

Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Conference Room

KCNAC Attendance: Rebecca Fleming, Jason Waldron, Carol Edwards, Evaline Taylor, Jay Stock, Trish Martin, Carol Puckett, (NCSD), Rodney Sampson, Greg Hugeback

NCSD Attendance: David Reynolds, David Park, Deletta Dean

KCNAC Absent: Arthur Lyles, JC Sanders, Kathleen Arthur, Carol Winterowd, Orrin Ellis (all excused due to lack of notice)

Guests: Troy Schulte (Acting City Manager), Michael Shaw (Trash Collection & Recycling), Calvin Neal (AIM 4 Peace)



Item	Issue	Action by
1	Meeting called to order at approximately 4:11 PM	
2	Correction to 11/3/09 Meeting Minutes: KCNAC Attendance: Trish Martin, Carol Puckett, Rebecca Fleming, Carol Edwards, Carol Winterowd, Dona Stephenson, Evaline Taylor, Greg Hugeback, Rodney Sampson, Mark Harris. KCNAC Absent: Rob Willard, Jay Stock, Matthew Staub. NCSD Attendance: David Park, Vanessa Wates, Deletta Dean. Guests: Allan Norman.	
3	Clarification to 11/3/09 Meeting Minutes, Item 6: Prohibited items for trash collection is for ALL trash collection, including any dumpster program containers (demolition materials – including concrete, leaves, brush, grass clippings and discarded tires/rims).	
4	Correction to 11/3/09 Meeting Minutes, Item 9: Cindy Circo (not Cathy Jolly) was working on a “Shame On You” campaign. David Park confirmed that Cindy had sent out letters to property owners whose properties were mowed by the City.	
5	Clarification to 11/3/09 Meeting Minutes, Item 13: Ballot measure to approve \$250 registration fee for tire dealers will probably NOT be ready in April.	
6	Item 14 on 11/3/09 Meeting Minutes was not clarified. It stated: “Vacant buildings can be registered online – a fee is charged. (KCNAC members – meeting notes reference a “re-inspection fee”; please offer clarification, if possible.)”	
7	Carol Puckett requested information on accessible (handicap) parking – is it free in the garage? Troy Schulte said that it might be possible to accommodate persons with handicapped parking tags or placards in the garage below City Hall on Tuesdays. Those interested in this should coordinate with Deletta Dean (NCSD).	
8	Troy Schulte (acting City Manager) addressed those in attendance. Troy wants to make good use of KCNAC as a sounding board on issues that impact neighborhoods. He is currently working on the Budget which he plans to present to the Mayor in about 2 weeks. After several years of investing in high-profile projects, he understands the need to protect the investments that have been made in neighborhoods. The City will continue to promote Downtown, but not at the expense of neighborhoods. The poor economy will continue to negatively impact the City’s revenue stream. City government will continue to look for ways to keep things simple and efficient, improve development review process and code implementation.	
9	Troy Schulte stated that there would once again be budget discussions in each Council District, probably led by Deb Hermann and/or Jan Marcason. If your neighborhood group is interested in having a presentation on the proposed budget (once it’s available), please contact either Councilwoman Hermann or Councilwoman Marcason’s office.	
10	Troy Schulte stated that there will be more money in the budget this year for weed mowing.	
11	Troy Schulte outlined the Budget schedule as follows: Preliminary budget from Troy is presented to the Mayor on January 15; Media will likely request a copy of the budget immediately afterwards, so look for it to be published somewhere a few days later; Mayor has 30 days to review and comment; City Council receives Mayor’s revised version on 11 February; Public deliberations begin in February; Ordinance to approve budget is introduced on the first Thursday in March (3/4/10); Budget must be approved/adopted by last Thursday in March (10/25/10).	
12	Troy Schulte stated that the City Council is focusing on what they’re calling “Revenue Maximization” which includes the potential for new or raised fees (which are always unpopular).	
13	Troy Schulte stated that he recognizes the city is trying to do more with less, but he will	

