OLD HYDE PARK

Neighborhood Assessment Report

Neighborhood Workshop Date: August 30, 1999



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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 this neighborhood self-evaluation:

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

Old Hyde Park conducted the neighborhood evaluation 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.



Old Hyde Park residents look over the exercises in their workbooks



Neighborhood Type

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. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing Conservation Stabilization Redeveloping

Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. 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.



Neighborhood residents participate in the workshop

THE OLD HYDE PARK PERSPECTIVE

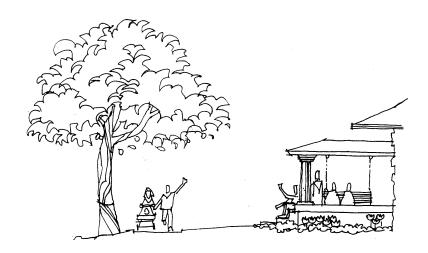


Members of the Old Hyde Park neighborhood came together Saturday, August 30, 1999 for a neighborhood self-evaluation workshop. The workshop was an opportunity for residents to look at the connections between where they live, work and socialize. The participants engaged in a neighborhood mapping exercise, and they discussed challenges and barriers facing their neighborhood. They also identified the assets in their community and voted on their neighborhood type.

Platted in 1887, Old Hyde Park is one of Kansas City's oldest neighborhoods. The community boasts many grand, historic homes and beautiful architectural landmarks, such as Redemptorist Church on the corner of Broadway and Linwood. The area is also notable for its central location and proximity to amenities like the Plaza, Westport, Crown Center and Downtown.

In recent years the neighborhood has benefited from a surge of new homeowners and renovation. This renewal is the fruit of a lot of hard work by residents, community partners and a strong neighborhood association. These stakeholders recognized the unique features of the area and, as one resident said, "We became shameless promoters of the neighborhood."

Among their most visible achievements are the establishment of the neighborhood as a Historic District, the publication of an attractive neighborhood brochure, installation of new streetlight banners, establishment of a residential crime control program and the "deconversion" of 38 homes from multi-unit apartments to single family residences.



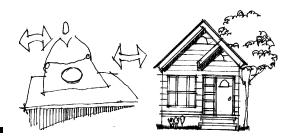
THE OLD HYDE PARK PERSPECTIVE, CONT'D



In the midst of these successes there are also challenges. Not all property owners in the area share the same commitment to maintenance. Residents appreciate the access to stores and services within and around their community but they are also wary. They know that too much encroachment by commercial development will erode the residential fabric of their neighborhood. Finally, since this is an urban setting residents will continue to develop strategies to minimize the effects of traffic, crime and litter.

Workshop participants selected Stabilization as their Neighborhood Type. This designation suggests that continued community building and infrastructure improvements are vital activities in this area. The purpose of this report is to document the specific suggestions that were offered by the people who attended the assessment. The following page contains a summary of priorities and some possible improvement strategies. The report also contains the lists of assets, barriers and ideas for improvements stated by the residents in the workshop. Finally, a list of frequently used City services is provided.





PRIORITIES

Residents of the Old Hyde Park neighborhood feel the most important issues they have before them are:

Maintain Neighborhood Character

Participants felt assertive actions taken to address the abundance of trash, abandoned buildings and other poorly maintained property would reduce crime and dispell the sense of decline and disregard in the neighborhood. Some suggested approaches to maintaining an attractive neighborhood are:

- Increase the number of owner-occupied houses and apartments
- Improve code enforcement and initiate a landlord licensing program
- Return abandoned buildings and homes to a position of use
- Crack down on littering, illegal dumping and have more neighborhood cleanups
- Hold contractors accountable for the work they do in the neighborhood
- Create and carry out a neighborhood development plan

Reduce Crime

In an effort to promote a positive image of Old Hyde Park, residents came up with several ideas to address the issue of crime in their neighborhood:

- Continue Neighborhood Crime Watch
- I ncrease police surveillance in certain high crime areas (more bicycle police!)
- Simply reduce the number of abandoned buildings and problem landlords/renters

Promote Traffic Safety

Workshop participants brainstormed ideas to reduce automobile speeding throughout the neighborhood. They include:

