that they were invited to the yearling sales on September 12<sup>th</sup> and also invited them to the October races.

## **II. Approval of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Farmer asked Wuorenmaa to revise the word "Virginian" in the draft.

Motion by Kay to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.

Marrillia showed the Commission the design of the fall banners for the Versailles Road Viaduct.

The Commission gave Marrillia permission to proceed.

### III. Bond Overview

Wuorenmaa told the Commission that there was \$16,819 left in the bond.

Bledsoe told the Commission that she had an update on the Neighborhood Grant awarded to the Southland Association. She said that the award was for design of the entrance sign but the Southland Association will now get the design done for free. They would like to use the Commission's funding for actual construction.

Motion by Bledsoe to amend the grant award from design to construction under the same timeline. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

### IV. FY 2017 Budget/Current Projects/Proposed Projects

Plueger presented an update on the FY 2016 Division of Environmental Services (DES) projects.

*See addendum 1*

Plueger then gave the FY 2017 Budget Overview:

- DES Personnel Payroll: \$125,000
- Maintenance and Repairs: \$105,000
- Grant Assistance: \$20,000
- New Projects (Professional Services): \$175,000

Plueger had requests for allocations:

1. Beautification Bed Maintenance: Weed control – Packs Nursery – not to exceed \$2,500 in August/September.
2. Beautification Bed Maintenance: Annuals planting – Materials and labor not to exceed \$3,500 in August/September.
3. Beautification Bed Maintenance: Mulch and supplies for in-house maintenance - not to exceed \$1,500 in August/September.
4. Individual dead tree removal and replacements on corridors (Nicholasville Road, Newtown Pike, Man O War) – not to exceed \$10,000 in August/September.
5. Clays Mill medians at Wellington Way - Design services by Barrett Partners - not to exceed \$1,200.

Motion by Kay to approve Plueger's requests for allocations (1-5 above). Seconded by Bledsoe. Motion passed without dissent.

Plueger then told the Commission about the property located at 749 West Main Street (and adjacent properties). The plantings on these lots were done by the LFUCG for the World Equestrian Games (WEG). The property owner has tried to maintain them and can no longer do so. Plueger asked the Commission to authorize DES to begin maintaining the area.

The Commission agreed to allow DES to maintain the area. Packs Nursery will do the maintenance.

Plueger began to present the *New Beautification Project Opportunities* to the Commission.

Farmer asked Plueger to present her irrigation request first.

Plueger requested construction services for Man O War Irrigation

- \$18,000 for Airport side
- \$15,000 for Medians
- \$15,000 for East Side

Plueger also suggested allocating \$5,000 to add more plantings to the beds.

Motion by Kay to allocate \$55,000 for additional plantings and irrigation systems for the Man O War planting beds. Seconded by Bledsoe. Motion passed without dissent.

Plueger asked the Commission to consider issuing an RFP for Design and Bid Services at the following locations:

1. Clays Mill @ Wellington Medians - \$1,200
2. Paris Pike @ I-75 Interchange - \$25,000
3. Winchester Road @ New Circle - \$25,000
4. Athens – Boonesboro @ I-75 - \$25,000
5. Richmond Road 4 medians between downtown and Fontaine - \$12,500

Farmer said that the medians at St. Ann and St. Margaret at Richmond Road need attention.

Scutchfield asked what can be done at New Circle and Winchester Road to enhance the area.

Plueger told Scutchfield she had traveled to the western United States. She said that using trees and shrubs on the slopes makes a big difference. She said that

wild flowers can make an aesthetic difference too. She said she will provide photos at the next meeting.

The Commission told Plueger to move forward with the development and advertisement of the RFP for design and bid services for the five projects listed above.

## **V. North Broadway Trees**

Plueger said that DES had to remove the dead trees on North Broadway that had been discussed at prior meetings. They had become too dangerous to be left in place. She had conversations with the neighbors about their removal first and then removed seven large pin oaks.

## **VI. North Broadway Medians**

CM J. Brown introduced the item. He said that the area between I-75 and New Circle needed attention. It has vast concrete medians that he would like to plant trees/plants/grass in.

Plueger said that she needed to approach the state about planting trees in the medians.

Several Commission members suggested that J. Brown share the Corridors Commission Match Grant information with the neighborhoods in the area. Brown said that he was also going to encourage them to pursue the Neighborhood Action Match Grant for projects at the neighborhood entrances.

Plueger suggested adding this area to the beautification RFP that had previously been approved. The Commission was receptive to the idea.

Plueger said that she would like to have a comprehensive plan ready for she discussed the item further with state officials.

Emmons said that there may be changes and improvements coming to that area and said he would check on it and let Plueger know.

Wuorenmaa said she would send J. Brown the information of the Corridors Commission Match Grant.

## **VII. Welcome Sign Project Update**

Yanik presented an update on the Welcome Sign Project. He said that he was almost ready to bid the construction of the sign and there was a possible donor for materials.

Wuorenmaa said that she would send him the contact information for the LFUCG Division of Purchasing.

## **VIII. Other Business**

Zamarron told the Commission that the pedestals from the temporary art project would be relocated to a secure LFUCG site the following week. He said that one piece would remain in the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden (IMMAG).

Zamarron asked the Commission if they wanted to consolidate the blooms from the three areas onto a site on the BCTCS campus. The exhibit is only scheduled to stay with the LFUCG until October.

He said that he would need to pay for a truck and for manual labor. Plueger suggested that DES could assist.

Zamarron said that before any of the blooms are relocated, he would check with the artist to see if the Commission could rent the art for a longer period of time.

Zamarron will report back at the September meeting.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned without a motion.

