

2023-01-22 AD Annual Meeting. St. Francis Xavier Church Parish Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Board members present: Kyle Miller, Judy Ashby, Peg Falcone, Jane Adams, Chuck Litecky, Sarah Buila, D. Gorton, Brian Swoboda, Pheral Lamb (9)

Members present: Bob Flannery, Sandy Litecky, Susan Metcalf, Kevin Koron, Dan Finnegan, Rose Finnegan, Michael McCormick, Katie Evans, Francine Wien-Frankowski, Al Frankowski, Jean Stafford, Joe Stafford, Thomas Finken Keller, Parker Wilkerson, Benjamin Mendez, Kevin Self, Norma Ewing, Gigi Thompson (18)

Others attending: Mary O'Hara (1)

Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting: One typo Sandy Litecky moved, Sarah Buila second, approve. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Peg Falcone reported that the bank account at Region's Bank holds \$1,485.88. Bob Flannery moved, Sandy Litecky second, accept. Passed unanimously.

President's Report: Kyle Miller reported that the Board had held the required number of meetings (6), the TIF district was approved, spring and holiday gatherings were held. A meeting on shootings and crime in the neighborhood was held, resulting in extra patrols of the neighborhood.

Working groups: The conveners of the proposed working groups presented the topics. Those groups with sufficient members will meet. A signup sheet was passed around. *(See appended transcription of lists.)*

Incorporation update: *Kyle Miller and Jane Adams will establish state non-profit corporation; will not seek IRS tax-exempt (501(c)3) status at this time.*

By-laws review: By-laws will be sent to the membership with these minutes. Sarah Buila expressed interest in reviewing the District boundaries. A subcommittee will be established by the Board to solicit proposed revisions to be brought to 2024 Annual Meeting. Jane Adams moved, Pheral Lamb second. Passed unanimously

Election of Board and Officers: Peg Falcone, Treasurer, leaves the board (term limited), D. Gorton resigns.

Nominations: Brian Swoboda - Treasurer. New Board members – Kevin Koron, Francine Wein-Frankowski. Bob Flannery moved, Sandy Litecky second, to accept the slate. Passed unanimously.

Questionnaire for City Council and Mayoral candidates. Discussion of suggested questions. *See appended list of questions.* NOTE: Two meetings with Council Candidates will be held, ½ at Judy Ashby's home, ½ at Jane Adams and D. Gorton's home, One meeting will be held with Mayoral Candidates at Sandy and Chuck Litecky's home.

Welcome Back Students signs: Sandy Litecky requested update. *D. Gorton said he would follow up.*

General discussion focused on crime: Bob Flannery said a tarp used by St. Xavier Church for Light's Fantastic was burned up following the parade. They will be putting up surveillance cameras. He urges installing surveillance cameras in the neighborhood. The efficacy of video doorbells was noted. Residents were urged to report vacant houses, suspected spots for drug transactions, noting that there appeared to be places where users would leave money and dealers would leave drugs (see below for City and social media sites to report items)

Mary O'Hara announced February 4, 2023, 10:00-12:00 Neighborhood Alliance meeting at the Carbondale Public Library and via Zoom. She noted the Sustainability Plan (see link below). She noted Neighborhood Notification newsletter put out by City Planning Division.

City of Carbondale Sustainability Plan:

<https://www.explorecarbondale.com/DocumentCenter/View/7451/Sustainability-Action-Plan-PDF>

Reporting criminal activities and City code violations (broken windows that might indicate habitation by squatters, other indications of dereliction by property owners)

Report potential and actual criminal activities to the police: 618-457-3200 or 911 for emergencies

Report code violations to Building and Neighborhood Services 618-457-3248, or report on SeeClickFix <https://www.explorecarbondale.com/415/Report-a-Concern>

Social media:

NextDoor <http://nextdoor.com>,

WTF? Carbondale on Carbondale <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509564056346760>

Working Groups

Immigration - D. Gorton, convener <dgorton@dgorton.com>
Gigi Thompson <altgie@aol.com>
Michael McCormack <mmccor49@aol.com>

Events – Judy Ashby, convener <judybug2@frontier.com>
Francine Wien <francinewien@yahoo.com>
Jean Stafford <staffjj5@gmail.com>
Katie Evans <keyeightyfour@yahoo.com>