 Perform traffic studies and institute traffic-calming measures, such as one-way streets, traffic circles and speed bumps

Establish a More Unified Community

Workshop participants expressed a desire to improve communication between residents, as well as the relationships between organized groups. A few suggestions were:

- Improve working relationship between area churches, businesses and residents
- Find common ground and build from there

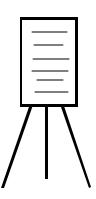


CHART NOTES

The Old Hyde Neighborhood Assessment covered the area from Linwood Boulevard to 39th Street between Broadway and Main Street, and Armour Boulevard to 39th Street between Main Street and Gillham Road.

Neighborhood Slogans

Residents of the Old Hyde Park neighborhood recognize both the benefits and the challenges of living in a dynamic inner-city community. Participants chose a slogan that emphasizes this:

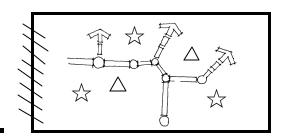
In the Center of Everything for Everyone

Other suggested slogans:

- OHP = Our Hope in People
- New Experiments in Historic Spaces
- We Are Not Leaving
- Diversity in Action
- Neighborhood Without Hoods
- Old Hyde Park = History, Diversity, Community
- We Are Not Going to Be Walked On
- You Could Be Home Now
- Guard Our Past With a Cautious Future
- The Center of Culture



Workshop participants generate ideas for a neighborhood slogan



STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

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

> Δ Landmarks — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs

+++ **Paths** — routes people use to get places

Activity Centers — gathering places to do some activity

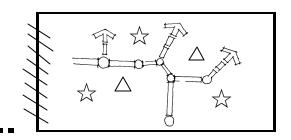
Districts — areas of recognizable character

IIII**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



This map of Old Hyde Park, showing parcels, building outlines, parks, and historic areas, was used in the workshop exercise "My Neighbohorhood Is"



Landmarks

- Metropolitan Community Church
- Redemptorist Church
- Westminster Congregational Church
- Major Murray Davis D.S.C. Monument at 40th and Main
- Osco Drug store
- Blockbuster Video
- McDonald's
- Drexel Hall
- Original horse-hitching post 37th and Baltimore
- Grand Emporium
- Westport Jr. High School
- Unicorn Theatre
- Baltimore Place Condominiums
- Madrid Theater
- Linwood Boulevard
- Armour Boulevard

Paths

- Main Street
- Broadway
- Linwood Boulevard
- 39th Street
- Gillham Road
- Armour Boulevard
- 36th Street between Broadway and Main
- 37th Street between Broadway and Main
- 39th Street between Baltimore and Main (Bus stop-related pedestrian traffic)

Activity Centers

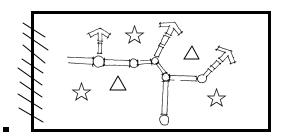
- Hyde Park
- Metropolitan Community Church
- Grand Emporium
- Unicorn Theatre
- Redemptorist Church
- Conoco on Main
- Fast food restaurants
- Convenience stores

Districts

- Locally and nationally-recognized Historic District
- Northeast corner 39th and Broadway (bus stop)
- Apartments between Broadway and Main on north side

Edges or Barriers

- Main Street
- All the one-way streets in the neighborhood
- Plant boxes in front of Broadway Ford (impede traffic)
- Apartments at 38th and Warwick
- Vandalized and vacant multifamily building at 6-8 W. 37thStreet
- Empty houses
- Houses in disrepair
- Car wash on Main (drugs and crime and an eye-sore)
- 39th Street (no left turns cause all kinds of problems)



- Conoco on Main
- 37th Street between Main and Broadway
- Barriers on Broadway

Features

- Locally and nationally-recognized Historic District
- Drexel Hall
- Redemptorist Church
- Major Murray Davis D.S.C. Monument at 40th and Main
- Salvation Army
- McGilley's Funeral Home
- Unicorn Theatre
- Old Hyde Park Neighborhood banners
- Historic buildings along Main between 37th-39th Street (need refurbishing)

- Historic buildings on north side between Main and Walnut
- Metropolitan Community Church
- The Longmeadow Apartments on East 34th Street
- **Baltimore Place Condominiums**
- Original horse-hitching post 37th and Baltimore
- Architectural diversity
- Cultural diversity
- Hyde Park
- Buildings on 37th Street west of Main (vacant for 24 years)



Feature: The Queen Anne-style Longmeadow Apartments on East 34th St.