September 2016 CC Bond Update

Fund	Project	Amount	Notes
2603	CORRIDOR_2015	\$155,500.00	
2603	CORRIDOR_2014	\$76,906.50	
	Total Available Budget	\$232,406.50	
	Versailles Road Fence	\$550.00	
	LexArts Management Fee	\$15,000.00	
	Breeders' Cup Temporary Art Allocation	\$60,000.00	
	Neighborhood Grant-Eastland	\$6,194.00	
	Neighborhood Grant-Fairway	\$2,560.00	
	Corridors Neighborhood Enhancement Match Grant Program	\$9,746.00	<b>Unallocated Grant Money</b>
	Neighborhood Grant - Highlands Neighborhood Association	\$1,500.00	
	Neighborhood Grant - Southland Association	\$5,000.00	
	Distillery District Sign Project	\$1,675.00	
	Lexington Welcome Sign	\$48,073.25	Base Bid Plus Alternatives 1 & 2 - This motion was for the Harrodsburg Road location.
	Lexington Welcome Sign	\$48,290.00	Additional allocation approved at September 17 2015 meeting.
	Lexington Welcome Sign	\$9,500.00	Approved at October 15 2015 meeting.
	Lexington Welcome Sign - Contingency	\$5,000.00	I would recommend budgeting a 5% contingency for the welcome sign project.
	Spotty Dotty House	\$2,500.00	*This funding is contingent on Kate Savage raising additional funds
	Total Committed Allocations	\$215,588.25	
	<b>Total Remaining Funds</b>	<b>\$16,818.25</b>	



# LEXINGTON

TO: LFUCG Corridors Commission

FROM: Susan L. Plueger, P.E., Director  
Division of Environmental Services

DATE: September 15, 2016

RE: **September 2016 status update and request for commission actions**

**FY2017 Budget Overview:**

1. Div. Environmental Services personnel payroll:	\$125,000
2. Maintenance & Repairs:	\$105,000
3. Grant Assistance:	\$ 20,000
4. New Projects:	<u>\$175,000</u>
	\$425,000 total

**Budget Allocations to date:**

1. Maintenance & Repairs:	
a. Weed Control on Beautification Areas (Packs Nursery)	\$ 2,500
b. Landscape Bed Supplies	\$ 1,500
c. Dead Tree Removal	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$14,000 total allocated
	<i>\$91,000 remaining</i>
2. New Projects:	
a. Man O' War irrigation	\$50,000
b. Annual Bed Plantings	\$ 5,000
c. Clays Mill Design	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
	\$56,200 total allocated
	<i>\$118,800 remaining</i>

**Corridors Project Status Updates:**

- Clays Mill Median Design underway.
- Annual beds planted on Man O' War (completed week of 9/12). Some perennials were used to cover some of the area (Sedum, Lavender, Aster, Gaura).
- Annual beds to be planted in other areas over the next 2 weeks.
- Irrigation systems being completed on Oliver Lewis Way and Main @ Newtown locations.



- Quotes being obtained for irrigation system at Man O War at Versailles.
- Dead trees are being identified for removal on corridors.
- Draft RFP for new beautification project design has been sent to Central Purchasing for review and then to advertise.

**Commission Budget Allocation Requests:**

None this month.



**LEESTOWN ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT  
LEXINGTON, KY**

*8 banners on Leestown Rd., between Burke Rd. & N. Forbes Rd.*

*Project managed by Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association*

