



Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council (KCNAC)

“To be a unified community voice promoting a better quality of life for all Kansas City neighborhoods.”

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:45 pm by Lynda Callon, KCNAC President.

Introductions:

Attending KCNAC Members: Lynda Callon, Jay R. Stock, Rodney Sampson, Cynthia Canady, Forestine Beasley and Greg Hugeback

Absent KCNAC Members: Bruce Pennington

City staff: Joe Guarino, Patrick Egberuare, David Reynolds, Renea Nash, Dee Ann Gregory and Daisy Dixon

Guests: Arlene Fisher, Robert Stock, Jason Waldron, Robert B. Maines and City Councilman Terry Riley, 5th District

Review Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the corrected version of 7/12/05 minutes. Motion seconded. Called for discussion—no discussion. Called for vote—minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Motion made to approve 9/13/05 minutes. Motion seconded. Called for discussion—Questions presented concerning the trash carts. Announced that questions would be answered in the body of the meeting—no further discussion. Called for vote—minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.

Agenda Approval

President called for amendments to the agenda. Amendment: Market concerns.

Old Business

--The council postponed the Charter Review Proposal until the director of Neighborhood & Community Services Department returns to the office. The Charter Review Proposal will be discussed in the November meeting.

--KCNAC elections

- Due to the number of application received for the KCNAC board, there is no need to have an election.
- Existing members can continue in their *In-District* and *At-Large* capacities.
- Two applicants applied from the Central West region and one applied from the Southwest region.
- As a suggestion, KCNAC could call a special meeting to review each application.
- KCNAC hold special meetings based on the issues affecting the neighborhoods. Currently, KCNAC meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at Robert J. Mohart, Room 118, 3200 Wayne, Kansas City, MO, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.
- One of the visions of KCNAC is for each representative of the KCNAC regions to hold regional and annual meetings. The regional meeting would allow the representative to

provide information to those neighborhoods within the region. An annual meeting would include the KCNAC board, mayor and city council to dialogue about neighborhood issues.

- KCNAC testifies often before the City Council in support of or non-support of proposals that affect the neighborhoods.

--Chapter 62 Ordinance review proposal

- The ordinance was originally in Public Works Department. Currently, it is in the Neighborhood and Community Services Department. Revisions to the ordinance are to reflect the current collection of recycling and state departments responsibilities such as Neighborhood & Community Services Department is responsible for enforcement whereas Public Works is responsible for collection, recycling, etc. The Water Department is responsible for the hazardous waste facility.
- Other changes to the ordinance are to remove all reference to the Environmental Management Department, because the department no longer exists due to consolidation. Change *Section 62-48, Authority to Prescribe Additional Rules & Regulation* by adding a new section. Most of the language will stay the same, but some language will be deleted such as wording relating to the fire chief and the director of health ability to change the frequency of the collection. The new wording will direct the fire chief and the director of health to contact the department directors if changes are needed.
- More money is needed to employ more code enforcement officers. The city council is encouraged to support adding more code enforcement officers.
- The 26-hour Rule states that the recycling bin must be removed within 26 hours from the curb. The time starts at 3pm the day before collection and ends at 5pm the next day (1 ½ day).
- Under the 26-hour Rule, the city must have proof that a violation exist. One way to notify a resident in violation is to hang door hangers on the door. This method may work in some areas of the city. Neighborhood associations, CAN Centers, and Community Scouts could put the door hangers on the neighbor's door because they live in the neighborhood.
- Green tags on the third trash bag are not considered in violation. It means that the third bag is not participating in the city's 2-bag limit program and the city will not pick it up.
- KCNAC agreed to testify when the ordinance go before the city council.
- KCNAC requested a copy of the final copy of Chapter 62 Ordinance when completed.
- KCNAC will discuss with the Neighborhood Preservation Division Manager the forums; whether additional code enforcement officers are needed.

New Business

--Meeting the KCNAC applicants

- Comments from the candidates were
 - Conduct meeting within set time limit.
 - Follow parliamentary procedures.
 - Allow everyone the opportunity to speak.
 - Are all KCNAC responsibilities retained in the monthly meetings?

Comments and questions were acknowledged and answered.

--Trash Forum

- Members of KCNAC went to City Hall to support the trash cart proposal. The information KCNAC received in several prior meetings was that the carts would be at no cost to the

citizens of Kansas City. However, it will cost \$2.5 Million to implement the program and \$2.1 Million to operate the program. It will take seven years to pay off the trash carts.

