

# FAIRWOOD/ROBANDEE AND WHITE OAK

## Neighborhood Assessment Report

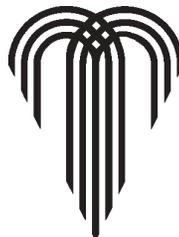
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# FOCUS KANSAS CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSESSMENTS

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**FOCUS Kansas City**, Kansas City's strategic and comprehensive plan, recognizes that neighborhoods understand best how to direct their own futures. The first initiative in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* is a strategic assessment / evaluation that enables a neighborhood to evaluate its strengths and needs. Through the assessment process, a neighborhood can direct its assets towards its most critical needs. The *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* identifies the assessment format.

There were two objectives for these neighborhoods during the self-evaluation:

1. To self-identify its **neighborhood type** from the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*.
2. To develop **improvement strategies** that will direct neighborhood improvement, a "To Do" list/Action Steps incorporating participation by the neighborhood, community partners, and the City.

The Fairwood/Robandee and White Oak neighborhood conducted the Neighborhood Assessment Workshop with assistance from City staff. Residents, business people and people who work in local institutions provided input. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.



Workshop participants sign in and are greeted by Julie Xiong, FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment Team Member.



# NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE

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The FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Kansas City are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. FOCUS developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Kansas City neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

## Developing    Conservation    Stabilization    Redeveloping

The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood Description / Types."

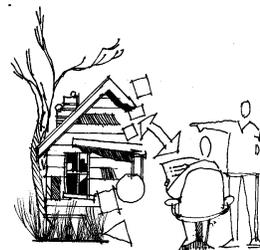
In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Kansas City communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.



A participant shares her views about her neighborhood with Robert Rutherford, map maker & a member of the Neighborhood Assessment Team.

# THE FAIRWOOD/ROBANDEE AND WHITE OAK PERSPECTIVE

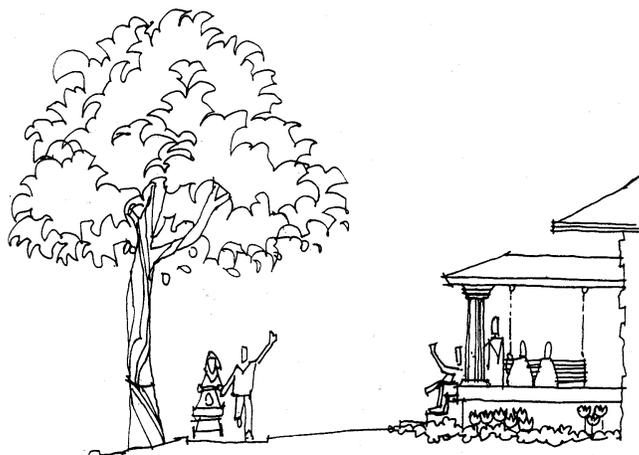
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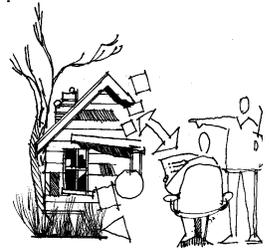


On Saturday, March 23, 2002, many residents living in the Fairwood/Robandee and White Oak neighborhoods gathered at the St. Regis Catholic Church to participate in a FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment Workshop. The participants came ready to share their ideas about what needed improvement in their communities. They were eager to discuss ideas about how they could work together to make those improvements happen.

Participants who attended the Neighborhood Assessment spoke about various aspects that they valued in their community, such as the walking trails in Bannister Park and James A. Reed Park, and the enhancements to the community made by organizations like the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Regis Catholic Church and Archbishop O'Hara High School. They also value the green spaces located throughout the area, which gives the area a country-like atmosphere.

They also discussed how they valued the multiple schools located in their community, which are part of the Hickman Mills School District. This district has served the Fairwood/Robandee and White Oak community for over 100 years. Residents felt that the Hickman Mills District is one of the most important features the neighborhood has, and they want to maintain its quality in order to keep the community healthy. They also enthusiastically celebrated how this outstanding teaching institution is a major factor contributing to young families moving into the area.