**Project:** design, purchase & install 8 banners West Lexington corridor area

**Goal:** identify area, consistent signage of area, spur beautification

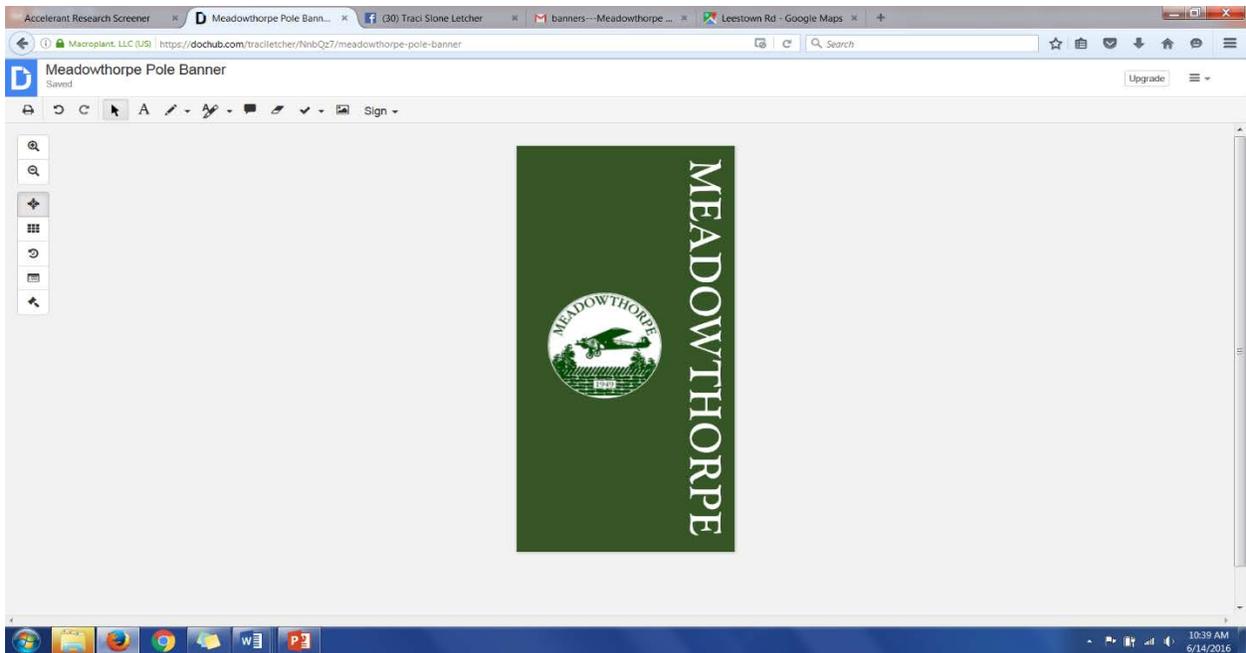
**Cost of project:** \$1,900-\$2,900

**Request of funds:** \$1,500-\$2,000

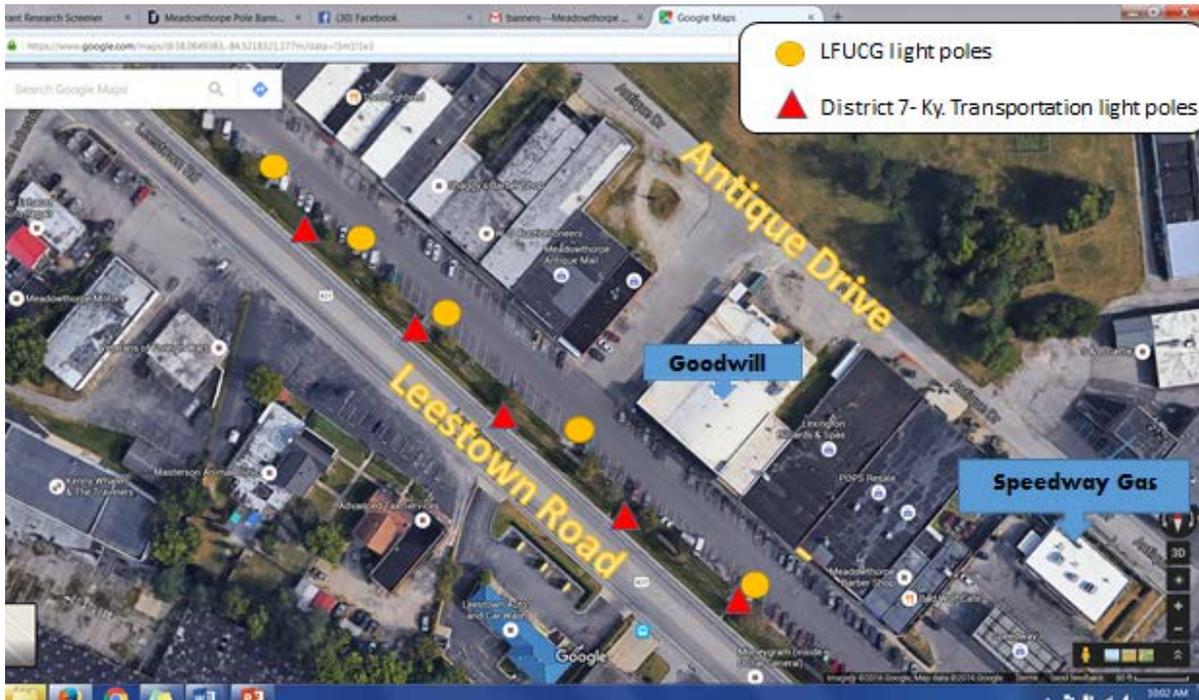
**Timeline:** 3-4 months

**As of Sept. 2016:**

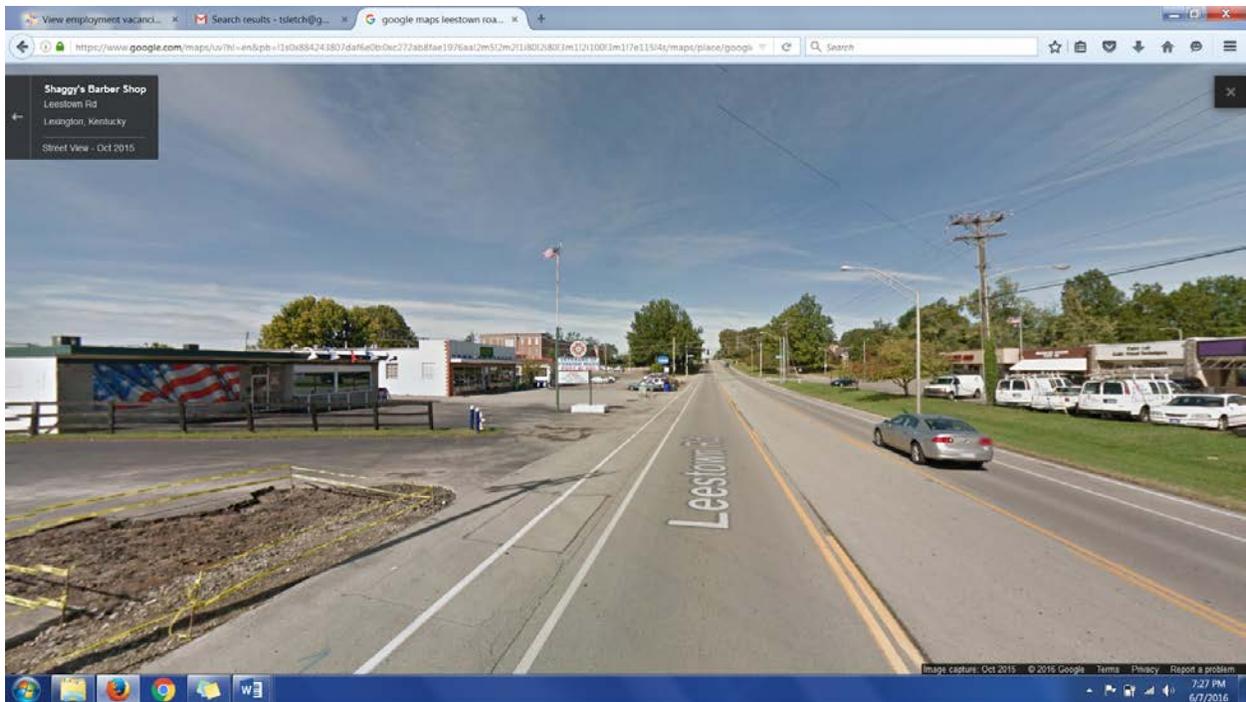
- Local artists, local artist businesses and neighbors have met to plan for a West Lexington artist and antique district.
- Discussions with 80% of businesses between this strip to notify of the possible banners to be located outside of their business.
- 3 estimates received of banner costs and brackets
- Approved from State of Kentucky Transportation District 7 office for installation of banners in this area.
- Approved from KU to use their poles in this area.



