

# Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council



## Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64130, 6:00 pm

The board shared an introduction with attendees and reviewed the KCNAC mission. A quorum was present, and the Board was able to transact business. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

## Board Reports & Updates

### Meeting Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the November meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Co-Chair Moore presented a correction to a minor typographical error in previous minutes.

### Board Reports

Updates were provided on several topics and initiatives.

- Co-Chair Walters provided an update on the 2023 meeting location scheduling for early 2023.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the election of officers was tabled until all board positions are filled.
- Co-Chair Moore described the initiative to codify KCNAC by ordinance. She asked attendees to let the Board know what they would like KCNAC's next priorities to be. Housing is a commonly requested topic.

## Presentations

### Michael Shaw, Director of Public Works

- Michael Shaw described efforts to address how PIAC funds are managed and communicated to applicants. He recommended connecting neighborhoods to their PIAC representative.
- The City plans to implement Recycling Carts in April 2023; serial numbers will be associated to the address. Bulky trash services will be expanded and made more equitable across the City. The Cleanup KC initiative is ongoing, to deal with litter accumulated during the COVID pandemic. There will be extra crews during major

events, such as the NFL Draft.

- Street maintenance and filling potholes in improving: 32,000 potholes filled during fiscal year 2022.
- Snow removal is prepared to manage a 3-inch snow (KC average) and will prioritize side streets as well as main arteries. The City received an award for snow and ice service.
- Protected bike lanes are part of the Vision Zero effort to reduce unneeded lanes of traffic and make all traveling safer.
- The City will be offering a new on-demand car share service for \$3-5 per ride. The driver will drive passengers within a defined geographic zone and/or drop them off at a bus stop to reach their intended destination.

#### **Deputy Director Jean Ann Lawson, Neighborhoods Department**

- Jean Ann Lawson said the department is training Community Engagement Specialists (liaisons) to take a different approach in resolving 311 complaints, attempting to determine the source of the violation (a property owner may have a disability, for example) and connect the owner to services if possible. 311 notifications can be confusing or threatening. These specialists may also be available in CAN centers. Code Enforcement Officers will be sent to cases that cannot be resolved with engagement.
- Short-term rental oversight will be moved from the Planning department to the Neighborhoods department.

#### **Doug Jones, City Auditor**

Two reports have been issued on STRs in Kansas City, for taxes/fees and compliance with permitting. Both audits are on the City website. It is a struggle to find illegal properties, because it requires knowing who the owner is and location of the illegal STR, as well as having funding to enforce regulations.

## **Committees**

**The Board provided a general update on committee activity and will continue to develop reporting for future meetings:**

#### **Planning, development, and zoning**

- Co-Chair Moore shared an update on the Infill Ordinance, with requests to uphold the public engagement requirements and clarify the application of the proposed Type 3 Minor Subdivision

- In response to a question about graffiti removal, Director Shaw shared the possibility of using some funds to hire artists to paint murals as a deterrent.

## **Housing**

- Co-chair Walters and Kate Barsotti gave a brief update on the Short-term Rental (STR) workshops:
- KCPD officers cannot issue tickets to property owners for disruptive parties, noise, light, or parking. Co-chair Moore recommended adding KCPD as a stakeholder in the KCNAC STR evaluation effort.
- Requiring a Business License for STR operators may allow for more oversight and streamline enforcement.
- Type 2 STRs appear to be the most disruptive to quality of life and diminishment of housing stock.
- Infrastructure, to include Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC)
- Co-chair Walters reported she'd asked for 3 years of records of PIAC spending and would share findings next year.

## **Branding**

Kate Barsotti said there is an updated logo to discuss.

## **Neighborhood Services report**

Gary Jones, Community Engagement Coordinator, said the proposed neighborhood registration platform is being reviewed by City Information Technology staff.

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be January 19, 2023, 6:00 PM, and will be held in-person at the Southeast Community Center.