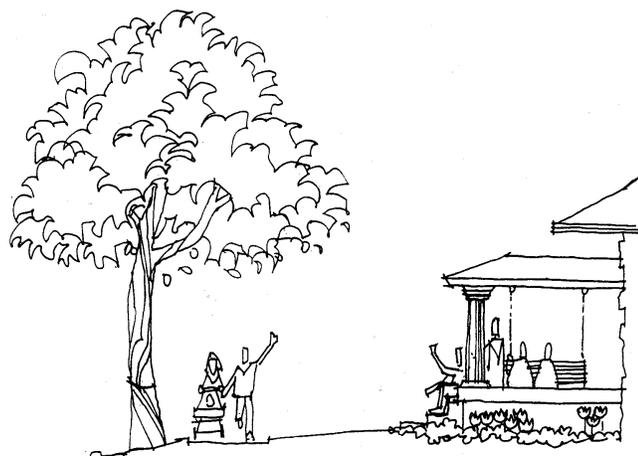


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Fairwood/Robandee and White Oak participants also spoke of several common challenges they face. They would like to see greater enforcement by the City Codes Enforcement Officers (part of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department) in citing those property owners who have violated City property codes. They would like sidewalks and curbs installed along dangerous intersections where children and adults are forced to walk in the street, such as Bannister Road. They also would like to see the City work on measures to prevent flooding of the creek that is located along Elm Street to Tennessee Street at 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 90<sup>th</sup> Circle. Participants stated that when it rains heavily, water backs up into residents' basements.

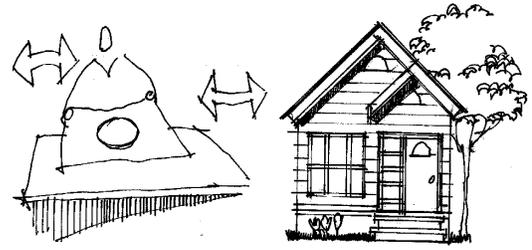
Most importantly, they realized that the best way to ensure that their neighborhood remains strong is by getting involved in the existing neighborhood associations, home associations and other community groups and establishing organizations where none exist.

The purpose of this report is to help clarify goals and identify resources. The following page contains the residents' priorities and some possible improvement strategies. The report also contains the lists of assets, challenges and ideas for improvement that area residents named during the workshop. Finally, a list of frequently used City and agency services is on the inside back cover.



# **FAIRWOOD/ROBANDEE PRIORITIES**

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Fairwood/Robandee residents identified the following as their priority issues:

## **Enforcement of Property Codes**

It is important for all neighbors to maintain the appearance of their properties for the good of the neighborhood. Workshop participants expressed they would like to have deteriorating homes rehabilitated and homes that need minor repairs repaired, before they become community eyesores. Participants recommended the following:

- Identify and meet with City Codes Enforcement Officers in order to establish regular lines of communication with that department
- Encourage neighbors to abide by the property maintenance codes

## **Installation of Sidewalks & Curbs**

The lack of sidewalks throughout the Robandee area is of great concern to residents. Residents have no other choice than to walk in the street, and children have no place to ride their bicycles. Residents suggested that sidewalks be installed in these areas:

- Along Bannister Road
- Throughout the Fairwood/Robandee area (bounded by Blue Ridge Boulevard on the west, Farley Street on the east, 87<sup>th</sup> Street on the north and Bannister Road on the south)

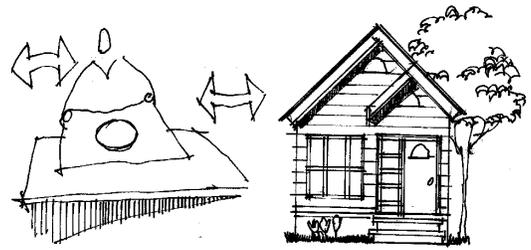
## **Attract and Patronize Local Businesses**

The surrounding shopping centers and the businesses located on Bannister Road, Blue Ridge Boulevard, etc. are important to the economic survival of the neighborhoods. The group saw numerous opportunities to maintain these areas and make them more economically viable:

- Spend dollars in businesses that are located within the community
- Lobby for family restaurants to open businesses in the neighborhood

# WHITE OAK PRIORITIES

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White Oak residents named the following as their priority issues:

## Maintain and Improve Water Run-off/ Flood Control

The poorly maintained drainage systems and the creek in the area create surface water and flooding problems in residents' homes and other property. The residents want to see this problem addressed by:

- Removing the brush, tree limbs and other items blocking the flow of the creek that runs from Elm Street to Tennessee Street, 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 90<sup>th</sup> Circle
- Cleaning all catch basins on the residential streets and boulevards

## Maintain City Properties and Enforce Property Codes

Workshop participants expressed the need for the City to repair/maintain the properties they own and investigate and cite property owners who do not maintain the appearance of their properties. Participants suggested:

- Increase City inspections of code and ordinance violations such as property violations, loose animals, and dilapidated, unlicensed cars that are parked on lawns
- Maintain the grassy areas owned by the City and remove debris

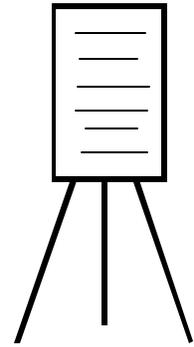
## Address Streets and Traffic Issues

Those who attended the workshop mentioned several key streets and intersections that need attention in order for the neighborhoods to be safer. Their priorities are:

- Widen Elm Street between 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Bannister Road
- Implement traffic calming measures (i.e. speed humps) to reduce speeding along 93<sup>rd</sup> Street

# CHART NOTES

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The **Fairwood/Robandee** neighborhood is bounded by: Blue Ridge Boulevard on the west, Farley Street on the east, 87<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, and Bannister Road on the south.

The **White Oak** neighborhood is bounded by: Farley Street on the west, Raytown Road on the east, 87<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, and Bannister Road on the south.

See the map on page 10 for more details.

## Neighborhood Slogans

Workshop participants thought of several unique slogans to describe their neighborhoods. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community. The slogan they selected is:

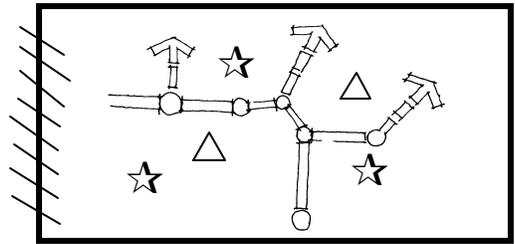
### “Believe In It And Beautify It”

Other suggested slogans:

- *Get Involved*
- *Be Part of the Solution, Not Part of the Problem*
- *We Are One*
- *Reach Out to One Another*
- *Caring and Concerned Neighbors*
- *One Neighborhood, One Community Under God*

Workshop participants gathered for the introduction of the workshop. They later brainstormed and came up with the above slogans.

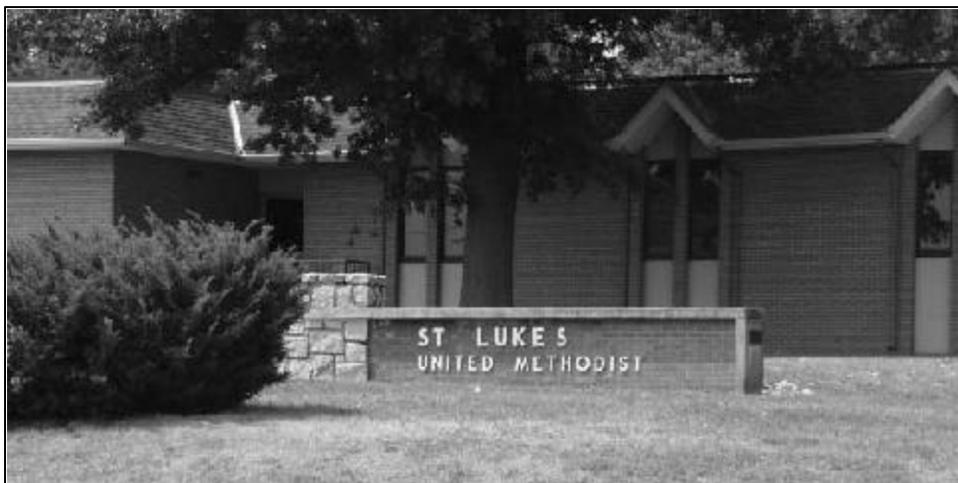




## STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

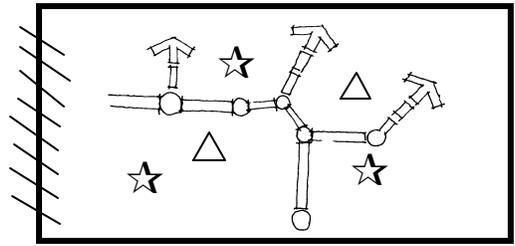
Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- △ **Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- ⦶ **Paths** — routes people use to get places
- **Activity Centers** — gathering places to do some activity
- **Districts** — areas of recognizable character
- ▨ **Edges or Barriers** — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ☆ **Features** — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance



St. Luke's United Methodist Church is actively involved in their community. It was mentioned by workshop participants as a Landmark, Activity Center and Feature.