Old Hyde Park Images



Feature: One historic home among many

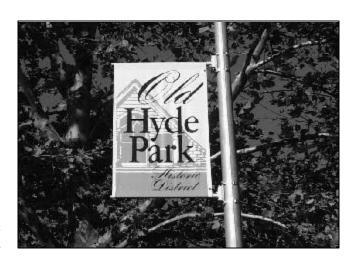


Feature: Hyde Park

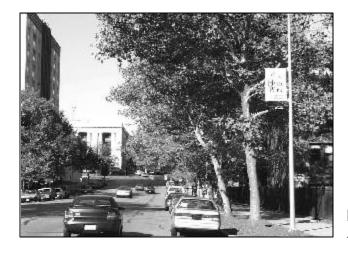


Activity Centers and **Landmarks**: The Grand Emporium and the Unicorn Theatre on Main St.

Old Hyde Park Images



Feature: Old Hyde Park Historic **District Banners**



Path and Landmark: Armour Boulevard



Landmark and Feature: **Baltimore Place Condominiums**



STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues stop residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below are the things that Old Hyde Park residents would like to see fixed in their neighborhood:

Crack Down on Crime

- Work to eliminate burglary, prostitution, drug dealing, assault, car theft in and around the neighborhood
- I ncrease police presence and lawenforcement in areas where there is a lot of prostitution and drug activity
- Cooperate with Probation/Parole officers to alleviate criminal activity
- More bicycle police

One of several apartments residents identified as "high crime"

Development

- Create and carry out a neighborhood development plan
- Development interests from outside the neighborhood
- involve area residents in planning process
- Eliminate "ugly" development
- Finish the Midtown Marketplace Plan (Glover Plan)
- Bridge the Plaza to Downtown
- Revitalize Downtown

Neighborhood Character and Functionality

- Maintain historic character of area
- I ncrease the number of owner occupied houses and apartments
- Eliminate or replace absentee landlords
- Hold absentee landlords more accountable (landlord licensing program)
- Maintain vacant buildings first get them out of current landlords hands
- Remove problem renters expediently
- Speed up process of returning abandoned buildings to a position of use



- I dentify model landlords who care for their properties and the neighborhood
- Improve code enforcement: 12-unit rental property at 3418-20 Baltimore; Londonaire Apartments at 3745 Warwick: Hawthorne Plaza at 3835 Main: 6-8 W. 37thStreet
- Increase off-street parking
- Eliminate the destructive cycle of Section-8 properties
- Enforce leash laws
- Enforce trash codes and fine people who don't comply
- Keep litter off the streets and sidewalks
- Stop illegal dumping
- Have more neighborhood cleanups
- Enlist fast-food restaurants to reduce litter
- Utilize prisoners and community service workers for area cleanups



Site for the proposed Midtown Marketplace Development

- Publicize trash codes
- Deal with the consistent presence of trash and an abandoned truck at 206-208 W. 34th Street
- Eliminate gang graffiti
- Increase yard clean-up and up-keep
- Remove problem renters
- Add 201 W. 38th Street to the dangerous buildings list and demolish
- Reduce density in some apartment buildings
- Acquire more Old Hyde Park Historic District banners for the whole neighborhood
- Repair sewers: 37th and Walnut; 34th and Baltimore
- Build or repair curbs, sidewalks and driveways in southwest quadrant of Old Hyde Park (Broadway to Main, Armour to 39th St.)
- Repair sidewalks and curbs that were left in poor shape after gas line upgrades: along Warwick Boulevard between 37th and 38th Streets; on 37th and Wyandotte; 36th and Baltimore
- Better workmanship and honesty from utility contractors and better follow-up on their work by the City
- Educate Trolley drivers to promote the area more positively
- Create more projects related to KC150 (beautification, street lamps, planters)
- Find a developer soon for the Chatham Hotel at 37th and Broadway



