

Minutes for Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council
(KCNAC) on
Tuesday, April 12, 2005

KCNAC members in attendance: Lynda Callon, Jay R. Stock, Rodney Sampson, Cynthia Canady, and Greg Hugeback

Absent Members: Steve Eklund, Forestine Beasley, Dennis Carroll, and Bruce Pennington

City staff in attendance: Renea Nash, Robyn Kendrick, Les Washington, David Reynolds, Bennie Jackson, and Daisy Dixon

Guests: Ruth Austin and Councilwoman Deb Hermann

Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m.

Old Business:

Jay Stock made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by **Cynthia Canady**.

Lynda Callon called for discussion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote. The agenda was reviewed for approval. There was no discussion on the topic 'Determination of Quorum'. Lynda called for old business.

Ruth Austin stated that Steve Eklund, member of 49/63 Neighborhood, is unable to attend the KCNAC meetings and she would like to take his place. She asked, "How can she replace Steve [and become a member] in an appropriate or correct way?" Her membership would resolve the quorum issue.

Lynda Callon stated that the group would discuss the membership of the committee in the future.

Subcommittee reports:

Waste Management-Jay:

Jay Stock distributed two sheets to the group. The first handout listed provisions concerning drop off sites, which was the result of two-years working with Environmental Management to come up with a *One Stop Shop* or solid waste. The handout proposed to enter into contract with Missouri Organic Recycling, Inc. (MOR). The handout headings included the contract overview, first year operation, new site development and new site operation. These provisions were not a 'done deal'. The provisions was discussed with some of the council members but no action had been taken on the matter. There would be four drop off sites in the City. He requested that the members send him their comments concerning the *One Stop Shop* key provisions.

The second page was taken from the City Ordinance, Section 62-49, Prohibited Practices, which was passed this week. The ordinance stated the unlawful (9) practices concerning deposits of refuse container, removable of recycling bin, inference with refuse collection, location of refuse container, refuse container/recycling bin on property timeframe before and after collection... He reviewed each practices with the committee by explaining each prohibited practice. See Jay R. Stock for a copy of the Ordinance. The ordinance addressed the trash and debris left on the curb for days and on city and private property. He reported where persons were removing aluminum cans from the recycling bins and leaving the other items [removed from the bin] on the property.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann stated that the people going through the recycling bin was a greater concern because people put their credit card bills and similar [identifying] information in the recycling bins...identifying information should be shredded.

Jay Stock continued by stating that the ordinance does not prohibited people from scavenging materials such as washer, dryer, refrigerator, sofa and the likes. If a person had problems with trash collection, they should follow procedures and contact Environmental Management about any problems.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann stated that one of the problems in the Northeast...Columbus Park...some of the citizens were dumping the items into bags and taking the [recycling] containers. [Recycling]Issues were from the lack of understanding and theft.

Lynda Callon stated that Environmental Management was asked to put the information in other languages such as Vietnamese. The advice was not taken.

Jay Stock went on to say that a person cleaning out an apartment and leaves the items on the property then the owner of the property or the occupant can be held responsible for the violation. A person cannot put a recycling bin or refuse container (dumpster) within 10 feet of the street—in front of a resident. The next practice (5) would not affect the person building a house but affected the person who was conducting a business operation out of his house with a dumpster or bin sitting out in front of the house. Citizens should not place the trash or recycling bins at the street/curb—*before 3:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled collection*. Once a citizen has been notified by Environmental Management of the violation, the citizen should correct the violation within 26 hours.

He testified on behalf of the committee in support of this Ordinance. Jay requested that the group send him their thoughts about the proposed leaf and brush drop off site contract.

Lynda Callon called for questions.

Rodney Sampson stated a scenario—What if a neighbor decided to sit out his yard waste in brown bags and the bags would not be pick up for another six months.

Lynda Callon stated that the person could be ticketed.

Rodney Sampson asked about the process.

Lynda Callon and **Councilwoman Deb Hermann** both replied with call the code inspector—Neighborhood Preservation.