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## Landmarks

- St. Regis School
- Archbishop O'Hara High School
- Dobbs Elementary School
- Little Sisters of the Poor-Elder Care Facility
- Harry S. Truman Elementary School
- St. Lukes United Methodist Church
- Fairwood neighborhood markers
- Robandee Shopping Center
- Mid-Continent Library located at 92<sup>nd</sup> & Blue Ridge Boulevard
- New cemetery at Elm Street and Bannister Road
- Twelve Gates Cemetery
- Lutheran High School sports field

## Paths

- Santa Fe Trail
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Tennessee Street

## Activity Centers

- St. Regis School
- Archbishop O'Hara High School
- Dobbs Elementary School
- Harry S. Truman Elementary School
- St. Lukes United Methodist Church
- Mid-Continent Library located at 92<sup>nd</sup> & Blue Ridge Boulevard

## Districts

- 87<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> Blue Ridge Boulevard

## Edges/Barriers

- 92<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Lack of sidewalks on the east side of Bannister Road and Blue Ridge Boulevard
- Wooded lot at 89<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Stark
- LP's Car Lot and the dangerous parking associated with it
- The brick wall in Raytown at 87<sup>th</sup> and Tennessee
- The closed bridge at 89<sup>th</sup> and Elm

## Features

- St. Lukes United Methodist Church
- Bannister Park
- Mid-Continent Library located at 92<sup>nd</sup> & Blue Ridge Boulevard

# FAIRWOOD/ROBANDEE AND WHITE OAK IMAGES

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**Landmark:**  
Participants enjoy having the Robandee Shopping Center along with other businesses in their community



**Landmark and Activity Center:**  
Participants voiced how they valued the many schools within the Hickman Mills School District. The Harry S. Truman Elementary School was one of the many schools mentioned.

## FAIRWOOD/ROBANDEE AND WHITE OAK IMAGES

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**Landmark and Activity Center:** Participants discussed how they valued the St. Regis School, which is a part of the St. Regis Catholic Church. The St. Regis Catholic Church graciously served as the host for the Neighborhood Assessment.



**Landmark, Activity Center, and Feature:** Participants mentioned the Mid Continent Library located at 92<sup>nd</sup> & Blue Ridge Boulevard as an asset and enhancement to the community.



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## STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can inhibit residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do.

Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the **Fairwood/Robandee** and **White Oak** neighborhoods.

### Fairwood/Robandee:

- Bring an end to illegal dumping at 91<sup>st</sup> Terrace
- Prosecute those who illegally hunt in the neighborhood
- Hold absentee landlords who receive Housing Urban Development subsidies accountable for the maintenance of their properties
- Provide social services for families with children and youth
- Remove the dead trees and brush on the north end of Robandee Shopping Center
- Repair sidewalks and curbs in the area
- Install sidewalks and curbs on Bannister Road
- Prevent the creek from flooding that is located along Elm and 89<sup>th</sup> Terrace; when it rains heavily it backs up into residents' basements
- Install "No Parking" signs in James A. Reed Park
- Develop James A. Reed Park
- Install speed humps along 93<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Preserve all green space with conservation/permaculture type plantings; citizens expressed this will be a "win-win" situation for all parties involved
- Get involved with the neighborhood association
- Rid the community of drug dealers
- Enforce traffic regulations at Grandview Triangle, 87<sup>th</sup> Street, and Bannister Road



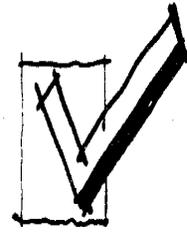
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### White Oak:

- Stop the "speedway" traffic on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street by installing traffic calming measures, such as speed humps
- Halt the erosion of yards located along 87<sup>th</sup> Street, next to the Stark Trail
- Advocate the City of Raytown to repair the wall located at 87<sup>th</sup> and Tennessee
- Implement the proposed plan to widen and improve 87<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mobilize neighborhood associations to rid the neighborhood of drug dealers
- Increase City Code Enforcement Officers inspections and cite code/ordinance violations such as exterior property violations, unlicensed animals, unlicensed and dilapidated vehicles, etc.
- Hold absentee landlords who receive Housing and Urban Development subsidies accountable for the maintenance of their properties
- Prevent flooding from the creek that is located along Elm to Tennessee at 90<sup>th</sup> Ter and 90<sup>th</sup> Circle; when it rains heavily it backs up into residents' basements
- Find out who owns vacant and abandoned homes in the Bannister Acres area
- Widen Elm St. and the one-way bridge at 90<sup>th</sup> Street
- Develop the park and trail at 90<sup>th</sup> and Elm



Participants listen attentively to another's comment during the wokshop



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## STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets in their neighborhood. These qualities include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other feature that adds value to the neighborhood.

- Good neighbors
- Wooded undeveloped land behind Stark Street from 87<sup>th</sup> Terrace to 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Clean Sweep, a program of the City of Kansas City's Environmental Management Department
- Neighborhood associations
- Newly installed street lights
- Bannister Park
- Organized activities in the neighborhood
- St. Luke's Church Community Day event
- St. Regis Catholic Church
- Walking trails at Bannister Park and James A. Reed Park
- Freedom to choose whether to be involved in neighborhood association
- Access to recreational amenities and Downtown
- The enhancements to the community created by Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Regis Catholic Church and Archbishop O'Hara High School
- Fairwood Homes Association
- Multiple playgrounds in the area
- Youth recreational opportunities at St. Regis Catholic Church and Archbishop O'Hara High School



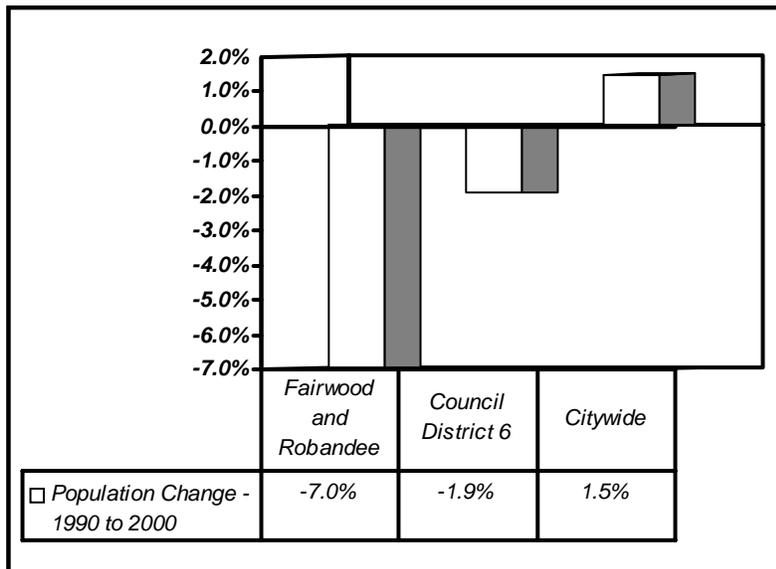
Residents value the accessibility of the interstate system, which allows them to quickly reach Downtown Kansas City, Missouri



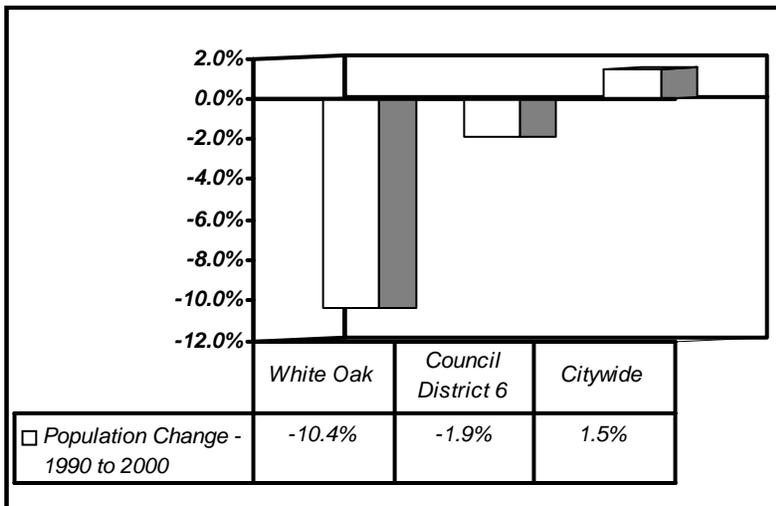
## STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Fairwood/Robandee & White Oak Neighborhood Assessment was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census, and from 2000 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more detail.)

