



Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council (KCNAC)

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2006 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:45 PM.

Introductions:

Attending KCNAC Members: Rodney Sampson, Robert Taylor, Cynthia Canady, Carol Puckett, Lynda Callon

Absent KCNAC Members: Jay Stock, Bruce Pennington, Jason Waldron, Forestine Beasley, David Wirtz, Greg Hugeback

City Staff: Renea Nash, David Park, David Reynolds

Guests: Larry Bloomer, Tammy Gay, John Shields

Review Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made to approve Carol Puckett and Cynthia Canady

Old Business:

- **Trash Appreciation Day** is scheduled for Sept. 27, 2006 at Brush Creek Community Center. Certificates of appreciation, prepared by Pat Gallagher, will be given. Lynda brought up the idea of doing a skit expressing thanks. An invite would be given to the mayor. Public Works Michael Shaw will be contacted for names. Someone mentioned creating a PSA (public service announcement) on channel 2 to promote the event. Also promote through the KC Star and Pitch Weekly. Lynda is going to come up with a draft/run threw of the events. Tammy Gay's (who's in control of the potluck portion) contact information was given if anyone has questions regarding food and beverages. Tammy Gay- (816)333-4410, tammydgay@hotmail.com.

New Business:

- **Neighborhood Improvement Program** – David Park addressed the progress of the NIP plan. He said one thing that was consistent was that neighborhoods wanted “action, not another plan”. Buy-in has been good overall. He has attended most of the neighborhood meetings so far, and attendance has been consistent and high overall. They are working on getting speakers for neighborhoods, such as Youth Friends, Lead Abatement, the Vice squad and PIAC? Many people do not understand the PIAC process, and having someone to explain it to the neighborhoods has been a common request.
- Lynda asked if they used Systematic Inspections; David mentioned them hiring inspectors for this, but *What Would It Take to Fix the Problem* calculations sum up to \$2- 3 million dollars, doubling the number of inspectors. That would allow a system where every property built before 1980 was inspected every 5 years. Lynda gave example of a neighborhood that did Systematic Inspections informally before filing them with the city, and about 80% of the problems were fixed. Enforcement is key; problems are much easier to fix the earlier they are caught. Concerns arise- Lynda mentions that they have been asking for that for 10 years to be on the legislative packet, and been told that they were on there. David Park said they weren't actually on there (he would like them to be) but they've

- been told they were. He would like to see this happen before he retires in a few years. They have also been told that they were working on the reciprocal agreement for law enforcement across state lines. Lynda mentioned that they didn't have to wait on the City; all they need is a sponsor. David says the City will work on it, but it has to be on the legislative agenda. Timing was a concern because the year is almost up. By the time the City handles it, citizens would have sponsors.
- There's a perception that Judge Cagle will refuse to hear cases where the property owner is not clearly notified, even when it is hand-delivered. There's also a possibility of converting criminal charges to civil - things would need to be changed in the Missouri Constitution to allow an administrative body to hear that sort of case. It would allow an alternate avenue for hearing property hearings, not replace criminal cases. He has not gotten a clear answer on the constitutionality of this concept from the Law Dept.; St. Louis got a law passed but it has not been tested in the courts yet. Civil cases would require notification but could still go forward with penalties if the property owner did not show up. Someone asked about the International Property Maintenance Code; David said that it is a lot of expense and reference books to standardize to that level.
 - Also, the Housing Condition Survey is being revisited for 1/5 of the city (Neighborhoods NOW and NIP, for the time being). They want to see what, if anything, has changed.
 - **Solutions Workbook** 49 page book Renea has developed. A book to resolve neighborhood issues; will be brought to a subset of the group due to time issues at the main meeting.
 - **KCNAC Priorities** anyone wanting to join committee, get in contact with Renea and David.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Waste Management- none
- Property Maintenance- Rodney gave a brief report, is soliciting additional members for the subcommittee besides himself and Greg. Also asked for input on priorities for PMAC to tackle in the coming year, so that they have some guidance on where to go.
- Liquor Control- none
- Community Policing - none

Motion made to adjourn by Robert Taylor, and seconded by Rodney Sampson

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM by Lynda Callon, KCNAC President.