Zoning, Transportation, Housing – Pheral Lamb, convener <pheral@protonmail.com>
Thomas Finkenkiller <thomasfinkenkiller@gmail.com>
Kevan Self <kevanself@yahoo.com>
Jane Adams <jadams.cdale@gmail.com>

Renewable Energy – Kyle Miller, convener <kmiller.cdale@gmail.com>
Joe Stafford <staffjj5@gmail.com>
Benjamin Mendez <Benjamin.mendez@proton.me>

Safety – Sarah Buila, convener <sdbuila253@gmail.com>
Parker Wilkinson <pdub8cab@gmail.com>
Kevan Self <kevanself@yahoo.com>
Sandy Litecky <s.litechy@mchsi.com>
Susan Metcalf <fsmetcalf@gmail.com>
Kevin Koron <kevin.j.koron@gmail.com>

Potential questions for City Council/Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire:

1. The volume and speed of traffic on W. Walnut Street and other streets is a real concern. How would you seek to slow traffic both on this highway and on neighborhood streets?

Are there other measures regarding transportation (including pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, etc.) and traffic patterns you would support to improve the quality of life for people in the Arbor District?

2. How would you address the complex zoning within the Arbor District?

If you are not expert in zoning, what kind of redevelopment would you envision and, as an elected official, promote for the Arbor District and the TIF district it surrounds?

3. There is a disproportionate amount of crime in the Arbor District. How do you understand the nature of crime in our neighborhood and, as an elected official, how would you attempt to address it?

4. Do you believe the City has a responsibility to enhance the aesthetic qualities of Carbondale's residential neighborhoods and business districts? If so, what policies and investments would you promote to improve the visual appearance of the Arbor District?

5. Do you believe the City has a responsibility to improve the quality of housing in Carbondale's residential neighborhoods? If so, what policies and investments would you promote to address the large numbers of vacant, boarded up, and blighted properties in the Arbor District?

6. Arbor District residents have noted that some landlords have rented vacant properties for weekend parties, which sometimes become sites of gun violence. What policies would you promote to prevent such illegal rentals?

7. As an elected official, how would you address race relations in Carbondale?

If you are not familiar with the Arbor District, here is some background information:

On zoning:

A portion of the District has been incorporated into TIF#2, with the City formally seeking to redevelop this area that contains a great deal of blighted, largely single-family housing.

The Arbor District includes the following sites on the National Register of Historic Places: West Walnut Street Historic District, Reef House at 411 S. Poplar, and R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Dome Home at 407 S. Forest. (Also on the Register are the ICRR Passenger Depot and Woodlawn Cemetery)

The Arbor District includes PA, PAR, and SB zones on W. Main St., as well as R-1-5, R-2, and R-3 zones, and abuts the BPR zone the City zoning map can be found here: <https://www.explorecarbondale.com/804/Carbondale-City-Zoning-Map>. The neighborhood includes a museum (Fuller Dome Home and interpretive center under construction), several churches, and the Carbondale Public Library.

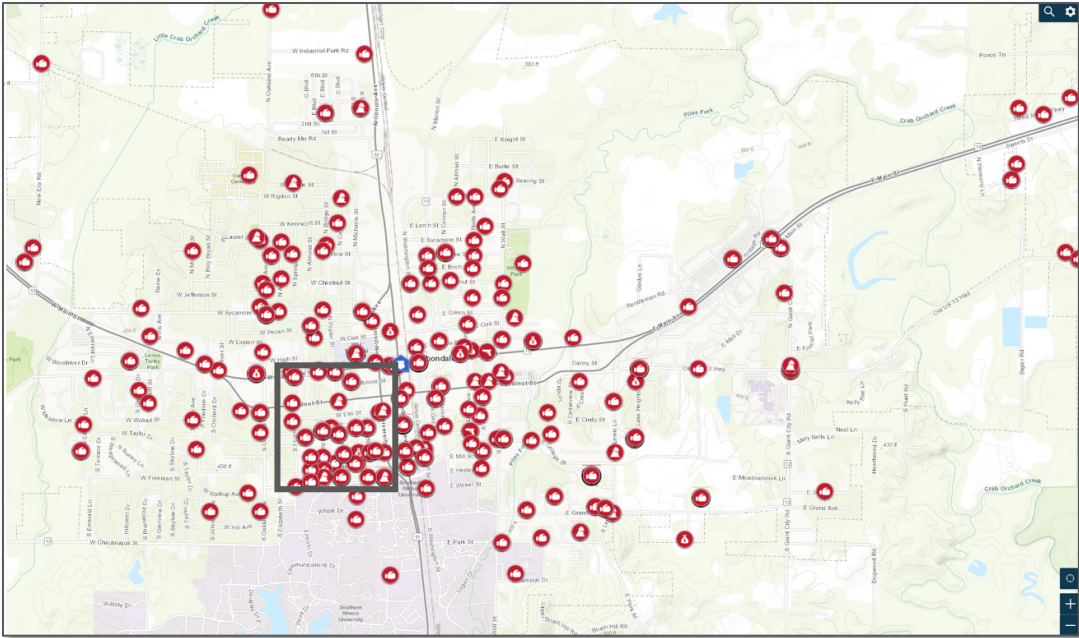
The expanded TIF#2 map can be found here: <https://www.explorecarbondale.com/DocumentCenter/View/8333/Amended-Redevelopment-Plan-TIF-number-2-PDF>