*Example design from MinuteMan Press (Leestown Road business)  
of basic banner---potential option for 1 side or 2-sided banner.*



Potential poles for banners to be installed.



Street view of Leestown Road, West. Poles for banner installation on left of photo.



Same pole options, view of business strip (1400-1499 Leestown Road)

## Cost projections:

### Printing

Design set-up	\$100
2-sided banner, 8, full color (\$75-150 each)	\$600-\$1,200

(Sunbrella fabric or 14.75 oz. vinyl)

Brackets

All-weather brackets (\$150-200 each) \$1,200-1,600

Installation

Entity which owns pole \$ donation of time & labor

**Total cost of project: \$1,900-\$2,900**

**Request of funds: \$1,500-\$2,000**

Promotion and neighborhood outreach:

- Press release with photos of installation, service and banner
- Acknowledgement of all entities

*This project is sponsored by the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association only to serve as a contact for the project. All businesses, residents and neighborhood school members are viewed as part of this project. These banners will serve as a first effort of projects to identify the West Lexington area and major corridor to downtown Lexington.*

*Meadowthorpe neighbor, Traci Letcher, tsletch@gmail.com, 859.333.4077*

# Leestown Rd. Banner Project



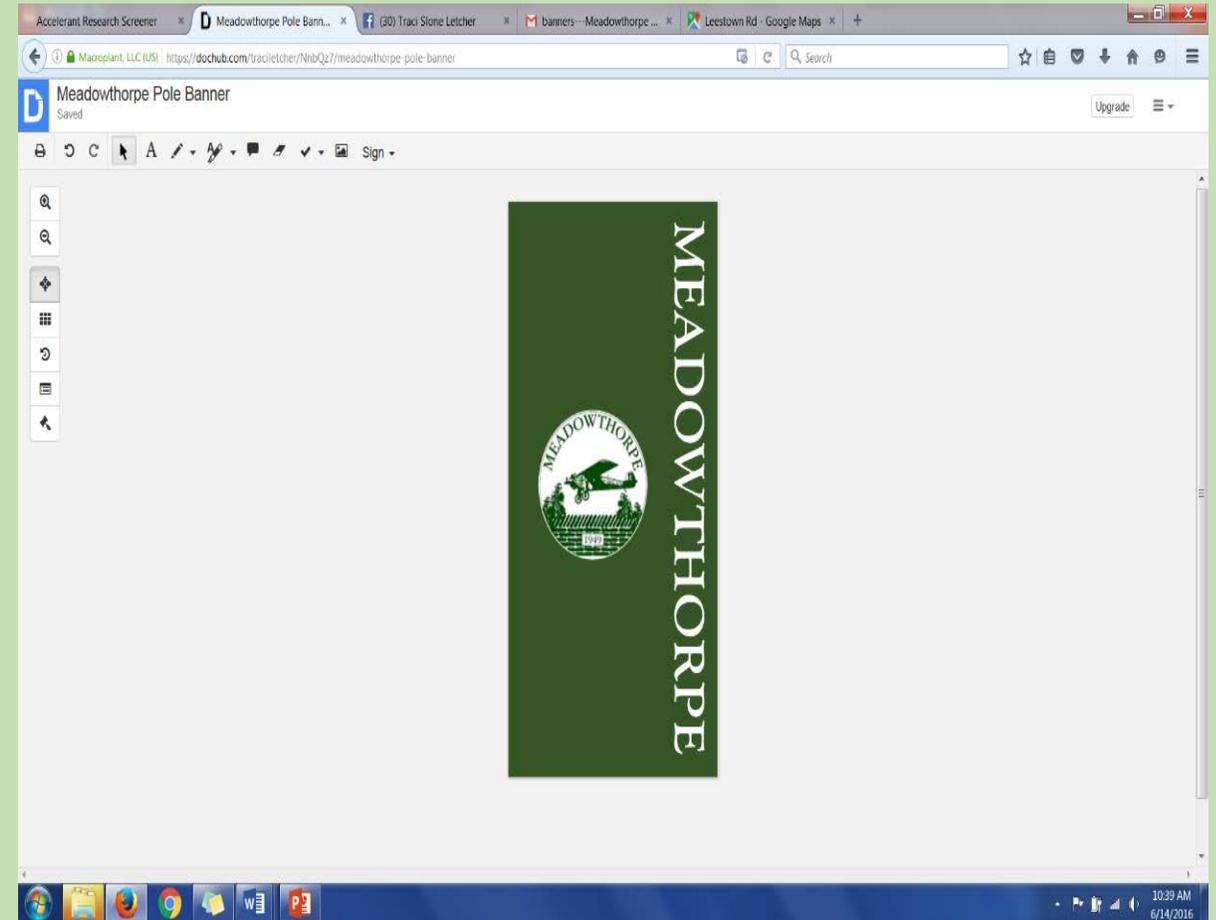
(Example of banner size and placement; not proposed design)

