

Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

City Hall, 4th Floor, West Conference Room

Attendance: Rebecca Fleming, Mark Harris, Greg Hugeback, Trish Martin, David Park, Carol Puckett, Rodney Sampson, Matthew Staub, Vanessa Wates, Rob Willard, Carol Winterowd

Absent: Carol Edwards, Sherita Herring, Dona Stephenson, Jay Stock, Evaline Taylor, Jason Waldron

Guests: None

Item	Issue	Action by
1	Meeting called to order at approximately 4:10 PM	
2	<p>Corrections to May 2009 Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Fleming was absent • Item 2, change "Circuit Court" to "<u>Municipal</u> Court" • Item 7, correct spelling City Attorney's name: Maggie Moran • Item 14, Constance Tate is no long with the City, new contact person regarding neighborhood clean-up programs is Marguerite • Item 15, Lois Adams is the point of contact for neighborhood groups wanting to contract for dumpsters for their neighborhood clean-ups 	
3	Rodney Sampson moved that the Meeting Minutes for May 2009 be approved as corrected; Trish Martin seconded; Motion approved by unanimous vote.	
4	Nate Pare was unavailable to attend meeting, he will attend our August meeting to discuss Nuisance Code Violation Abatement.	
5	Some members in attendance reported that they had sent out (or intended to send out in the next week or so) their "Board-to-Neighborhood Leader" letters introducing new board members. We'll visit this again at August meeting.	
6	Carol Winterowd reported that the Commercial Sign Ordinance passed and that the City Development Staff are happy with the results. The ordinance passed on 5/21/09 and went into effect 6/1/09. Carol Edwards read the KCNAC position letter at the hearing. In brief, the ordinance eliminates pole signs of any kind, restricts digital signs to "monument" type only, and only in certain highly commercial or manufacturing areas and restricts the changing of digital images or messages to one per hour.	
7	There have been lawsuits filed against the City due to the Commercial Sign Ordinance – there were 28 applications for digital signs that were not processed during the ordinance development and review. Suits filed by LAMAR and the billboard industry.	
8	<p>David Park gave us an update on Neighborhood & Community Services Department issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Audit Committee approved an additional \$400,000 for mowing this season (in addition to the original \$400,000 originally appropriated). Additional funds will come from a combination of the contingency fund (\$200,000) and an increase in the revenue estimate for collections (\$200,000). • Mowing of vacant properties was moved from Parks & Recreation Department to NCSD this year, and that seems to be more effective. • Action Center complaints about overgrown lots are down about one-third this year, compared to last year. • The way in which bids are being accepted from vendors for mowing and lot cleaning services will be changed. • Vendors will provide cost to mow per 1,000 SF, cost per ton to dispose of 	

	<p>debris and cost per tire for disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If vendors do not mow/clean lots they are awarded within 7 days, they are not allowed to bid on future work. • Vendors interested in bidding on lot mowing and cleaning services need to contact Keeley Golden in the General Services Department. • To date (7/7/09), NCSD has coordinated the mowing of approximately 1,000 lots. • If Volunteer Inspector program details can be worked out, David is looking into possibility of sharing administrative fees that are collected with neighborhood groups performing work. 	
9	<p>Sources for neighborhood maps were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Reynolds with NCSD • Kyle Elliott with NNI (Northland Neighborhoods Inc.), 1990 Census (information can be provided by Trish Martin). • UMKC website (information can be provided by Matthew Staub) 	
10	<p>Rodney Sampson wants KCNAC to lobby for State law that requires fire insurance for all buildings, regardless of occupancy, and the establishment of fines for property owners that do not comply. Such legislation will protect the public from incurring demolition costs for fire-damaged buildings and encourage property owners to restore damaged property and protect the value of neighboring properties. More research is needed to determine correct route by which KCNAC can effectively push for this requirement.</p>	Rodney Sampson
11	<p>Rodney Sampson also wants KCNAC to lobby for City (or State) to require developers that construct projects involving some kind of taxpayer subsidy (TIF, 353, etc.) to obtain a demolition bond that will cover the cost of demolishing the project if it is abandoned or becomes obsolete so that demolition costs do not become part of a NEW subsidized redevelopment plan down the road, or do not become the responsibility of taxpayers in areas that are depressed and have little opportunity for redevelopments. (Abandoned Wal-Marts, malls, big-box stores, etc.)</p>	
12	<p>Greg Hugeback to send a copy of letter from KCNAC to Planning & Zoning Commission regarding commercial signage.</p>	Greg Hugeback
13	<p>Matthew Staub moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Harris seconded; Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:27 PM.</p>	

End of Meeting Minutes