

Minutes for Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council on 12/2/2003

***** Next meeting will be on 12/9/2003 at 3:30pm *****

KCNAC members in attendance: Lynda Callon, Forestine Beasley, Steve Eklund, Jay Stock, Bruce Pennington, Rodney Sampson. Greg Hugeback, Dennis Carroll, Cynthia Canaday were not present. NCSD staff in attendance: Renea Nash, Daisy Dixon.

Meeting called to order at 3:50pm.

Main item on the agenda is selecting Officers, and working on Bylaws. They had a sample copy of potential bylaws produced by David.

Article IV, Section 3: How much notice to be given to board members before meetings?

- 5 days was suggested; also perhaps 5 business days to be clearer.

Article V, Section 2: How often will the Board meet?

- Monthly was discussed, per previous PMAC experience.
 - Possibly not meeting in December and/or January, or in the summer sometime.

Went back to the Name and Purpose (Article I). The need for a Mission Statement and/or Goals was discussed. Referenced the Chattanooga sample materials as well.

Also talked about membership and voting rights (Article II). There is a need to be aware of concerns outside of the City proper. Steve brought up the question of whether the 6 regions for KCNAC should try to be specifically different from the Councilmatic districts, when those are already balanced with respect to population, and other demographics. The KCNAC was trying to avoid being beholden to the councilpeople trying to 'stack' the KCNAC with specific people. Bylaws can be changed in the future if the regions need to be adjusted.

The membership question called into debate the difference between 'membership', 'executive committee', and 'board of directors'. As currently written, the membership and the BoD are one and the same, with the Executive Committee being the Officers and Committee Chairs. The problem is that the definition of 'Executive Committee' never got written in.

A distinction needs to be made between Executive Committee meetings and Board meetings, whether special or regular. Steve brought up the Open Meetings Law, but they did not have a copy on hand. Someone suggested that they write it 'to comply with the Open Meetings Law'. ***For reference, this is the section on Meeting Notices from the Sunshine Law:***

MEETING NOTICES -- 610.020

At least 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before a meeting, the public body holding the meeting must prominently post a notice of the meeting in its principal office. If there is no such office, the public body should post the notice at the meeting place. The notice must include:

Time of meeting;

Date of meeting;

Place of meeting;

Tentative agenda of an open meeting; and

Whether the meeting is open or closed.

If exceptional circumstances prevent 24-hour prior notice or prevent the meeting from being held at a convenient time or in a place reasonably accessible to the public, the reasons should be stated in the meeting's minutes.

The larger problem is that the 'Emergency Measure' clause is perceived as being overused, to avoid dissent and/or public commentary.

Other decisions were made or tabled as appropriate; see revised Bylaws for more information.

Officers were selected by the existing KCNAC members: Lynda Callon for President, Forestine Beasley for Vice-President, and Steve Eklund for Secretary. Jay Stock will be recommended for Waste Management Subcommittee Chair, and Rodney Sampson will be recommended for PMAC Subcommittee Chair.

Next meeting will be at 3:30pm on December 9th, 2003, in Room W-5 (118) of the Robert J. Mohart (formerly Linwood) Multipurpose FOCUS Center.