September 15, 2016  
West Lexington Corridor  
1400-1499 Leestown Road

*Presented by: Traci Letcher, resident*

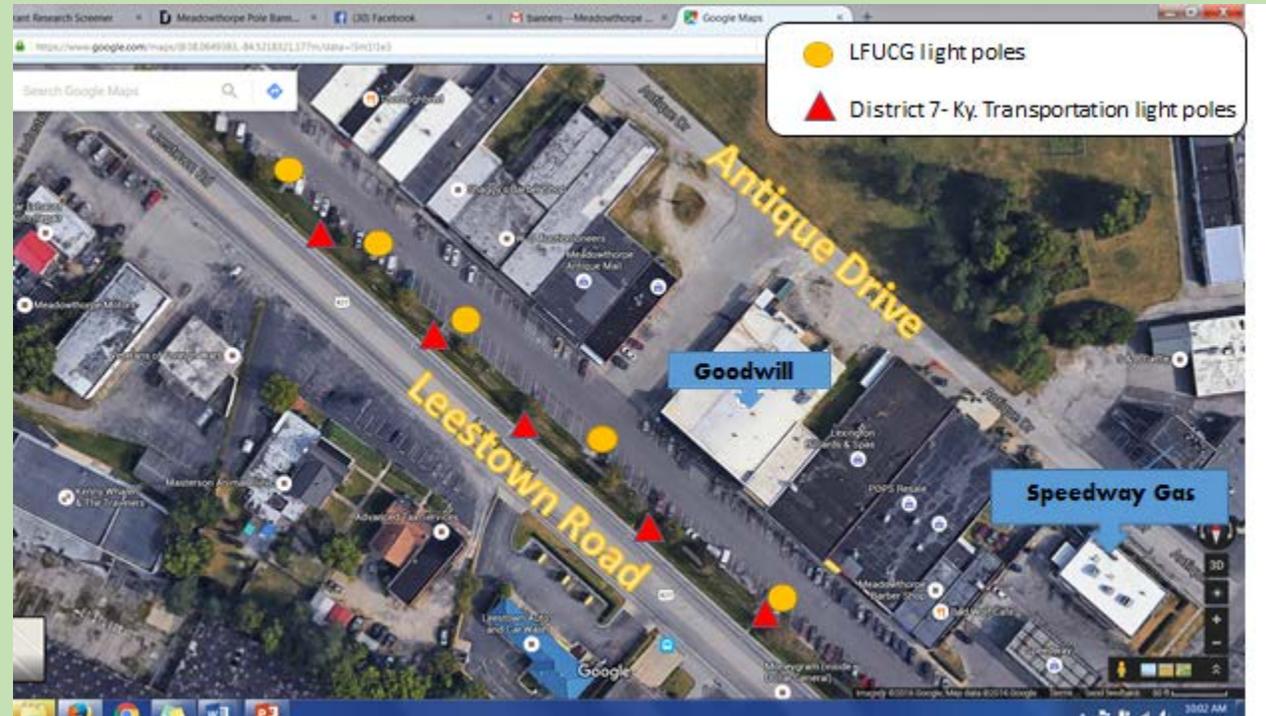
# Banner project for West Lexington corridor

- **Project:** create & install 8 banners promoting area
- **Reason:** increase visibility of neighborhood, consistency of signage, identify area, spur beautification
- **Cost:** approx. \$1.9K - \$2.9K  
request \$1.5K - \$2K
- **Timeline:** 3-4 months
- **Request:** funding for 8 pairs of street pole brackets and installation