Rodney Sampson asked whether a method was in place where by the people who actually collect the trash on the street would take note of this as they go down the street?"

Lynda Callon stated that they have staff that surveys the neighborhoods. You can report it as a codes violations—what is the different?

Jay Stock replied as to the different of reporting to codes. If a violation was reported as a codes violation, then it would take at least 30 days for a resolution. Under Environmental Management (Solid Waste), the resolution would be within 26 hours.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann suggested that the [best] move was better enforcement and education.

Lynda Callon stated that the education component for RecycleFIRST was invisible. As in her neighborhood, most of the literature and education was not in Spanish—a problem. The Spanish literature came after the recycling program was started which forced them to translate the material into Spanish.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann stated that some citizens would find out what they were supposed to do regardless of the cost...but there were others who would never take care of the trash...when another level was added, extra task, or cost, there would those who fall off...the City would never have enough resources to see at every corner when someone put out the bin too early or dumped tires...somehow the attitudes of the citizens must be changed.

Jay Stock agreed. He stated that progress has been made...we would not give up on education, but we could not lose sight that we had spent three years educating people...the Ordinance was needed...one of the biggest overall problem in the City was that the guy who put out the 'mountain' pile of trash and leaves ...hopefully we would start here first...trash enforcement may turn out to be like traffic enforcement, you would never get them all but it would make an impact...

Lynda Callon stated that if we could get the contract with Missouri Organic Recycling, Inc, it would make a world of a difference in some neighborhoods.

Jay Stock stated that there would be no way to handle a refrigerator that gives out three days after bulky item pick up. An individual would have to search out how to get rid the bulky item. This ordinance would provide an alternative.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann stated that neighbors could help neighbors.

Property Maintenance-Rodney:

Rodney Sampson reported that the subcommittee was under staff...no progress.

Council Deb Hermann stated that there had been progress in the last month.

Rodney Sampson clarified and said that out of the subcommittee there had not been any progress.

Liquor Control-Dennis:

Lynda Callon stated that Dennis had effectively resigned. It is not in writing but they have had conversations. He was asked if he had any recommendations for the Northeast area. A prospective member could be Dennis Stack, Indian Mound...

Council Deb Hermann stated that there had been changes in liquor control in the last few weeks. She asked whether the committee was aware of these changes.

Les Washington asked whether it was about the center point...counted from the front door of a building. It used to be that it could be any where on the building...

Councilwoman Deb Hermann stated that there were other positive changes in the neighborhoods...under the ordinance...easier to go after the one troubled location...it would not make a big impact on the business when one location was sought after.

Les Washington stated that in the past when you went after a particular establishment and one site was bad or not suitable site then the other 4 or 5 sites would have to be included. All of licenses was impacted; a case would have to be built including all of the sites...now you would target only the unsuitable site or location.

Lynda Callon asked whether there would be more on the liquor control issue. Was a representative needed?

Les Washington stated that there was one other issue...expanding the definition of nuisance property...when an illegal operator of liquor opens...we [Regulated Industries] could not go after him because he had no permit...the ordinance was based on an ordinance that Bob White had put in place in Independence, Missouri...have to modify the codes and GOS to be able to shut down the illegal business...could expand to property maintenance cases...look at a way to modify the definition of nuisance property...

Jay Stock asked for the term blighted to be defined.

Les Washington stated that the court have said...blighted is when a person being in danger for instance bricks are falling off the building. Another legislative change is where the neighborhood can go after the property owner. The state has passed this legislation. On the City level, we need to look at mirroring this legislation...once the City has determined the nuisance and bring action...that where we strengthen our hands...the City is going after rather than the neighborhood, because the property has been identified as a nuisance property.

Rodney Sampson stated there were some agencies that were intentionally blighting neighborhoods.

Les Washington stated that several of those agencies were sought after, but there was a ruling that stop the progress...

Lynda Callon asked, "What was the time frame for the City ordinance to mirror the state statutes?"

Les Washington stated that Safe Cities with Barry Mayer would begin May 1 under a one-year contract. KCNAC could begin working on something to present to the council within the next month or so.

