Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
City Hall, 4th Floor, West Conference Room

Attendance: TO BE VERIFIED AND INCLUDED IN 1/4/2010 MEETING NOTES

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Guests: Marleen Leonce, KCMO Solid Waste

Item	Issue	Action by
1	Meeting called to order at approximately 4:07 PM	
2	Dona Stephenson led a brief discussion about the October Candidate Forum. Better communication and coordination between KCNAC and NCSD is needed to improve format, candidate engagement and neighborhood leader interest and attendance. All parties agree that roles, responsibilities and expectation shall be more clearly understood prior to the 2010 Candidate Forum.	
3	Changes bylaws allowing staggered terms and appointment of "At-Large" members passed by majority vote on 10/9/09.	
4	Deadline for receiving ballots from voting neighborhoods is December 4, 2009.	
5	There will be NO December KCNAC meeting.	
6	Marleen Leonce, representing KCMO Solid Waste Department discussed the following issues: • Deramus Facility (recycling, hazardous waste collection, leaf & brush composting) have been approved by the City • Grant for recycling program education in neighborhoods with low participation was not approved, due to existing contract between City & Bridging the Gap. Contract with Bridging the Gap expires 4/30/2010. • Prohibited items for trash collection are concrete (considered demolition material and requires separate dumpster disposal), leaves, brush, grass clippings and tires. *(KCNAC members – please clarify this item if possible – was this in reference to the dumpster program?)* • Bulky item collection will remain by appointment through 5/1/2010, at which time it may change to every-other-month for all areas.	
7	New website design was discussed – all who had used it agreed it was a vast improvement over the old design.	
8	NCSD request for additional $400K for mowing was denied by City Council. Each district will be allowed to use a portion of their Capital Improvement Funds. 3rd District appears to be participating in this program.	
9	Councilwoman Cathy Jolly is starting a "Shame On You" campaign. She will be taking a "collections approach" by sending a letter to property owners that fail to mow their property and having City-paid mowing contractors post a sign in the yard stating "YOUR TAX DOLLARS WERE SPENT TO MOW THIS PROPERTY OWNED BY (OWNER'S NAME).	
10	KCNAC board members will begin monitoring City Committee activity in 2010 and reporting back to the full board at monthly meetings. The following members have volunteered to monitor committees: • Carol Winterowd – Planning & Zoning Committee • Carol Puckett (pending re-election) – Housing Committee • Trish Martin – Finance • Carol Edwards & Rebecca Fleming – Neighborhoods & Public Safety Committee	
11	Trish Martin was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Advisory Group and will be able to keep us informed regarding neighborhood issues with which this committee examines.	
12	Upcoming City budget items and schedules were discussed. Base budgets have been developed. Department Directors submit "wish list" on 11/2/09. NCSD has requested additional funding for: 1) nuisance abatement; 2) building demolition; 3) additional team of inspectors; 4) laptop computers to keep inspectors in field for longer; 5) volunteer inspector program.	
13	There will be a ballot measure in April 2010 to approve a $250 registration fee for tire dealers (to help track tire disposal).	

14	Vacant buildings can be registered online – a fee is charged. *(KCNAC members – notes reference a "re-inspection fee"; please offer clarification, if possible.)*	
15	Northland EXCEL leadership program begins in January, ends in June. Go to www.nni.org for more information. Course covers how cities and states function.	
16	NCSD states that they are no longer able to host meetings due to cost of parking for KCNAC members. Alternate meeting sites were discussed and included: Nazarene Publishing (on Troost), Central Patrol (Rebecca Fleming to contact), Brush Creek Community Center. (Note: after meeting, Trish Martin spoke with Councilwoman Deb Hermann, who agreed to cover the cost of parking from her discretionary funds. Continuing to meeting in the NCSD office will be discussed at January meeting.)	
17	Carol Puckett made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:28 PM, seconded by Dona Stephenson, approved unanimously.	
18	Next KCNAC meeting is January 5, 2010. Location to be announced.	

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