



**Lone Pine Public Open Space and Trails  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Open House & Online Survey Summary**

A drop in open house was held on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the King’s Way United Methodist Church’s outdoor pavilion, located at 2401 S. Lone Pine Avenue, to provide information and receive input from residents.

479 participants signed the attendance sheet. In addition, the following partner agencies attended: Missouri Department of Conservation (1,) Missouri Prairie Foundation (2,) Watershed Committee of the Ozarks (3,) MORC (1,) Ozark Greenways (7,) City of Springfield (1,) and Springfield-Greene County Parks (3.) The Springfield-News Leader also attended.

An online survey was also made available from August 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Public Notification**

An informational letter and invite were direct mailed to 633 addresses within the Neighborhood Improvement District. Notice was also posted to Ozark Greenways’ website and social media platforms.

**Meeting Format**

The format was drop in open house in response to a request to share the plans. There was not a formal presentation. Partners had project renderings, maps, and educational components on large posters. Parks/City/Ozark Greenways provided a Frequently Asked Questions handout. Comment cards were available. There was also a QR code linking to the online comment card and a QR code to the online resource page displayed at intervals throughout the pavilion. There was also an interactive board where participants could select 3-5 words to connect by string that shared what “this space means to me.”

**Comment Card Results**

<u>Open House Comment Cards</u>	<u>Online Comment Cards</u>	<u>Total</u>
Supportive: 213	Supportive: 362	<b>Supportive: 575</b>
Opposed: 30	Opposed: 30	<b>Opposed: 60</b>
Misc./Neutral: 16	Misc./Neutral: 11	<b>Misc./Neutral: 27</b>

**Themes**

- enthusiasm for natural surface, multi-purpose trails in-town
- increased opportunities for a public space that is underutilized
- new trailside amenity for both trail users and neighborhood schools
- ecological improvements will result in an improved greenspace/reduction of mowing
- lack of direct communication to residents of the NID funding mechanism and Southern Hills
- education needed regarding the “NID” as follows: what it is, terms, re-assessment process, boundaries, purpose, who pays for maintenance, is there an advisory board, how does the advisory board function
- parking concerns: including street parking, SH Swim & Tennis Club, trail, and lakes
- different definitions for park/open space/green space/trails
- seen as the gateway to Southern Hills and should remain untouched
- youth residents not considered residents