Community Policing-Steve:

Steve Eklund did not report.

Lynda Callon asked Councilwoman Deb Hermann whether she wanted to talk about what happened at the last Community Policing Steering Committee meeting. She went on to say that the committee reviewed the community task force and essentially recommitted to community policing. A resolution was passed...she would bring the report for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Deb Hermann asked Les Washington to follow up on the resolution. One of the recommendations of the task force was to look at the Community Policing Steering Committee structure and restructured it to involve broader neighborhood representation, businesses, and anyone else who would be interested. The task force and Safe Cities was recommended to combine since the groups were doing similar things. The task force chair and vice chair was recommended in the report.

New Business:

Les Washington acknowledged Councilwoman Deb Hermann for her efforts. The pay equity was passed. Under CBDG, there was \$300,000 in place for systematic code enforcement. He stated that a [KCNA] committee should determine the areas of selection for the Neighborhood Improvement Plan. The committee should present the selection criteria within the three weeks or...

Lynda Callon stated that the staff received a letter from Les Washington regarding the pay increase. She received at least four ‘thank you’ calls/emails from staff thanking her for supporting them. Staff was very impressed because they received a letter.

Les Washington stated that the systematic inspection is the way to go.

Jay Stock asked, “What exactly are we doing [in systematic inspection]?”

Les Washington stated that the first part of systematic inspection would be going out and identifying property violations. The inspector would not issue a ticket, but give the owner the opportunity to correct the violation while working with the neighborhood. Other City resources are brought to the table to cover other issues besides property. Under the Paint Program, a certain amount of paint would be set aside to go toward the neighborhood...Water Department, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments have been asked to the table to assist in the infrastructure in the neighborhood. A pre- and post-measurement would be done on each neighborhood to determine the success level in the neighborhood.

Lynda Callon stated that Bryan Sullivan of Christmas in October would be proposing a year round projects...not big projects—plumbing, wiring. Christmas in October would like to work with the code inspectors. ...some of their volunteer groups would like on-going projects (painting, repairing fences...) within in their areas. They are in the brainstorming phase. Mr. Sullivan was referred to Les which could guide him through the City maze—great partnership.

Les Washington stated that Nate... was pulling together a meeting with Bryan and KCNA and someone from the state in leveraging dollars.

Jay Stock stated that Christmas in October would be a good resource in helping a neighborhood—program paints, repair windows, install doors and the likes. The Christmas in October does a good job...they do not have the resources to put on a \$10,000 roof.

Renea Nash stated that she has done research on how to expand the KCNA membership by making it more city-wide process. She distributed handouts to the committee. She invited the committee into her vision by drawing a diagram of the components. See Figure 1-1. The KCMO neighborhood associations would include all of the 400 plus groups within the city. KCNA would sponsor two major meetings. One of the meetings would be the regional meeting. A KCNA elected representative would attend a regional meeting within his/her area. She referenced the handout by indicating the [KCNA] regions—Northwest, Northeast, Central west, Central east, Southwest and Southeast with the neighborhood associations in each region. See Renea Nash for copy of handout. Other sponsored meeting by KCNA would be the semi-annual meeting where all of the regions get together. Members within a region would meet at the regional meeting to discuss priorities and hold elections. The semi-annual meeting would be held at a place sponsored by the City—Bartle Hall. The regional representative would discuss their annual objectives. At the semi-annual meeting, the participants would create a mission based objectives list—becomes the ‘working’ list that KCNA works from to do their plan.

