

Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

City Hall, 4th Floor, West Conference Room

Attendance: Carol Puckett, Carol Winterowd, Mark Harris, Evaline Taylor, Dona Stephenson, Rob Willard, Greg Hugeback, Matthew Staub, Carol Edwards

Absent: Jay Stock, Jason Waldron

Guests: Vanessa Wates, David Park, Rodney Sampson, Tom Gerend (MARC), Karen Clawson (MARC)

Item	Issue	Action by
1	MARC Transit 2040 presentation by Tom Gerend (Assistant Director of Transportation and Karen Clawson (Transportation Planner). Tom extended the offer to make this presentation to any neighborhood groups interested in the report. See attached document.	
2	Brief review of actions taken at March board meeting: Approved changes to bylaws (refer to March meeting minutes).	
3	Carol Winterowd provided an update on the commercial sign ordinance. Planning & Zoning Committee met last Wednesday (4/1/09). There were approximately 20 people there to support the ordinance, about 3 or 4 opposing the ordinance. Carol thanked Rob Willard for his letter to Councilman Ed Ford regarding concerns about digital technology concerns. Councilman Terry Riley would not vote on the draft ordinance at the Wednesday meeting and it was continued to this Wednesday (4/8/09). Lane 4 – the developers of the Bannister Mall site which is to become the home of the Wizard soccer team – are lobbying for a special clause for sports stadiums. They want 4 large digital billboards that will not only promote the facility and the team, but also display advertising. Draft ordinance allows digital signs in highly commercial zones only – areas zoned C-3, such as downtown and manufacturing areas, and the image will only be allowed to change one time per hour. No pole signs will be allowed – all free standing signs must be monument-type.	
4	Dona Stephenson asked that everyone review the applications from citizens wishing to fill the vacant KCNAC board seats, as well as our bylaws for filling vacant board seats.	
5	Rob Willard made a motion to award the South-West Region seat to Rebecca Fleming. Matthew Staub seconded the motion. A vote was called and Rebecca was awarded the vacant South-West Region seat by a unanimous vote.	
6	Matthew Staub made a motion to award the North-East Region seat to Patricia Martin. Mark Harris seconded the motion. A vote was called and Patricia Martin was awarded the vacant North-East Region seat by a unanimous vote.	
7	After a brief discussion regarding policy, Rob Willard made a motion to not accept Sherita Williams' application because it was submitted after the published deadline, stating that it would not be fair to the other applicants that submitted their applications prior to the deadline. Greg Hugeback seconded the motion. A vote was called and all members besides Matthew Staub voted to not accept Sherita Williams' application. Matthew Staub abstained.	
8	Rob Willard made a motion to award an At-Large seat to Rodney Sampson. Matthew Staub seconded the motion. A vote was called and Rodney was awarded one of the two vacant At-Large seats by unanimous vote.	
9	After a brief discussion of the remaining two candidates for a vacant At-Large seat, a vote was called. Curtis Johnson received 4 votes. Sherita Herring received 5 votes. The remaining vacant At-Large seat was awarded to Sherita Herring.	

10	Greg Hugeback to draft letters to all candidates on behalf of Dona Stephenson and the sitting board members either congratulating them or thanking them for their interest and inviting them to apply again during the next regular election cycle.	Greg Hugeback
11	The NCSD report dated 3/10/09 was distributed.	
12	David Park explained the impact of budget cuts and staff reductions within the NCSD. Daniel Schmelzinger's position was eliminated (he had been handling the rental registration and inspection program). Mr. Schmelzinger will be moving to the new Housing Department. David said that NCSD was impacted less than many departments – the 8 code enforcement officers and 6 animal control staff that were to be cut in the proposed budget were restored. 3 of the 7 Code Enforcement supervisors were released. Legal investigators were reduced from 4 to 1. Vacant administrative positions were lost, which will challenge the remaining administrative staff as they try to keep pace with the inspectors. Vacant Animal Control positions were eliminated when the management of the shelter was outsourced. One bright spot: 24/7 response from Animal Control will be implemented.	
12	Deletta Dean will work with Michal Shaw in Solid Waste to coordinate neighborhood clean-ups and clarify how those will be arranged.	Deletta Dean
13	David Park announced that NCSD will be taking over weed control/abatement (mowing of vacant lots and properties belonging to nuisance code violators) from the Parks & Recreation Department.	
14	Anyone interested in finding out more about how to bid on weed abatement property packages as a private contractor should contact Nate Perry	
15	David Park distributed a revised ordinance that raises the administrative fee for processing unresolved nuisance violations from \$50 to \$100 (David to verify this was correctly understood).	David Park
16	Greg Hugeback made a motion to adjourn the meeting sometime around 5:30 PM. Rob Willard seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.	

End of Meeting Minutes