**UMKC**

**Neighborhood Advisory Council**

**February 1, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Facilitated by Dee Evans/Bruce A Chladny**

**NAC Members in Attendance**

Kathleen Arthur

Les Cline

Pat Gallagher

Martha Hogerty

Renee Neades

Jason Pryor

Ben Randall

Terry Rodeghier

Jim Wanser

**NAC Members Not in Attendance**

Doug Ghertner

Navya Sane

**UMKC Staff in Attendance**

Michael Bongartz

Dee Evans

Troy Lillebo

Sharon Lindenbaum

John Martellaro

Angela McDonald

Bob Simmons

Dr. Jeff Traiger

**Public in Attendance**

Joshua Boehm (Presenter)

Natasha Derrington

James Huss (UMKC Homes, Cohen Esrey)

Meeting Convened at 6:00 pm

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Bruce open with an ice breaker and each attendee introduced themselves and gave their best memory of the holidays.

Bruce also indicated that there was an addition to the agenda. John Martellaro, Director of Media Relations will give an update and answer questions about the effects of the travel ban on UMKC staff and students as a result of the executive order issued by the President of the United States.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Bob acknowledged that he had not included the UMKC Homes Budget Report for the second quarter with the consent agenda items. The report was made available at the meeting for attendees to review. Renee Neades asked if NAC members had questions about the report if they should be directed to Bob at a later time. Bob agreed that he would be happy to answer any questions. The report will be posted on the NAC website under the resources tab.

Les Cline made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the UMKC Homes Budget Report, The Motion was second by Jason Pryor. The Motion to approve the consent agenda as changed passed unanimously.

Next, John Martellaro was introduced. He stated: “The University shares your deep concerns and is working to understand the meaning and impact of this executive order on our campus community and beyond. The situation remains fluid and we will continue to monitor it closely, and update you as the situation warrants. Currently, the university only knows of one student that has been impacted. A pharmacy student is stranded in her native country and her family was interviewed on television.” There were no further questions about the situation from NAC members.

Kathleen Arthur asked about the announced State budget cuts impact to UMKC. Vice Chancellor Sharon Lindenbaum indicated that the operating budget impacts were still being evaluated and that the Plaster Free Enterprise Center remains on hold due to the original and additional budget withholdings.

1. **Old Business**
   1. **UMKC Homes and Tenant Relations**

Jeff Traiger indicated that Navya Sane met with the Associate Dean of Multicultural Student Affairs Tiffany Williams, himself and other UMKC staff. It was determined that a UMKC Homes Tenant Council would be formed to give tenants the opportunity to express their concerns. In addition, UMKC will work to implement a class with the International Student Affairs Office for tenants to learn more about living in the neighborhood in a UMKC Home. Angela McDonald and Tiffany Williams will carry out the details of forming the UMKC Homes Tenant Council. Jeff will work directly with Navya to resolve the issue surrounding deposits that have not been received by students.

Bob announced that James Huss, Cohen Esrey Property Manager with UMKC Homes will be leaving and Kristen Doppelt, the Cohen Esrey District Manager will serve as interim Manager for UMKC Homes. Bob thanked James for his strong management of UMKC Homes in his time with us.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Troost Avenue Project Development – RFQ Draft**

Bob presented the UMKC Request for Qualifications for the proposed redevelopment of the property in the 5300 – 5400 blocks of Troost Avenue Copies of the draft RFQ were distributed to NAC members with the facilitated meeting notes from the May 4, 2016 NAC meeting. Results of the four (4) questions posed then were discussed. 1) Mixed-use development: Vertical mixed-use vs horizontal mixed-use; 2) Density: Comfort with 1,2,3,4 or 5 story development; 3) Housing Types: Apartment, Townhouses, Live/work, live/work/play; 4) Retail and Services: what does the community need?

Bob presented visual images of the surrounding area, a summary of current zoning and criteria through KCMO and the current Rockhurst University Master Plan as approved. He also shared a draft copy of excerpts from the draft RFP and drew particular attention to the Exhibit C/ Prohibited Uses. This will be a land lease project. The final Draft will be distributed to the NAC members before it is sent out.

Renee Neades with 49/63 neighborhoods expressed concern about three story height and zoning and asked whether there were any concessions for the neighborhood for this height as Rockhurst had done. Renee also noted that the Prohibited Uses would prohibit much of what currently exists on Troost in this area and stated that was a positive. Bob asked the NAC to share any other comments on the draft RFP within the next couple of weeks if possible.

It was noted by Jason Pryor that the current tenant (Ray) at Mike’s Tavern would like to be in conversation on what’s happening. Bob has had a discussion with the owner of the ground that Mike’s is located on, but agreed to follow up with Ray as well. Jason provided Bob with Ray’s contact information. Other requests included requiring adequate parking and some greenspace. The RFP will be issued within the month and reviewed over the next 3 months.

* 1. **A Vision for UMKC (Trustees Campus Environment)**

Dee introduced Josh Boehm as a 2013 graduate of the UMKC Architecture, Urban, Planning and Design (AUP+D) program. He was also a Trustee Scholar. Josh currently works for the Jackson County Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority as a Development Manager. In 2015 one of the initiatives of the UMKC Trustees was to examine the UMKC campus environment. Their goal was to develop a vibrant and inviting campus neighborhood. An Ad-Hoc committee was formalized to focus on areas of campus that included gateways, iconic structures, general signage and green space, bike and walkability.

Josh shared with NAC members the students’ formalized plan that was presented to the Trustees in September 2016. The plan was well received by the NAC members. Trustees and UMKC staff participated in the student studio. The plan was also presented to UMKC staff to consider for the Campus Master plan. NAC members were provided a handout of the formalized plan.

Jason Pryor, owner of Pizza 51, inquired about the possibility of AUP+D students completing an urban design project sometime in the spring semester for the façade of Pizza 51. Dee will reach out to the faculty member to contact Jason.

1. **Announcements**

Dee provided details for participation on February 28th for UM System Legislative Day. This would be an opportunity for constituents to advocate for the System’s core funding and visit with state legislators. There will be a training class February 24th for those that would like to attend. The bus will leave the UMKC campus at 7:00 am on February 28th to Jefferson City and return to KC around 5:00 pm. This will be a difficult year in the legislature and everyone was encouraged to attend.

1. **Public Comment (No public Comments)**

The next meeting is April 5, 2017

Meeting adjourned (7:30 pm)

Submitted by Dee Evans