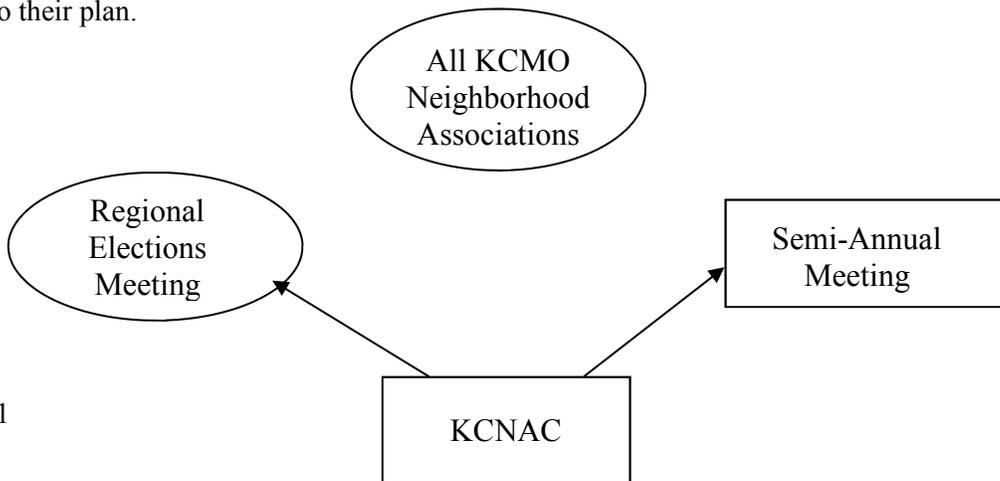


Figure 1-1

Les Washington clarified that KCNAC would be sponsoring two semi-annually meetings.

Rodney Sampson stated that the meeting on the left has six meetings.

Renea Nash went on to say that presently the KCNAC holds twelve meetings annually. The regional meeting would have six meetings to prevent over burdening the KCNAC members. The subcommittees within the KCNAC would meet as needed...would be looking at elections and maybe going to the election board for their equipment...we have access to their equipment, election monitoring, ballots...for \$20 or \$30.

Greg Hugeback asked, "Who would vote at these elections?"

Renea Nash stated that the persons within the region would determine their regional representatives for the KCNAC.

David Reynolds stated that each group would have one vote within a region. He further explained the scenario by saying that if there were 87 groups in a region then it would be up to 87 votes from the region...

Greg Hugeback asked, "If the board of directors of a neighborhood association would be casting a vote?"

David Reynolds stated that the neighborhoods would decide who they would support...

Ruth Austin stated that the concept was very ambitious...it would take time to education people as to how the system works...finding the people...

Rodney Sampson commented that...there would be more than one regional meeting per region.

Renea Nash stated that concept still needs work. She adopted the concept from the City of Birmingham—their citizen participation plan...invite the mayor and city councilpersons to the semi-annual meetings.

Lynda Callon commented that it would definitely be worth exploring...neighborhood people wants to get involved but do not know how...

Jay Stock stated that he know the regional concept works—NNI has a similar concept in place...

Lynda Callon stated that the concept would be good for the newcomers to the role of neighborhood [leadership].

David Reynolds stated that CCS receives calls from individuals who are interested in starting a group, but do not know what to do... after reviewing the bylaws...how does the at-large members fit into this...if the regional members were elected on a regional level...at-large members are the next three highest vote levels or do they come from the annual meetings...

Jay Stock stated that...come from the bylaws...be careful about the at-large members elected locally...

Renea Nash asked, "Do we keep it at-large?"

Jay Stock replied with, "Yes, it just where they are at..."

Renea Nash stated that leadership development would be built into this program such as the Heartland Area Neighborhood Development Symposium (H.A.N.D.S.) Conference...working on a curriculum called Leaders Engaging Others (L.E.O) which is a series of workshops conducted at City Hall...a session where the city manager...Troy Schulte would come down to talk to the new neighborhood leaders...a more in depth focus or education about the government process...a series of three LEO training sessions—Leaders Engaging Others in Government, Leaders Engaging Others in Community Work, Leaders Engaging Others in Neighborhood issues. Other social service agencies would be invited to participant in the Leaders Engaging Others in Community Work. Attorneys, Developers and others would be invited to the Leaders Engaging Others in Neighborhood issues.

Jay Stocks stated the concept is a good idea but the mechanics of it may be a little difficult.

Lynda Callon stated that...some people do not know how city government works...start training them to be effective...

Ruth Austin stated that there seemed to be some interest out there...some are waiting to learn what to do...

