

UMKC
Neighborhood Advisory Council
December 7, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Facilitated by Bruce A Chladny

NAC Members in Attendance

Les Cline
Pat Gallagher
Doug Ghertner
Renee Neades
Jason Pryor
Ben Randall
Terry Rodeghier
Jim Wanser

NAC Members Not in Attendance

Kathleen Arthur
Martha Hogerty

UMKC Staff in Attendance

Michael Bongartz
Dee Evans
Kim Johnson
Troy Lillebo
Sharon Lindenbaum
John Martellaro
Angela McDonald
Navya Sane
Bob Simmons
Dr. Jeff Traiger

Public in Attendance

Ken Spare

Meeting Convened at 6:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Facilitator Bruce Chladny welcomed the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) members. Les shared a positive report that a UMKC Police car went by his house and he had a pleasant conversation with the officer.

Bruce reminded the NAC members of the ground rules and keeping the meeting within the time frame agreed upon. Any issues that will need to be addressed later can be written on the Parking Lot sheet at the back of the room.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda is different from the one posted on the website. Changes include the Residential Real Estate Quarterly Report being unavailable for reporting and will be emailed to the NAC members at a later date.

The Campus police report reflected no incidents, but recent events occurred since the agenda was distributed. Chief Mike Bongartz shared that two robberies were reported at 54th and Harrison and 53rd and Rockhill Rd. UMKC police have increased patrol in the neighborhood.

Dee reminded the council that the final meeting notes were emailed and posted to the website.

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda with removal of the Residential Real Estate Quarterly Report was made by Jason Pryor. The motion was second Pat Gallagher. The motion was approved and the Consent Agenda as amended was accepted by the NAC members.

3. Old Business

a. UMKC Homes and Tenant Relations

Bob updated the members on the UMKC Homes and Tenant Relations topic from the last meeting and distributed UMKC Homes tenant move in materials: A Welcome packet that is provided to all tenants, and a brochure on how to be good neighbors. Based on last meetings discussion Bob requested that if the NAC members had additional information that they would like to see in the material that would help improve tenant relations, please contact him. The second piece of information he distributed and discussed was how to submit maintenance questions online.

Bob mentioned that an additional discussion with Navya and fellow students is scheduled for after the first of the year. A broader tenant engagement discussion with Cohen Esrey

had occurred. Outcomes from that meeting have not been formalized, but he will keep the NAC members updated as they move forward.

Navya mentioned that students were still waiting on the refund of deposits. Bob will visit with Cohen Esrey on the refunds and ensure that addresses are updated on file.

Navya also mentioned that student living environments are infested with insects. Bruce inquired to about the process for treatment for this problem. Bob stated that regular scheduled treatments are done and special treatments are scheduled when infestation is noticed. Some of these insect infestations are due to poor cleaning and food storage by the residents and the pest control costs can be deducted from the tenant's deposit if not corrected.

Bob recommended that a follow up discussion take place with International Student Affairs Office on the refund of deposits. Bob proposed that other student concerns be addressed at the student engagement meeting with Navya and students.

NAC member inquired about receiving an update report on the student concerns in the NAC meeting. Bob ensured that he would report out to the group on progress. Jason recommended that maybe it could be sent in a report with the consent agenda as opposed to addressing them in the meeting. Jim inquired that maybe the process of checking in and checking out of UMKC Homes living spaces could be simplified.

b. Plaster Free Enterprise Update

At the October meeting (3) proposals were reviewed and overall goal was discussed. Bob stated that the University reviewed the different proposals and feedback from the NAC council. There were actually champions within the NAC for each of the 3 proposals which were ranked. There were also points of consistency about aesthetics and site conditions.

The proposal from McCown Gordon/ Gould Evans team was selected from the overall responses. From an aesthetic stand point people thought this was not the best of the 3, but they did score the team high for site conditions, building organization and more parking. The interior of the project would work for the large lobby with lots of glass and a nice balcony. It was felt that the modern look fits in that spot and goes well with Russell Stover.

It was mentioned in the last meeting that the Governor withheld \$2.3M for the \$7.4M in total State funding of the project. That is still the status and there is no plan to build the facility until that funding is restored.

c. NAC Meeting Schedule 2017

NAC member's discussed going to a bi-monthly meeting schedule for 2017 with the options for calling a meeting during the off month if necessary. It was expressed that an every other month meeting should be scheduled to be an hour and a half. Jason mentioned that it would be preferable if the schedule started so that a meeting is in August to have the opportunity to address any concerns for move in day. It was agreed that email could be distribute for general updates and NAC members or UMKC could call a meeting with a 10 day notice.

Bruce captured the following from the discussion at the December 7, 2016 Meeting

1. Frequency of Meeting: Bi-Monthly
2. Calling a meeting
3. Length of Meeting 1 ½ hours
4. What about the Aug and February meetings since they are times when the students come back for the semester.
5. Is it possible to have a Digital Update of important items on those off months? (Or possibly "as needed" even)

Who calls a meeting (on those off months)?

1. University
2. NAC Members
 - a. Three options were discussed for criteria:
 - 6 / 9 members agree to call the meeting
 - 60% of filled seats (round up) – 2 votes
 - Majority of Filled Seats – 5 votes
 - b. Finalized 6 out of 9 will vote to call a meeting

Process to call a meeting by NAC

1. NAC member(s) will request UMKC to email NAC members requesting a meeting
2. Must have 2 business days to respond to email request for meeting – (48 hrs.)
3. Vote must be completed no less than 10 business days prior to the proposed meeting date (send request to Dee)
4. Vote is by emailed responses to request

4. New Business

Dee reported the UM System legislative priorities for 2017. In total, UM System requests \$491 million in core funding:

- \$465 million in core operations as a single appropriation line for the UM System in order to fulfill our statewide mission.
- \$3.8 million restoration of the cut from last year's budget to enable the UM System to continue providing shared services to the campuses at a lower cost.

- \$22.4 million in performance funding to recognize that the UM System met all five performance measures this year.

There are (3) UMKC priority projects we will focus on:

UMKC Free Enterprise Center 50-50 project (\$7.4M)

UMKC Spencer Hall and SBS, Phase 2 (\$31.8M)

UMKC Downtown Conservatory of Music and Dance (\$48M match) a 50/50 match program.

There are renderings of the Downtown Conservatory of Music and Dance in the back of the room for your review. We are not sure what will be on the Governors priority list so there are no predictions. The legislative session begins January 4, 2017.

Freshman legislators were in Kansas City on tour. They had the opportunity to tour the current Olson PAC facility and the proposed site downtown.

The Kansas City delegation has (4) new freshman legislators and we have started building those relationships.

Legislative Day is February 28th, where constituents are welcome to go to Jefferson City. We have a training session that provides information about the schedule for the day. The training will also give constituents tips on how to have conversations with legislators and advocate for the system priorities. Dee will send a follow up email notice with details.

5. Announcements

Bruce mentioned that the website is up and running and that more materials are being added all the time. Dee announced that the Department of Communications is assisting with populating the website, to make it easier to search. We have not loaded any information in the members section of the site. When that occurs NAC members will receive an email with instructions and the password to access the information.

6. Public Comment

Ken Spare shared several comments where he had noted improvement:

- UMKC is addressing deteriorating roof valleys in the property across the street from him.
- UMKC is addressing peeling paint on homes at 53rd and Rockhill, although he is not sure how they will address the cracking stucco on one of the homes.
- UMKC Homes/ Cohen Esrey are bagging and removing leaves and not just blowing them into the street.

The next meeting is February 1, 2017

Meeting adjourned (6:58pm)

Submitted by Dee Evans