On crime:

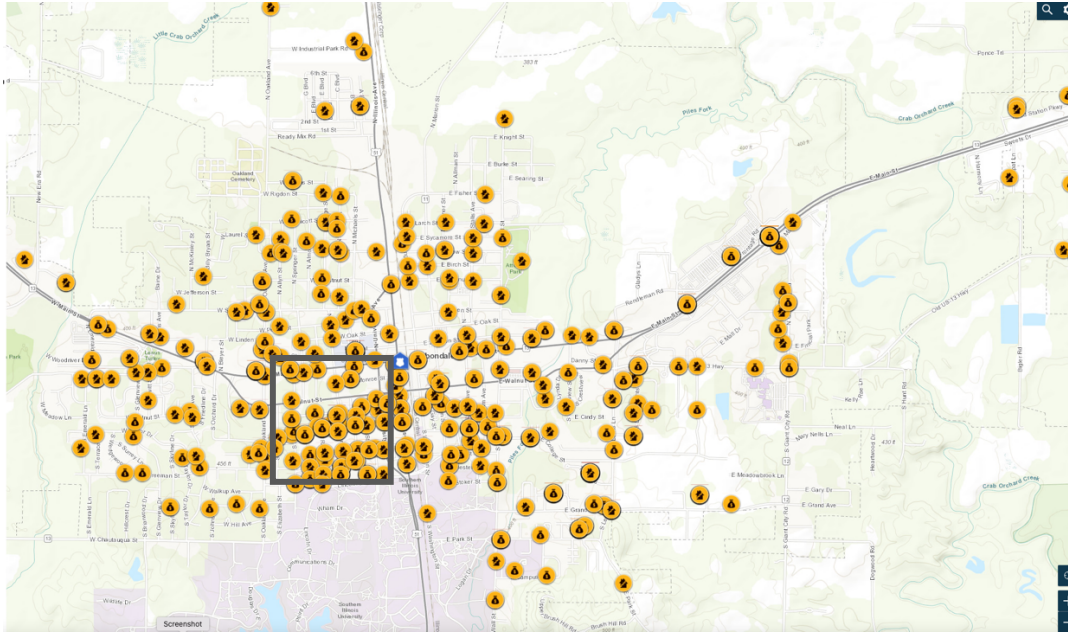
Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report, 2022
<https://www.explorecarbondale.com/DocumentCenter/View/8107/Carbondale-Gun-Violence-Needs-Assessment-Report>)

See crime maps <https://explorecarbondale.com/157/Services> .