Jay Stock stated that...Renea Nash and Les Washington has done more to making the neighborhoods realize that they can get things done and progress can be made with work...he solicited support for Renea, Les and Councilwoman Hermann...

Lynda Callon stated that...in such a forum neighbors could talk about less tangible things like hope...expand the leadership...a little less dependence on the clergy and little more self-reliance...inspiring hope...help put down some of the guns...

David Reynolds suggested that how to elect at-large members by illustrating hypothetical votes from each region.

Jay Stock stated...the problem would be one local area could control their at-large member that no body else in the city wanted...

Lynda Callon stated...it would be a calculated risk...community engagement in getting people to vote and resuming their citizenship responsibility...

Jay Stock stated...in that case they would have to fill out the form—what they believe...

Rodney Sampson replied with regardless whether they are at-large or not they should fill out the [application] form...

David Reynolds stated that...get a position statement or paper from everyone and distribute the paper to all people in the region...list all candidates alphabetically...all the people in the region would vote...

Jay Stock stated...be sure that the at-large people are considered at-large...

Rodney Sampson stated that the application was designed to determine that...

Jay Stock stated that the application was designed for qualifying...

Rodney Sampson stated that all electable persons would complete the form...gives the people at the regional something to look at...bring an application with them when they become eligible for the at-large position...

Jay Stock stated that the regional election was acceptable...

David Reynolds stated that the regional ballot would only have those from the regional on it...how do you select at-large members...

Jay Stock stated that candidates considering membership with KCNAC should think City first and the region next...

Greg Hugeback stated that this process was different from the way the bylaws are written...would there be an election if there was not enough interest...how do we interest people in competing for the position...there may be an interest...do not know how the advertisement [for KCNAC membership] has been sent out...

Renea Nash stated that there has been some interested...

David Reynolds reported that there is about 10-12 applications on file...

Greg Hugeback stated that an election would be better at the regional level...because of the knowledge of those living within a neighborhood or active neighborhood leaders...interest may come when the board appears more 'powerful' or well-known...build the board according to the written bylaws...use the regional meetings as a sounding board...what do you [neighborhoods] want us [KCNAC] to work on...agreed with the thinking of the City as a whole, but the City has many different personalities...the regional meeting would be a way to find out what is really going on...how could we make the election successful...would our time be better spent going [individual KCNAC members] to some of the active neighborhood associations within our regions to explain what we do at their meetings to see if it would bring in more applications...to fill the board vacancies...

Lynda Callon stated that...for this year we could fill the current positions...a goal could be set for neighborhood wide election...maybe could have the six regional meetings to introduce the KCNAC members, talk about issues at [place], [time]...

Renea Nash stated that the City has limited resources so we have to use the each resource wisely...looking at a process that would establish trust and credibility with people...reason for the election process...need to market it and open it up and establish the process.

Rodney Sampson stated that the election should be put on hold for a while but start the meetings.

Les Washington stated that Renea...can work it out later maybe at the next meeting...the intent of the presentation was to introduce the concept...neighborhoods could say that they are solidified as neighborhood leaders in the community and there would be a certain amount...respect as neighborhood leaders deal with one another for the betterment of the entire community and not for a region or special interest...neighborhood leaders could take steps to say that they are invested and each of them are invested...find ways to work together...neighborhoods could make a strong statement toward that...when talking about the City it needs to come from a single voice.

Greg Hugeback stated that the regional meeting could be more of an informational...commercial about KCNAC and what our mission is...how could you encourage or interest candidates for the election...rather we go out to the community and promote KCNAC...inform [citizens] that this is not government but more about neighborhoods and how neighborhoods can influence the governmental process...[KCNAC]

sanctioned by the City but not governed by the City...regional meetings would be awesome just to find out what is on everybody's minds...find out what the other issues are [in the community]...

Les Washington stated that...neighborhoods got to feel that this is their neighborhood advisory committee...must have ownership by them...ultimately this committee (KCNAC) should help drive City resources...the budget should be heard through this committee...need a formalize way of bringing things to the neighborhood...