- Rezone areas in the neighborhood to address residents' concerns: commercial parking lots; liquor licenses in high density residential areas; the number of group homes
- Create lower density residential zoning
- Establish a community center, a place for residents to meet

People to People

- Improve working relationship between churches, businesses and neighborhood residents
- Improve working relationship with property owners living outside the neighborhood
- Be more inclusive of all economic groups
- Stop stereotyping the people and programs that exist in the neighborhood
- Combine neighborhood associations in order to accomplish more in the area
- Find common ground and build from there



Boarded up and abandoned buildings are often where crime takes place

Traffic Safety

- Institute traffic-calming measures on secondary streets
- Implement a traffic study on 39th Street (traffic circles, pedestrian crossings)
- Convert some streets to one-way

- I mplement a traffic circle at 36th and Wyandotte
- Place speed bumps on secondary streets to discourage speeding
- I nstall better street lights on side streets
- Make Hyde Park more accessible (pedestrian bridge over Gillham Rd.)



STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

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

- Old Hyde Park Neighborhood Association
- Architectural features
- Proximity to post office, library, Westport
- A self-sufficient, self-sustaining area
- You can live here without a car
- Good public transportation
- Diversity in people and talents
- A good mixture of residential and commercial properties in the area
- Hyde Park along Gillham Road
- Redemptorist Church assistance programs for the poor and elderly: food pantry, clothing, shelter

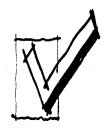
- Free Health Clinic at 39th and Main
- Baltimore Place Condominiums
- Dynamic and stimulating environment for raising kids
- Old Hyde Park Historic District banners
- Business and institutional community are strong neighbors
- Broadway/Westport Council
- Maincor, an area Community Development Corporation
- People know each other
- Edison School Project
- St. Lukes Hospital
- Neighborhood Crime Patrol
- Bicycle police



One of many beautiful structures that contribute to the historic character of the area

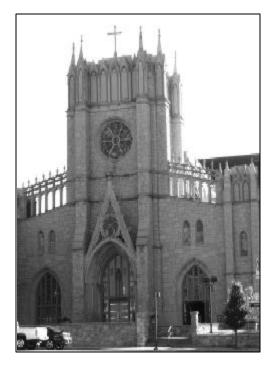


Residents acknowledge public transportation as an asset to the neighborhood



- Well-informed people who can talk about issues without getting angry
- Proximity to the rest of the city and major thoroughfares
- The power of this neighborhood association to influence improvements
- John Gladeau, president of Old Hyde Park Neighborhood Association
- The reputation of a seriously committed neighborhood
- Beautiful trees
- Community Police Officers from Central Patrol

- Metropolitan Community Church
- Redemptorist Church
- EcoTeams
- Salvation Army
- Red Cross
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Boys and Girls Club
- Large stock of historic houses and historic districts
- People who attend the neighborhood meetings
- People from diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds working and playing together



Residents celebrated Redemptorist Church, with its many social programs, as an asset to the community



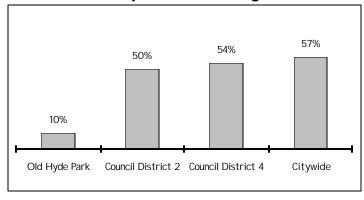
The Red Cross regional headquarters makes its home in Old Hyde Park



STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

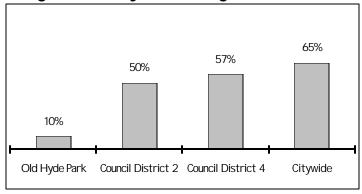
The data presented at the Old Hyde Park Neighborhood Assessment was from the 1990 U.S. Census, and from 1998 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts that participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more details.) The data included areas outside the boundaries of Old Hyde Park (i.e., the Midtown Marketplace Plan). The many changes made to the area since the 1990 Census are not reflected in the data charts.