*Potential basic design*

# Potential banner locations (*approval received*)



# Leestown Rd., West Lexington

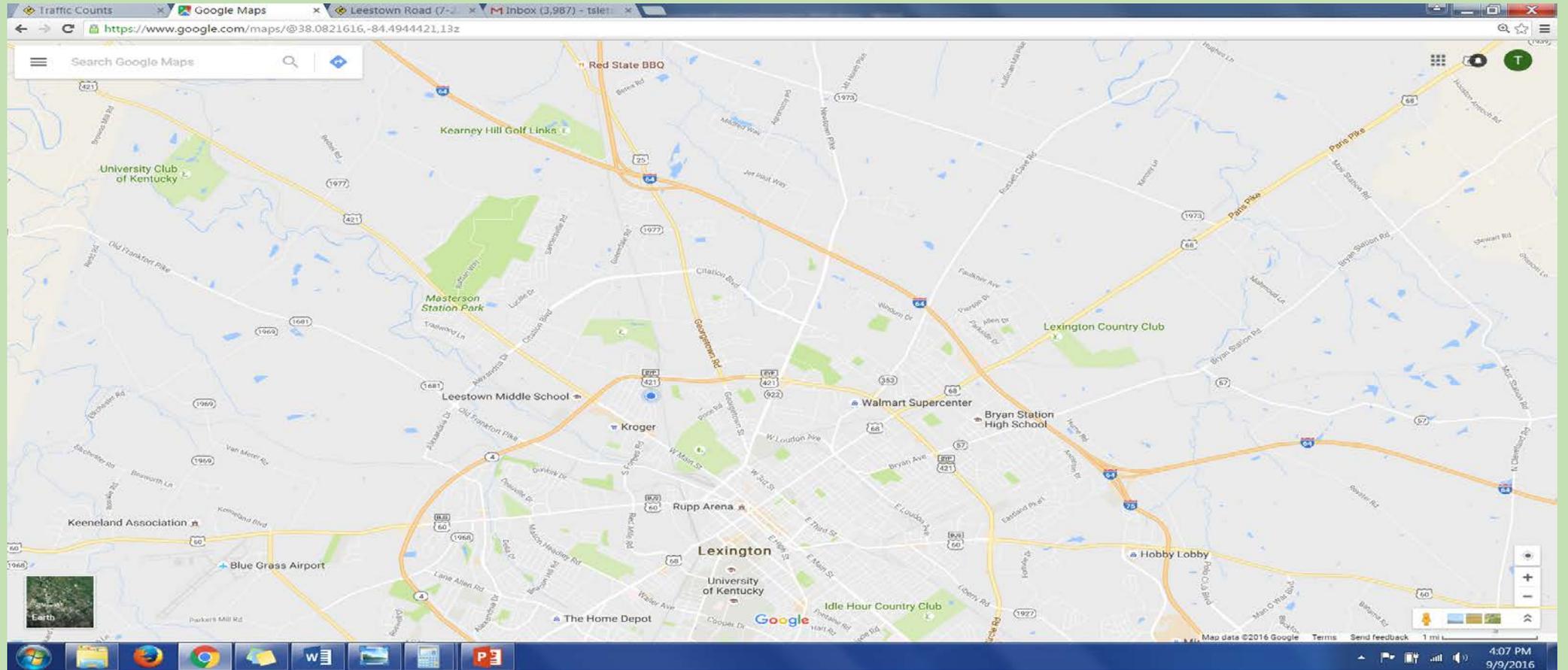


# West Lexington Banner Project

## Completed:

- ✓ Local artists, local artist businesses and neighbors have met to plan for a West Lexington artist and antique district.
- ✓ Discussions have occurred with 80% of businesses located in the 1400-1499 Leestown Rd. area, to notify of possible banners to be located outside of their location.
- ✓ 3 estimates of banner costs and brackets
- ✓ Approval from State of Kentucky District 7 office for installation of banners in this area.
- ✓ Approval from KU to use their poles in this area.

# West Lexington Corridor



**Cost projections:**

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**Installation**

Entity which owns pole	\$ donation of time & labor
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**Total cost of project: \$1,900-\$2,900**

**Request of funds: \$1,500-\$2,000**



Office of  
**Angela Evans**  
6th District Councilmember

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: LFUCG Corridors Commission

FROM: Angela Evans, 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Member, LFUCG

DATE: September 9, 2016

RE: **Eastland Neighborhood Rock Wall Project**

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The Eastland Neighborhood Association respectfully requests funding for repairs to two stone entrance walls at the Winchester Road entrance of the Eastland Parkway Neighborhood at a cost of \$2,640. These necessary repairs will stabilize the structures which have undergone both vehicle and water damage in recent years. Repairs are necessary to preserve the structures which provide an important marker for the community and are a visible landmark along Winchester Road, a prominent corridor into Lexington and New Circle Road.

**Background**

The Winchester Road entrance to the Eastland Parkway neighborhood includes two stone walls. Each wall has two columns on each end which rise above the connecting wall (photo #1). The top of each column is mortared stone. The walls once served as the entrance into Green Hills Farm. They were constructed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century of White Kentucky River Marble. Stones began falling from the walls in 2010, and the Eastland Parkway Association raised nearly \$14,000 for major repair, tuck pointing, and water treatment to the walls. EPNA has since paid for additional, periodic water treatment.

In subsequent years, EPNA, through grants and neighborhood funds (with the majority coming from neighborhood funds) has made a number of improvements to the entrance including new light fixtures, new landscape materials, a water line for the landscaping, walking path installation for pedestrian safety, etc. The neighborhood gratefully acknowledges assistance from the Corridors Commission in recent landscaping.

Twice since 2010, EPNA has performed additional repair due to vehicle damage. The first incident was covered by the owner's vehicle insurance. The second incident was in September 2015 when the wall was hit again by a vehicle. The vehicle was running from police and failed to complete a right turn. Unfortunately, the auto had no insurance and the owner apparently was not employed. Repair costs were \$5,600 paid entirely by neighborhood funds.

When installing decorations last December, they noted that both the mortar and stones on the top of columns have cracked (photos #2, #3 and #4). A stone mason, who was repairing vehicle damage to the wall, pointed out how water entering through the cracks was getting into the column and seeping through mortar joints below. He especially noted that if allowed to continue, the freezing/thawing process would threaten the stability of the columns.

### **Solution**

After subsequent conversations with multiple contractors including Emmanuel Gilpin, a master stone mason, the association was told the best solution would be installing a mortar cap on the top of each column. His quote for repair is \$2,640 which includes (1) removing small stones inserted in the mortar "was" above the top row of stone, (2) installing a new concrete "wash" that is at least one inch thick at edges and approximately three inches at the center, and (3) installing wire reinforcing into the concrete at each of the four columns.

### **Request**

Because of prior expenses, especially the recent \$5,600 wall repair caused by an uninsured driver and paid for by the neighborhood, the EPNA Board is hesitant to go back to the neighborhood again for funding. The EPNA is a voluntary neighborhood association, not a homeowners association, and cannot make assessment to the residents – yet for the past 16 have been diligent in upkeep of the stone walls and entrance, spending in excess of \$20,000 on maintenance and repair. Consequently, they are hopeful funding from the Corridors Commission will be available for these repairs. They feel that a well maintained entrance along Winchester Road is an asset not only to the neighborhood, but also to the greater community and to those entering Lexington along Winchester Road, one of Lexington's major corridors.