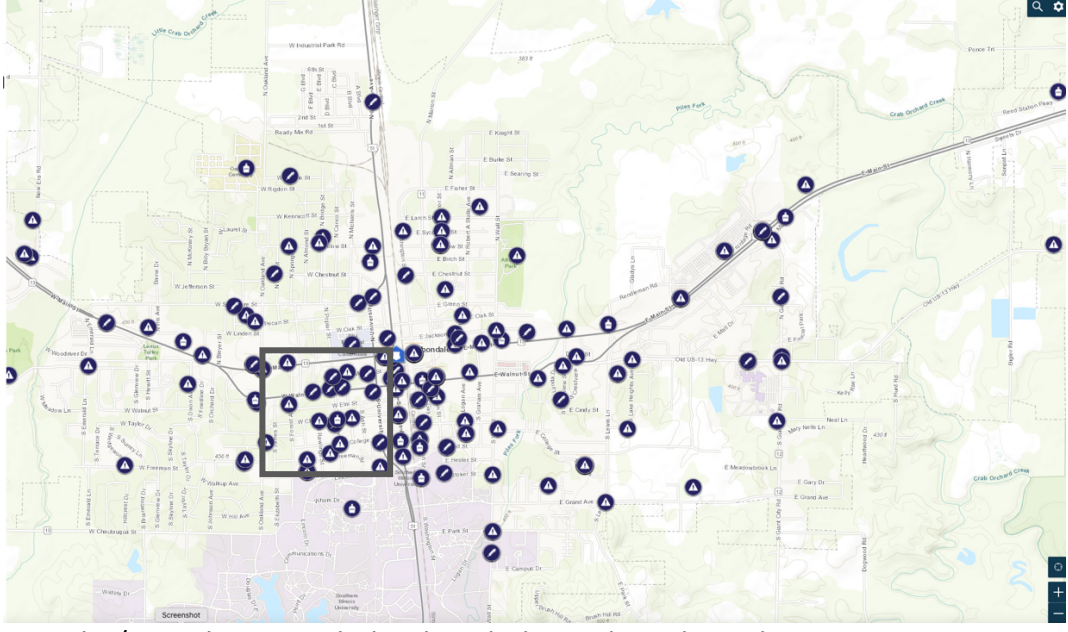
These screen shots of the City’s Crime Map show crime in Carbondale for Jan. 29, 2022 to Jan. 28, 2023. Each icon potentially includes multiple incidents.



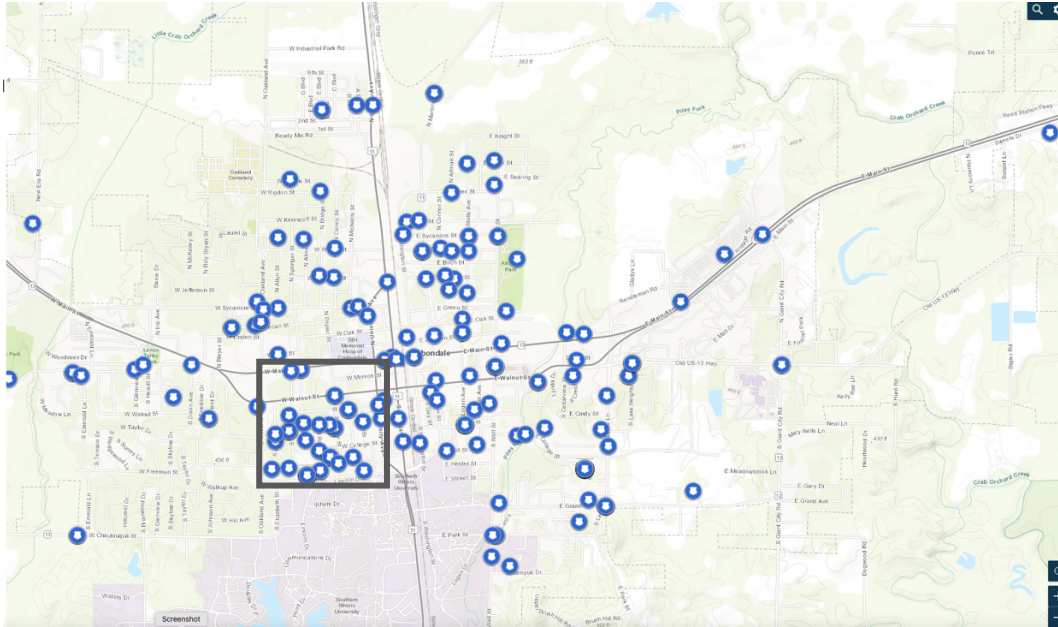
Violent crime – Includes Assault and Battery (NOTE: Assault with a deadly weapon appears as “Assault”), Sexual offenses, Kidnapping, Robbery (NOTE: Homicides are listed under 911 and Other as “Death”



Property & Theft – includes Breaking & Entering, Theft of motor vehicle, Theft from motor vehicle, Theft



Disorder/Disturbance, includes disorderly conduct, drugs, liquor,



Arson, Homicide (listed as "Death"), Shots Fired and other weapons offenses

Crime map: access here <https://explorecarbondale.com/157/Services>, then zoom to Carbondale