### Change in Population 1990-2000 (Fairwood and Robandee)



### Change in Population 1990-2000 (White Oak)

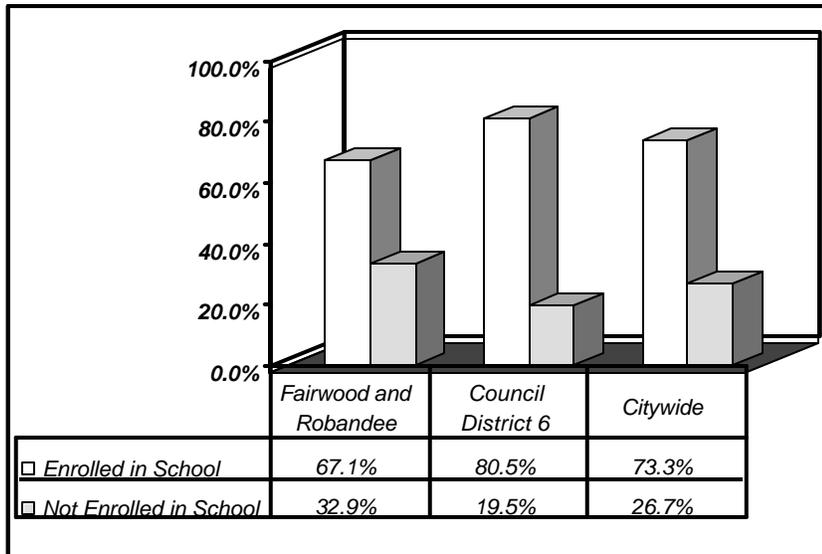


Residents felt the population decline in the neighborhoods can be attributed to children growing up and leaving, and the residents aging.



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### School Enrollment Status of Teenagers Ages 16 to 19 (Fairwood and Robandee)

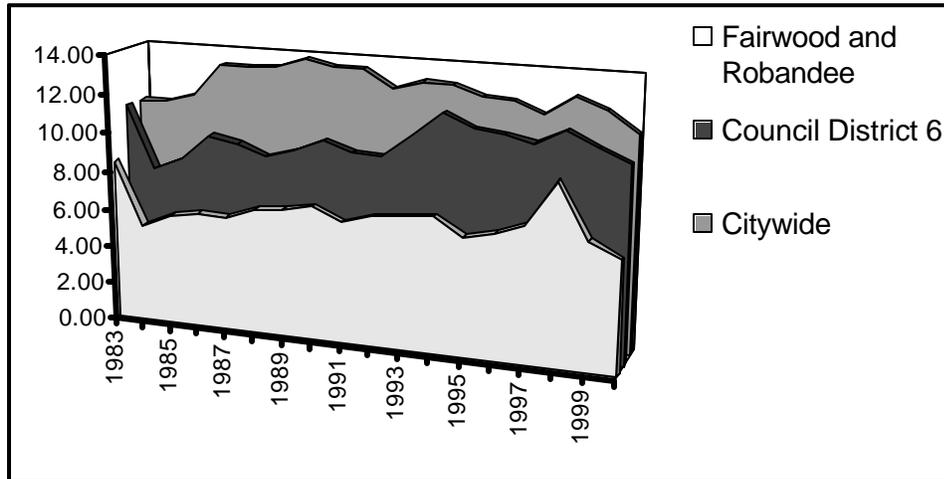


Some Fairwood and Robandee parents believe the disparity of enrollment in schools can be attributed to many families choosing to home school their children and some children graduating from high school early.