Sincerely,

Angela Evans, 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Member  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Attachments:

- Photos of entrance wall
- Photos of damage
- Bid from Gilpin Masonry



Photo #1

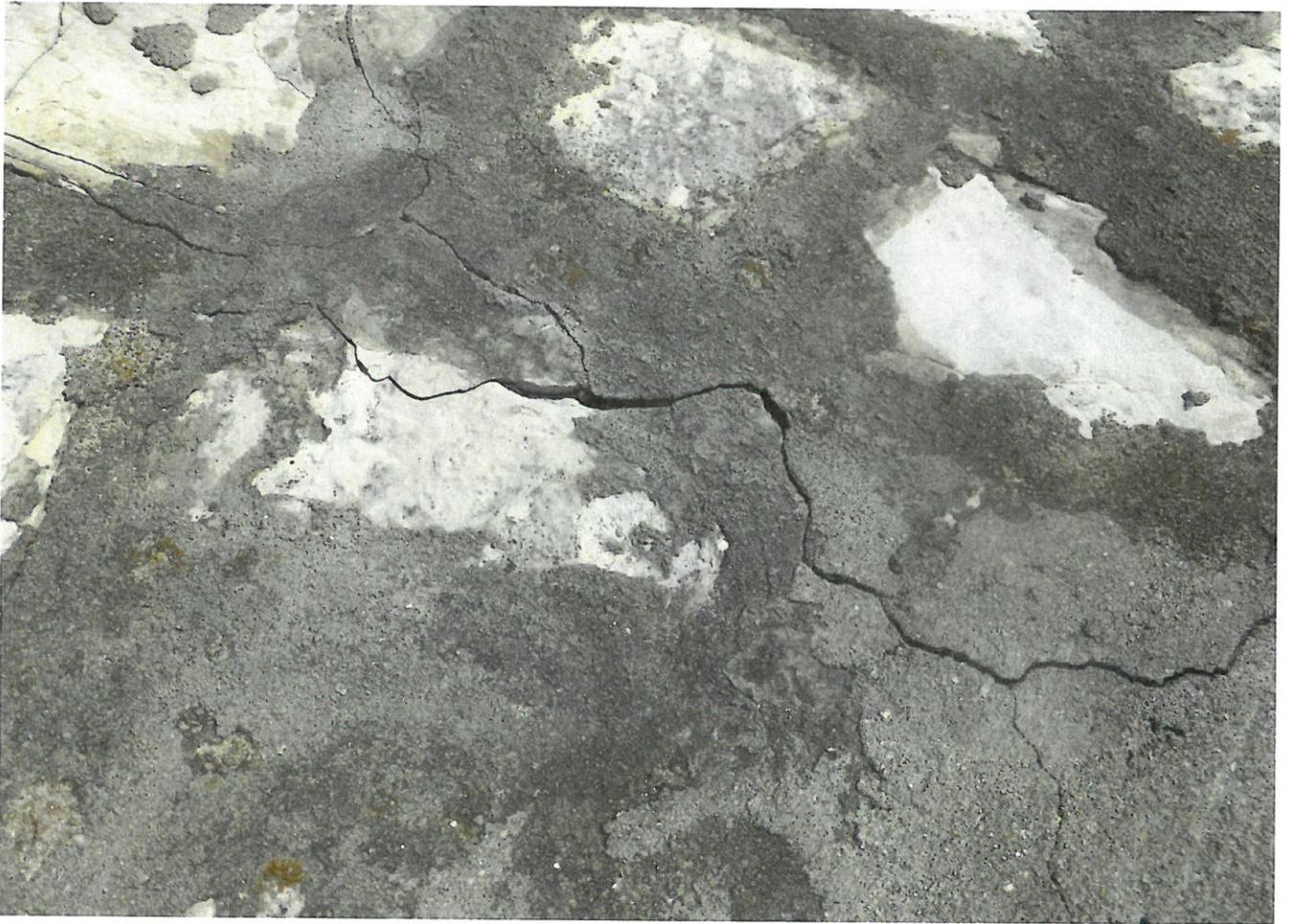


Photo #2

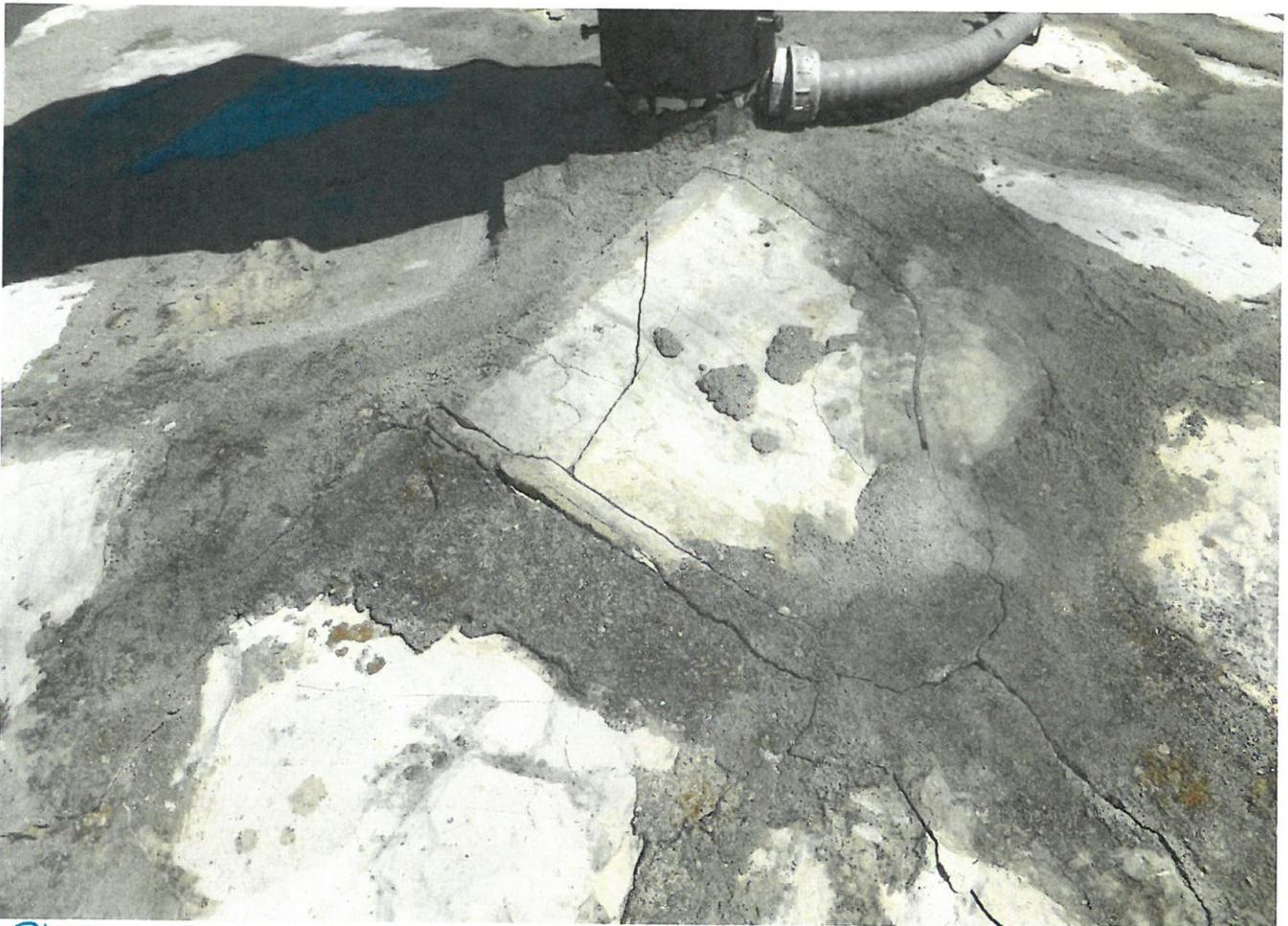


Photo # 3



Photo #4

# GILPIN MASONRY

Gilpin Masonry Construction Company, Inc.  
100 Sea Otter Circle  
Midway, KY 40347

gilpinmasonry.com  
Phone/Fax: 502-863-2940  
Cell: 859-621-6416  
emanuel@gilpinmasonry.com

July 26, 2016

Eastland Park Neighborhood Association  
Attention: Loys Mather  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Phone 859-421-2377  
Email loysmather@twc.com

Re: Install caps at four columns Winchester Road entrance

We propose to furnish all labor, material and equipment to perform the following work in a neat and craftsman like manner. During the repairs, all areas of the building not involved in the work will be protected from damage. All plantings, landscaping and trees will be protected while work is underway. Upon completion of the work, all equipment, materials and debris will be removed from the site. During the project, trash will be picked up daily to keep the site as neat as possible.

We understand that the building will be occupied during the repairs. We will coordinate our activities with the owner or the owner's representative to mitigate unnecessary inconvenience to the occupants, customers or visitors to the building. Certain portions of the work may require temporarily closing certain entrances, sidewalks or areas of parking due to hazards to the public present during certain phases of work.

All workmen involved on the project will extend courtesy to the people they come in contact with at the site. They will be polite in their language, behavior and attire. Any problems in this respect must be brought to our attention for correction.

Upon award of the contract for this project, we will issue you a certificate of liability insurance to keep on file. The owner is responsible to furnish all water and electricity as needed by the contractor for normal job consumption.

Billing will be submitted when all work is complete. Payment is due within 15 days of the invoice date. Interest upon late payments will be 1 ½% per month.