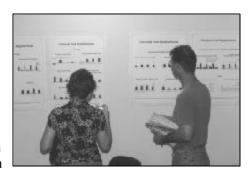
Owner Occupied Housing Units



Residents commented that housing statistics have most likely changed since 1990. Due to the recent surge in home renovations, many homes utilized as multi-family dwellings have been converted back to owner occupied, single family units. The number of recently abandoned and/or demolished apartment buildings would also contribute to the rise in owner occupied and single family units.

Single Family Housing Units

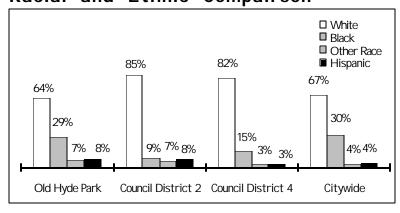




Workshop participants study data charts representing their area

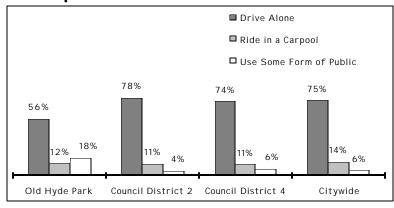


Racial and Ethnic Compairson



Particiants acknowledged a higher African-American and Hispanic population in Old Hyde Park than represented in this graph.

Transportation to Work



Residents see the benefits of public transportation; many think light rail is a good idea and think that people would likely use it.

Old Hyde Park residents perceived these concerns: There is a considerably higher rate of single parents in Old Hyde Park than in the rest of the district; residents are concerned about the lack of programs available to single parents. Participants also commented that young families are not as likely to move to their area, due to crime and traffic issues. They also felt that the abundance of one-bedroom apartments and the inadequate parking situation was not likely to attract people with higher incomes.

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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 their neighborhood. Their choice was Stabilization.

Stabilization

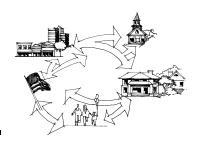
My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the neighborhood. Places of worship,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



Residents read the four neighborhood types in their workbooks



STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

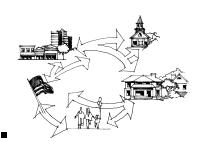
Workshop participants talked about specific actions the community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood. This is a list of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas that they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better. The ideas that received the most votes are listed first.

Things **We** can do ourselves:

- Continue efforts to eliminate indifferent, irresponsible landlords (i.e., filing lawsuits)
- Continue advocacy for neighborhood concerns
- Create and carry out a neighborhood development plan
- Utilize a community phone tree for notification on issues
- Increase direct communications between neighbors and neighborhood association
- Focus on issues, not symptoms (i.e., drug addiction)
- Work together and not attack each other
- Better diplomacy among residents
- Find common ground and build stronger cooperation between various neighborhood groups (with varied philosophies) and make decisions that represent all
- Make proposals and invest in speed bumps and traffic control
- Form regular cleanup crews on certain streets (example: 38th Street Cleanup Crew)
- Continue neighborhood cleanups on quarterly basis
- Get to know your neighbors
- Work together
- Help fellow residents fix up their homes
- I ncrease yard clean-up and up-keep



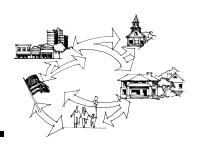
Workshop participants chat during a break



- Be inclusive
- Don't get caught up in negativism
- Promote your community
- Watch labeling of people
- Maintain our own properties
- Beautify the neighborhood
- Give time and resources to community
- Re-establish the Welcome Wagon program
- Don't be apathetic
- Recycle
- Self-police the community
- Provide counsel for prostitutes
- Begin a Block Mother's program to combat truancy
- Encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs, especially on private property
- Convert vacant lots into little parks for kids
- Invite youth to be on neighborhood association board
- Involve kids in fun activities in the summertime
- Talk with youth to see what they like to do
- Continue testifying in Landmarks and Housing courts on weekly basis
- Distribute annual reminders or hold workshops and/or edit a column that educates people about codes, zoning, landmarks, historic status



Residents stated they would like more responsible landlords who make their properties attractive, like this one