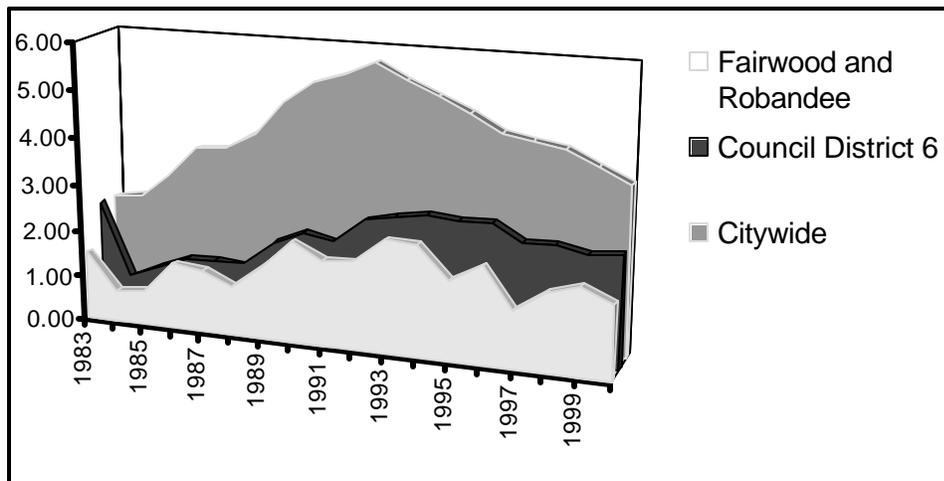


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### Non-Violent Crime (Fairwood and Robandee)



### Violent Crime (Fairwood and Robandee)



Fairwood and Robandee residents perceived that the petty thefts at Bannister Mall contribute to the high crime rate. Another reason given for the high crime rate is the number of domestic disturbances in the area. Participants perceive that the crime rate is actually lower than estimated.



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## STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described the area.

The majority from **Fairwood/Robandee** chose *Conservation*, and the majority from **White Oak** chose *Stabilization*.

### Conservation

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Established businesses and institutions are located in the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide many opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Most of the houses are occupied. Little demolition has occurred here and vacant land is scarce.

It appears that both public and private areas are well-maintained, although a house or business periodically falls into disrepair from a lack of routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, awning repair, etc.). Some infrastructure repairs may be needed to keep the neighborhood attractive. Generally the problems that do come up can be addressed by our neighborhood association, by a call to the City, or through neighbors getting together to help one another.



Participants listen intently during the Neighborhood Assessment.

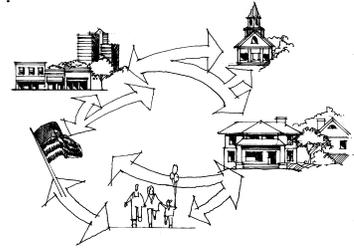


## Stabilization

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Due to age, several of the streets and sidewalks need repair or replacement and the water and sewer services may also need to be upgraded. Many houses, businesses, and public areas appear to lack routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, tree trimming, awning repair, etc.) or are vacant. Such conditions are impacting the value of my property and I don't know if I want to invest more money in the property.

Problems are starting to add up and are becoming harder to fix through our neighborhood association, a call to the City, or neighbors getting together to help one another. There are good aspects to the neighborhood but there are also problems that need to be addressed if the neighborhood is going to continue to be a place I want to live.



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## STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

In this section of the Neighborhood Assessment workshop, participants brainstormed actions that can be performed by themselves, a partner, and by the City to improve their neighborhoods.

On this page is the list of specific actions that members of both the **Fairwood/Robandee** and **White Oak** neighborhoods voted on as their joint priorities. On page 23 is the list of other common ideas that address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the Neighborhood Assessment. On page 24 are the lists of actions that each individual neighborhood developed during this exercise to address their specific neighborhood issues and challenges.

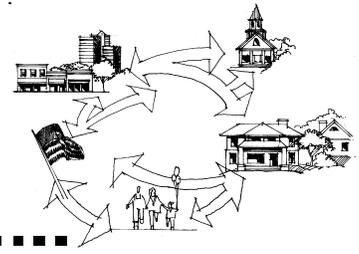
### Fairwood/Robandee and White Oak Priorities:

#### Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Patronize local businesses so that they will be encouraged to stay in the community
- Get involved with our neighborhood association
- Preserve open green spaces, install hedges and not fences
- Utilize the City's "Adopt-A-Street" program
- Attend meetings to voice opinions
- Educate neighbors about not putting leaves and brush into storm sewers