*God Bless America*

Should contractor employ an attorney, provide assistance or commence legal proceedings to enforce any provision of this agreement, to protect its interests in any matter arising from this agreement, contractor shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees, costs, charges, interest, and expenses expended or incurred.

You will defend, indemnify and hold harmless from any claims, demands and causes of action, including its reasonable costs, expenses and attorney fees, which arise from or relate to in whole or in part to your actions or inaction. Although contractor looks forward to a mutually enjoyable relationship, you agree that in order to avoid litigation in the event of an affirmative dispute concerning performance by the contractor, the dispute shall be submitted exclusively to mandatory binding arbitration in the City of Lexington, Kentucky, by a single arbitrator under the Commercial Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The alternative dispute service shall be the Mediation Center of Kentucky. Owner shall pay for all costs.

Items of the contract that are open to dispute resolution:

(None)

All work is to be done according to local and state building codes. All work on historic structures is to also follow guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Interiors.

All work is guaranteed for a period of one year. Should there be any defect in workmanship or material it shall be repaired at contractor expense.

## SCOPE OF WORK

### **Install Concrete Caps:**

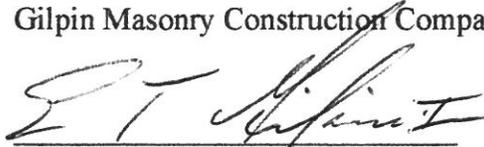
- 1) Remove all stone and mortar from the top of each cap.
  - a) This is not the stone of the column, but small pieces inserted into the mortar "wash" above the top row of stone.
- 2) Install a new concrete wash that is at least one inch thick at the edges and approximately three inches at the center.
- 3) Wire reinforcing will be inserted into the concrete at each of the four columns.

This work is to be done for the sum of \$2,640.00

Please sign below and return one copy to our office to be placed in our schedule. No work will be scheduled or begin without a signed contract.

Proposed by: Gilpin Masonry Construction Company, Inc.

Name:

  
Emanuel T. Gilpin II President

Date:

July 26, 2014

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_