Lynda Callon stated that when the contract with MOR goes through...it would be a forum to take to the regional meeting...

Les Washington stated that it would be tragic to do a tour and not have a follow up to the tour...

Renea Nash distributed a map of the potential route of the tour, which was renamed neighborhood tour.

Theme of the neighborhood tour is "Growth and Change"...elements key to growth and change would be partnership and collaboration that take place...neighborhood working together with the City to improve neighborhoods...look at resources...included in resources would be like Environmental Management, Public Works—street cleaning,...requested that the committee decide on the date, location...

Jay Stock stated that there are two sides of the neighborhood tour that needed to come out...the idea was to make city officials aware of what is going on in the City...and they need to find out...the whole lower east side is not on the tour...run the tour out to 31st Street, north 6-10 blocks and make a loop and continue the tour...

Renea Nash stated the route was along HWY 71, because a town hall meeting was thought to follow the tour...bringing the tour to the committee was to ensure that everyone was on the same page with the intent of the tour...

Jay Stock stated that he wanted the people who runs this City and the press that represent this City to see what is happening in some area and see what needed to be done about it...the neighborhood tour does not show that...drive through (Bruce R. Watkins, 31st & Holmes)...where is the City?...an article was written blaming it all on the trash people...the trash people is not the problem but a part of the problem...vacant lots, no place to take tires, no body is made to pick up anything, anywhere...

Ruth Austin asked, "Who would be on this tour...?"

Greg Hugeback asked, "What kind of things would be seen at these sites?"

Renea Nash stated that...the tour originated from the article...look at some of the 'ugly' situations going on with the trash...contacted the community organizers and asked for their problem areas...toured the City and took pictures...she had attempted to contact the Metro to get a bus to accommodate 30 people...looking at inviting council members, city manager, liaison for community service in the city manager's office, prosecutors, KCNAC members, Public Works,...

Cynthia Canady asked, "What was supposed to come out of this?"

Jay Stock replied with him had heard repeatedly that the mayor or city manager was unaware of situations—tire dump...he wanted the city officials to know what is going on...like with the Walt Disney Museum for the past four years [no progress].

Les Washington stated that the KCNAC would sponsor the neighborhood tour.

Greg Hugeback asked whether the media would be on this tour.

Jay Stock replied with, "Yes..."

Les Washington stated as we look at what was broken in the City, then we should look at someone who is doing it right and replicate that...like Chaumiere Neighborhood...

Renea Nash stated that Chaumiere Neighborhood was voted as finalist for the Neighborhood of the Year Award with Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA).

Jay Stock stated that more good would come from being on the bus rather a meeting afterward...

Les Washington stated...would like to see come out of the tour was a systematic cleanup...how can the City and neighborhood resources take care of some of things that would be seen on the streets...

Jay Stock stated that half of the solutions to these problems would not need any resources...

Rodney Sampson stated that it would someone taking responsibility.

Lynda Callon stated that (CID?) did a bus tour of all the different industrial areas in Kansas City in conjunction with the Brownfield office...looked at Salvage yards, tire dumps,...all the people from City Hall

that was supposed to have been on the bus did not show, except for Councilwoman Deb Hermann...how can you get the 'right people' on the bus...

Greg Hugeback asked, "What was the...Brownfield...?"

Lynda Callon replied that this particular tour was about losing the industrial and manufacturing base...part of it was because of the City's withdrawal of financial support, infrastructure,...lack of code enforcement and leading to all ad hoc salvage yards, tire dump...in areas that was not zone for this...have a conversation with Andrew [Bracker?] because he might have a site that was cleaned up...a salvage yard...

Renea Nash asked whether Andrew was with Regional Seven with Kansas City, Kansas.

Lynda Callon stated that he is with the City...he and others brought in close to \$15 million of federal contracts...the City did not support...he may be in Planning...he would be a valuable resource...

Les Washington stated...to finalize the route add stops on the Northeast side...

Lynda Callon asked whether Renea Nash could be given some of the high points...

Jay Stock asked whether the tour went out North of 31st Street close to Van Brunt...between Bruce R Watkins and Van Brunt...