#### Things the **City** should do:

- Enforce all the City codes
- Prevent the creek located along Elm to Tennessee at 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 90<sup>th</sup> Circle from flooding; when it rains heavily, water backs up into residents' basements
- Continue to provide the Leaves and Brush Drop-off program free of charge
- Install curbs and sidewalks on Bannister Road so that people will have a place to walk
- Increase the number of times for leaf and brush pick-up



## Fairwood/Robandee & White Oak Common Ideas:

### Things we can do **Ourselves**:

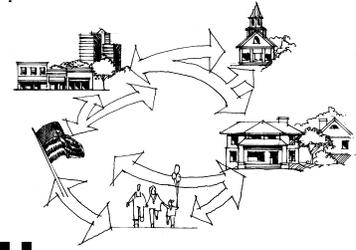
- Establish a "phone tree" to enhance neighborhood communication
- Call Neighborhood and Community Services at 513-3265 to obtain information about how to form a neighborhood association or homes association
- Call Kathleen Blair with the Loma Vista Homes Association at 763-4504 to learn more about obtaining tax exempt status and other information
- Find out who owns vacant lots via [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org) (deeds or address and records at the county and city)
- Research information pertaining to restaurants, so as to deter liquor license issuance
- Work with youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts to help with cleaning up yard debris
- Improve communications to other neighbors
- Establish a neighborhood association
- Call FOCUS (513-2909) to obtain additional city telephone numbers and services
- Call the Action Center (513-1313) for information about City services
- Call Environmental Management for brush pick up (513-2490)

### Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Partner with other homes associations- there is strength in numbers
- Invite an Applebee's type of restaurant into the neighborhood
- Partner with Boy Scouts to help clean up debris, etc.

### Things the **City** should do:

- Address the "complaint driven" request system at City Hall
- Mow the grass on Blue Ridge Boulevard between Eastern and 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace



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## Fairwood/Robandee Priorities:

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Join the neighborhood association and be a good neighbor

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Lobby family restaurants to move into the neighborhood
- Partner with the necessary entities to prevent the creek located along Elm to Tennessee at 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 90<sup>th</sup> Circle from flooding; when it rains heavily, it backs up into residents' basements

Things the **City** should do:

- Install curbs and sidewalks in the Robandee neighborhood to provide people a safe place to walk
- Enforce ordinances and maintain abandoned commercial buildings in the area, i.e. McDonalds located on 86<sup>th</sup> & Blue Ridge Blvd.

## White Oak Priorities:

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Advocate that the City repair the water run off in the neighborhood

Things the **City** should do:

- Widen Elm Street between 87<sup>th</sup> to Bannister Road
- Construct storm sewers that do not empty into creeks and water sheds
- Maintain Stark Trail and all other trails
- Remove the debris and overgrowth at 87<sup>th</sup> and Lane between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Terrace

# Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood Right Now!

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The KC Safe City Initiative encourages neighborhoods to adopt the following ideas for increased safety and involvement, which are based upon the KC Safe City Initiative Principles.

- 1. Report crime promptly.** Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police; they assume police are too short-staffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from citizens.
- 2. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly.**
- 3. Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car and never leave valuables, even for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like someone lives there.
- 4. Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by name.** This ensures that each adult is better able to help in an emergency and is better prepared to discuss problems immediately as they arise.
- 5. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block.** Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem.
- 6. Make a list of landlords in your area.** As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand.
- 7. Turn your porch light on.** Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process.
- 8. Walk around the block.** It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit over time when more responsible citizens walk about more (particularly those who are comfortable doing it) at night, every night, around their block.
- 9. Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** You can take the lead in slowing down traffic in your neighborhood and those around you.
- 10. Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there.** You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that attracts it.
- 11. Stay where you are.** Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house.
- 12. Help your neighborhood association or similar groups.** If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.

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## **Getting Involved**

The following organizations serve the Fairwood/Robandee & White Oak area: The Southern Communities Coalition, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Baptist Educational Center; the St. Regis Church Community Organization, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Archbishop O'Hara High School at 7:00 PM.

For more information about how to start a neighborhood organization, contact the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance at (816) 753-8600, the City's Neighborhood and Community Services Department at (816) 513-3200, or the Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate Office at (816) 513-3500.



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Abandoned Homes	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
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Curb Reconstruction	Public Works	513-2590
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