	concentrate on minimizing frontline staff reductions. He stated that KCMO has a very efficient system compared to other cities, which results in long response times for many services.	
14	Troy Schulte commented on the possibility of losing the City's earning tax revenue source (there is currently an effort to repeal the tax). Troy stated that 55% of the earnings tax is currently paid by those outside the City limits – primarily those living in Johnson County, KS and eastern Jackson County, MO. Currently the earnings tax generates a total of \$200 million.	
15	Troy Schulte stated that there could be an estimated \$10 - \$20 million in uncollected earnings tax revenue, but that trying to track it down would likely be costly and ineffective, so it has not been pursued.	
16	Michael Shaw, Director of Waste Management, spoke briefly about a proposed waste transfer station. There will be a meeting on 1/20/10 at 2:00 PM at the Health Department building at which the design, construction and operating community will be able to give input about the proposed facility. Design/Build RFP (request for proposals) target date is in March. He hopes to have plan in place by the end of 2010. Earliest a transfer center might open is 2012.	
17	When questioned by Carol Puckett, Michael Shaw stated that trash IS collected at vacant houses, as long as they appear habitable. They will not pick up trash from in front of abandoned/boarded-up or burned-out houses.	
18	Michael Shaw stated that "unlimited pick-up" has been extended through this week because of the difficulty trucks have been having with street conditions (snow/ice). His crew is committed to getting everyone's trash collected while protecting the workers' safety. Frostbite is of particular concern.	
19	Michael Shaw stated that Bulky Item pick-up will continue to be by appointment. The former City Manager (Wayne Cauthen) wanted to go back to the regularly scheduled pick-ups, but Mr. Shaw stated that because appointment pick-ups are less expensive, it is unlikely that they'll be going back to the regularly scheduled pick-ups.	
20	Michael Shaw stated that Bulky Item pick-ups have been delayed since the December snow storm – particularly pick-ups requiring the "clam" loader. Those trucks have legs that extend from the vehicle which cannot be set onto ice.	
21	Michael Shaw stated that he is hoping to introduce an "Express Bulky" service. Residents would be able to contact a private contractor with which the City has negotiated lower-than-standard rates for Bulky Item pick-ups, as well as small disposal containers and larger dumpsters. Potential cost could be as reasonable as \$50 for up to 5 items.	
22	Michael Shaw stated that he hopes to develop a bulky item drop-off location somewhere in the City.	
23	David Park stated that the City is shifting from KivaNet to PeopleSoft software for tracking service requests. Some information from current cases may be transferred to PeopleSoft during the Winter. PeopleSoft is an Internet-based program that inspectors will be able to use in the field, allowing them to use their time more efficiently. Public access to PeopleSoft is a goal, but may not be immediately available.	
24	The tied elections in the Central-East and North-East Regions will be settled by conducting a runoff election. Neighborhoods in those regions that did not vote during the regular election will be contacted and encouraged to vote. Representatives of those neighborhoods will be contacted and given a new ballot containing the same names as the original ballot, along with candidate profiles. Candidates tied in those elections (Carmelita Brown, Willie Hough and Carol Puckett in Central-East; Christina Carpenter, Larry Knudson and Jay Stock in North-East) will be notified by Greg Hugeback about the run-off election and given the contact information for the neighborhood leaders that will be contacted and encouraged to participate in the run-off election. Deadline for receiving run-off election ballots will be 1/29/10.	Greg Hugeback
25	NOTE: There were 7 current board members in attendance. There are currently 12 positions that have officially been determined. Bylaws require a quorum of 2/3 of the members be present for voting, which would require a minimum of 8 members be present in order to approve the run-off election as stated in Item 24 above. Since the 2010 Executive Committee does not officially exist, it is impossible to have a 2/3 quorum of the Executive Committee, as required by our bylaws). Greg Hugeback will work on contacting newly elected members (Arthur Lyles, JC Sanders, Kathleen Arthur, Carol Winterowd, Orrin Ellis) who were unable to attend due to lack of notice, and ask them to vote on a motion (made by Greg Hugeback and seconded by Trish Martin and approved by the other 5 members in attendance) which is summarized in Item 24 above. Greg Hugeback will proceed with the run-off election process,	Greg Hugeback

	assuming that enough affirming votes can be gathered to validate election results before the February KCNAC meeting.	
26	Trish Martin made a motion to approve the November 2009 Meeting Minutes as corrected; motion seconded by Rodney Sampson and approved by unanimous vote. (We'll need to approve these meeting minutes officially at the February meeting, for the quorum requirements for voting explained in Item 25 above.	
27	Calvin Neal, a representative from AIM 4 Peace spoke about his group's mission: Working with gang members at the street-level to help prevent violence and murders. The group works primarily in the East Patrol District, however they do not work directly with the Police (which would reduce their credibility with gang members). The group works with the Police Department only to collect statistical information. The group operates under the City's Health Levy and has offices at the Parks & Recreation Building on E 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street. They have been working at Central High School, as well as DeLasalle Education Center. The group works late at night. Calvin is on 24-hour call and will go to Truman Medical Center when there's a shooting or stabbing that might be gang-related in order to negotiate with individuals and work to prevent retaliation. The group holds cookouts in neighborhoods with higher violence rates in an effort to meet those that are involved in gang activity or at high-risk for involvement.	
28	Deletta Dean requested that we address increased engagement with neighborhoods at our February meeting. She wants to discuss public forums for 2010 and bolstering our presence in the community. This will be a February agenda item.	
29	Trish Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg Hugeback seconded the motion – but since we didn't have a quorum to approve the motion, we all headed for the door around 5:20 PM.	
30	Next KCNAC meeting is February 2, 2010. Location: City Hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCSD offices.	

End of 1/5/2010 Meeting Minutes, 30 items, 3 pages.