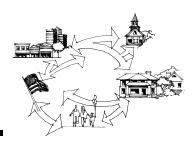


Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Work with the police department and local businesses to combat drugs, prostitution in and around the neighborhood
- Increase Community Policing Officers (bike cops have a huge area to cover)
- Educate contractors who need to respect existing infrastructure
- Work more closely with bordering neighborhood associations
- Work with local TV stations to change their negative reporting of Old Hyde Park
- Work with DFS case workers and probation officers to establish mutual working relationship
- Work with Police Department to declare areas "Prostitution-Free" zones
- Bring partners, such as civic groups, in to the neighborhood to work on the litter issue
- Work with Trolley Tours to encourage their promotion of Old Hyde Park
- Partner with CCO (Church Community Organizing Committee)
- Partner with local businesses
- Clarify Community Policing with KCPD in order to strengthen it
- Make construction contractors aware of watershed and runoff
- Establish working relationship with residents and apartment tenants to work together on neighborhood concerns
- Continue working with real estate agents to promote neighborhood and owner occupancy
- Promote the neighborhood to new parishioners at churches, encouraging local home ownership



Broadway/Westport Council is a community partner helping to keep areas like the Broadway Corridor looking its best.



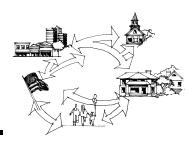
- Continue to partner with MainCor and Broadway/Westport Council
- Utilize the legal council that the Broadway/Westport Council has on retainer to fight slum lords
- Hold monthly meetings with Codes Department at the City
- Partner with Liquor Control
- Continue partnership with PMAC (Property Maintenace and Advisory Committee)
- Require landlords to go to Landlord School
- Bring codes, landmarks, zoning in sinc
- Develop business discount cards for local residents who frequent their establishments regularly

What the **City** should do:

- Enforce codes, zoning and landlord ordinances
- Begin Landlord Licensing Program
- Improve communication between Building Codes, Neighborhood Preservation, Zoning and Landmarks departments: ordinances should compliment each other; gear codes for older neighborhoods
- Adopt a curbside Recycling/Trash/Organic Waste collection program
- Enforce city ordinances on trash, drug activity and prostitution
- Provide more bicycle police officers: more patrol at 38th and Warwick
- Repair sidewalks and curbs that were left in poor shape after gas line upgrades: along Warwick Boulevard between 37th and 38th Streets; on 37th and Wyandotte; 36th and Baltimore
- Demand quality workmanship and honesty from utility contractors
- Develop a comprehensive follow-up system from the City on contractor's work in neighborhoods



Workshop participants vote on their priorities



- Look at existing laws and make changes accordingly regarding landlord/tenant laws
- Work with residents concerning new section-8 housing in neighborhood
- Find additional ways for neighbors to strengthen relationships with one another through the Neighborhood Preservation Division
- Cooperate with Probation/Parole officers to alleviate criminal activity in neighborhoods
- Enforce leash laws
- Build curbs and sidewalks in the southeast quadrant of Old Hyde Park and fix uneven sidewalks throughout neighborhood
- Share list of PI AC commissioners for Old Hyde Park neighborhood
- Implement traffic studies and traffic-calming measures: Pedestrian crossing light at 39th and Wyandotte; place speed bumps to reduce speeding on secondary streets and to discourage their use as secondary arterials to Main St.; convert some streets to one-way; traffic circle at 36th and Wyandotte; paint crosswalks throughout neighborhood; make Hyde Park more accessible with a crossing light for pedestrians at 38th and Gillham
- Enforce property maintenance codes
- Act on dilapidated properties: 12-unit rental property at 3418-20 Baltimore; 201 W. 38th St. (put on dangerous buildings list and demolish); trash and abandoned truck at 206-208 W. 34th St.; Hawthorne Plaza at 3835 Main St.; 6-8 W. 37thStreet
- Speed up process of returning abandoned buildings to a position of use
- Be mindful of watershed in area when considering new development; water stands in certain areas
- Fix sewers: 34th and Baltimore; 37th and Walnut
- Trim, remove and plant new trees
- Improve street lighting on some side streets



A sidewalk needing repair after gas line upgrades



Bulky items in front of an abandoned house

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