Les Washington stated that the area was hit last year on another tour...

Renea Nash replied that she was familiar with the area...war zone...

Les Washington stated that the department put all the division managers on the bus and drove the area...it was the department way to know its impact...

Jay Stock stated that the city manager, mayor, several of the city council...should be on the tour...

Renea Nash stated that the thought was to do a Saturday tour...expanding the area...originally it was for an hour and a half...maybe two hours on a Saturday...traffic light on Saturday... She asked what would be a good time...

Jay Stock stated that if the city manager or the mayor could not attend the tour then it would not be necessary to take the tour...

Rodney Sampson asked when was the next full council meeting...

Lynda Callon stated that the next full council meeting would be on Thursday. Robert J. Mohart Multi-Purpose FOCUS Center would be the most convenient place to start the tour because the center...centrally located...start around 9:00 a.m.

Rodney Sampson stated that the tour could be between 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch...make it a three hour-tour...

Lynda Callon stated that the tour should start at 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. at least...get decent writers from the Kansas City Star...get the TV people...

Renea Nash stated that one of her concerns was the narrow street...

Rodney Sampson suggested getting a bus route that could make the narrow streets...

Renea Nash stated she had experienced being on a smaller capacity bus [sits 30 people] on narrow streets with a particular neighborhood group...

Greg Hugeback stated that if the bus was unable to make the narrow street then people could walk over from the next street or block...what would be the most common things seen at these sites? Illegal dumping? ...he has driven around some parts of the City...no curbs or sidewalks...no plans on the City's behalf to put them in or replace them...

Cynthia Canady stated the no curbs or sidewalks were in her area...ever...

Greg Hugeback asked whether the sidewalks would become the citizen's property.

Lynda Callon stated that the sidewalks would become the financial responsibility but not the citizen's real property.

Greg Hugeback stated that some neighborhoods are not respected therefore no one thinks that the neighborhood deserves respect, which is the downward spiral...

Lynda Callon stated that would be like a catch-22 because in her neighborhood (over 100 years old) with 100 years old trees that have uprooted the sidewalks...by this time they [residents] are on Social Security...grossing \$400 a month, then the City charges \$1,500 to replace the sidewalk...they would be able to afford the expense...

Cynthia Canady stated that sidewalks has never been installed in her neighborhood...

Jay Stock stated that many areas of the City has never had sidewalks...17th and Winchester...

Lynda Callon suggested that the PIAC representative be invited on the tour...for the last 6-7 years invited them to tour the Westside by informing them what would be in the PIAC application...very lucky that there has been good PIAC representatives, but there are a couple who had never viewed projects...

Cynthia Canady stated that she has been funded for a lot of the PIAC projects and the representatives had never seen the areas...

Lynda Callon stated that this [tour] would be an opportunity for them to see the global...they usually know their own district...there are several PIAC representatives who are responsible...parts of the City where the infrastructure with retaining walls...many houses must have retaining walls and without them the home could not be built...when the issue goes to council some of the reps needs to see some of the retaining walls...in her neighborhood there are 20 feet retaining walls and if removed hills would come down...no one in the neighborhood has the money to rebuild...

Les Washington suggested that the committee select a date and have the council commit...it would be good to time the tour when neighborhoods were actually doing work...able to see the energy that the neighborhoods put into the neighborhoods...

Jay Stock stated that Old Maple Park was an example...

Lynda Callon suggested checking with Constance Tate about who has dumpsters on a given Saturday...

Jay Stock stated that...the mayor, city manager, council people and the press should see this [clean up] could be done without money...if we insist that the people pick up the trash then the trash would be picked up...or insist on the City cutting the grass of City-owned property...initiate the tour to 'either fix it or tear it down'...

Lynda Callon stated that the tentative date as Saturday, May 21, 2005. The committee agreed with this date.

Les Washington asked whether Jay Stock would help Renea Nash expand the tour.

Jay Stock stated that Renea had done a great job, but he would like to include the lower east side in the tour.

Les Washington stated that we go back to the council with the tentative date...to get a response...

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.