

## What's Happening

Staff is planning the next round of public and Steering Committee meetings for July (date and location TBD). At these meetings we will present the Draft Plan, review findings of the Employer Survey and results of our Retail Demand Analysis. Please visit the project web site to review our draft recommendations and other project information.

## HOTC on Facebook

You can now find the *Heart of The City Area Plan* on Facebook! This is another way to provide feedback and for our staff to gather information. By becoming a fan of the *HOTC Area Plan* on Facebook, you can post your ideas and comments as well as receive updates and view documents related to the plan. To become a fan, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for *Heart of The City Area Plan*, click "become fan", and you're set!



## Consultant Selected for Employer Survey

The City Planning Department has selected a firm to conduct an employer/business survey for the *Heart of The City Area Plan*. ETC, a local WBE firm, will survey all 600 businesses in the HOTC, as well as all businesses located inside the Green Impact Zone. The survey will be conducted by mail and phone. Results of the survey are anticipated to be available by July and will provide answers regarding needs issues such as workforce, public infrastructure and facilities and access to capital.

## HOTC at Convoy of Hope Event

On Saturday, June 12th, the Green Impact Zone is partnering with Convoy of Hope, Inc., a national nonprofit organization based in Springfield, Mo. to present a community-wide event at Swope Park. There will be a HOTC booth with project information, public meeting flyers, email signup sheet and comment forms. Stop by and see us.



The Kansas City Convoy of Hope is a collaborative effort between local faith-based organizations, social service agencies, and Convoy of Hope, Inc.

With its message of hope, Kansas City Convoy of Hope plans to provide an estimated 5,000 people with free groceries, health screenings, job fairs (including help with resumes), haircuts, games and activities for children – all free of charge!

This all-volunteer event aims to mobilize hundreds of area residents into service and making a difference in their community. Strong participation by local businesses, faith-based organizations, community agencies and individuals is crucial to the success of the event. For more information, visit [www.kansascityconvoy.org](http://www.kansascityconvoy.org)

# News Worthy...

## \$20 Mil. Grant to benefit HOTC Neighborhoods

On April 22, 2010, Vice President Biden announced that Kansas City, Mo. was the recipient of a \$20 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). The Grant which is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is administered by the U.S. Department of Energy. The objective of the Kansas City grant proposal is to retrofit as many of the occupied structures within seven neighborhoods as feasible, including, residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and public over a 2-3 year period. The grant will support a range of other activities as well, such as water use reduction and building deconstruction. The retrofitting will reduce energy consumption, lower energy bills and create and or retain as many as 180 jobs. The Green Impact Zone and the Washington Wheatley Neighborhood, both of which are located in the Heart of The City, have been identified as eligible for use of these funds. It is hoped that this will serve as a replicable model for the region.



## Community Spotlight

### Volunteers Combine Efforts to Build New Public Park

After an initial ground-breaking in February, on May 15th, Ivanhoe Neighborhood residents began construction of James B. Nutter Park with the help of volunteers from other organizations. The effort successfully transformed several formerly vacant lots just south of the Nutter Ivanhoe Neighborhood Center into a beautiful park with playground, including a slide and climbing wall. Additional enhancements include a picnic pergola, walking trail, and lush landscaping.

The park is named after James B. Nutter, a well known mortgage lender who helped fund the renovation of the neighborhood center also named in his honor located at 3700 Woodland Avenue.