- If the trash cart proposal passes, the money to implement and operate the program will come out of the City's General Fund. This means that neighborhoods would have to give up something—usually a decrease in the City's labor force.
- Trash carts may be one of the solutions to trash collection, but neighborhood must keep in mind that the trash cart proposal would be an exchange for something else. Currently, the trash carts have been put on hold because of the cost to implement and operate the program. Several options could be implement the program when the economy improves or pilot the program.
- The City has purchased new trucks; therefore, the semi-automatic trash collection would be the system in use. It would be too expensive to install lifts on the newly purchase trucks in order to have a fully automated trash collection system.
- Kansas City, MO is in the top three lowest for trash removal in the entire country.
- Neither a true dollar amount in the reduction in the contract to take on the trash cart program nor money put in the cost analysis for education, codes to maintain, nor proper handling of the carts were considered in the proposal.
- One of the reasons for the support of the trash carts was that the money would be available due to the savings in the current and subsequent year from the Deffenbaugh contract.
- The trash cart program was separated from the budget so that the proposal would not be sent through until the necessary information was available to operate the program in an efficient matter.
- The contract between the City and Deffenbaugh has been signed, but at any point during the contract the City has the option to go to the trash carts. The city has the option to implement the program over the next several years.
- Due to certain areas of the city not receiving adequate education about the recycling program, the city is faced with some problems: Illegal dumping has increased by 75% due to the two-trash bag limit. Trash carts could be a solution in decreasing illegal dumping.
- A representative from Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association and two KCNAC representatives met with city staff from the City's Budget office to request a 'true' cost as it relates to trash collection—illegal dumping, bulky item pickup, cost per ton from neighborhood cleanups vs. the cost per ton for bulky item pickup, and any other costs relating to trash. After this meeting, the decision was made to have a neighborhood forum to discuss trash collection.
- The Ultimate Trash Forum will allow residents to ask questions about trash collection. The tentative dates for the forums are Tuesday, November 1, 2005, 2pm-4pm and Thursday, November 10, 2005, 6pm-8pm. The public will be notified of these forums by emails, flyers, and newsletters. The forums will be held at the Robert J. Mohart Multi Purpose FOCUS Center, 3200 Wayne, in the auditorium. The City Council, the media and city staff will be invited to the forums along with the neighborhoods.
- KCNAC will request from neighborhoods the 'real costs' that they spend on trash— What are their total volunteer hours? What are the volunteers doing? What are the volunteers picking up? What is the total amount spent on dumpsters, trash tags, etc?

--Recycling Education

- Prior to June 2004, the marketing budget was spent. But toward the end of the year, actions were taken to educate the urban core on recycling which included a survey. The mission is

not educating which is providing knowledge but trying to the change citizen's habits by promoting recycling, responsible trash management, and cleaner neighborhoods.

- Under a Pay-As-You-Go program, allowances must be made for education [informing to change habit] when implementing a new program.

--Dumpster Incentive Program

- Effective May 1, the cost of dumpsters is subtracted from the KC Recycles budget, which is \$112,000. The Neighborhood Assistance Program provides dumpsters to the neighborhoods. Four dumpsters would cost \$1,200.
- A KCNAC representative and the KC Recycles Coordinator will seek ways to improve the program to ensure that the program remains in existence, because the neighborhoods should be awarded when they do a good job. They will agree upon a time and meeting place to discuss incentives, application process (requirements to be considered for the program), coverage area (use the FOCUS/Census map or population or number of households) and the distribution of the dumpsters (group cleanups rather than single neighborhoods).

--PMAC

- The Neighborhood Preservation Division (NPD) statistics will be distributed to the KCNAC members by the PMAC chairperson. Due to trash, the number of court days has increased along with the number of cases reported to the Action Center.
- Three of the five current KCNAC members reside on the Property Maintenance Advisory Committee (PMAC), which meets once a month for one hour.
- PMAC requested documentation of nuisance calls. For tracking purposes, it is important to have certain line items separated out in the budget for 'real' cost.
- It is a possibility that the *KIVA* system will no longer be used by the city. *KIVA* tracks NPD statistics, nuisance and property maintenance cases.

--Announcements

- Senator Bond will be at the Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI), on Thursday, October 13, 2005, at 2pm.
- Hyde Park Neighborhood has filed a suit in court for zoning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm by Lynda Callon, KCNAC President.