



External Relations and Constituent Engagement

Neighborhood Advisory Council

UMKC Administrative Center (5115 Oak Street), Brookside Room
Wednesday, December 14
6:00-7:30 PM

Notes

Welcome

Guest Speakers

- Spire Gas
 - Spire Gas will be replacing a pipeline along Oak Street from 47th to 50th Street. The project will start in early January and should be completed in July. The existing pipe will remain in the ground and will be replaced by a 12" pipe. After the completion of this phase of the project, additional work will continue that will run along Cherry and into the UMKC Campus. The project will likely shut down the northbound lane in 1,000 foot segments. There should be no closure of the southbound lanes.
 - Questions or concerns can be sent to Clarence Moran at 816-509.6360, clarence.moran@spireenergy.com or Andrew Johnson at 816-500-9626, Andrew.johnson@spireenergy.com
- Petra Kralickova, Executive Director, National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
 - The Toy and Miniature Museum has offered NAC Members a free admission and encourages neighborhood attendance. They are fully reopened after COVID. Petra solicited ideas for increased community attendance. Ideas presented included encouraging use of the public spaces in the mansion hall, working to be featured on the local news, and increasing promotional opportunities for families. Several neighborhoods offered to help promote the space in their neighborhood communications
- Katie Meyer, Transportation Policy Strategist, Burns & McDonnell / KC Streetcar
 - The construction near the south terminus is almost completed. Within the next 2-3 weeks construction crews will be leaving the area. There is one final piece of the project that will necessitate the closing of the northbound lanes but will only take about 1 week. Once that happens, more rail will be delivered and stored. After that, there should be little activity through March.
 - Overall, track construction is at 26% complete and OCS pole Construction is at 11%. They are working to not close major intersections, but on occasion the work requires it.
 - The next Main Street Meet Up is scheduled for 12/15 at Shop Local KC. The January event will be held at Uptown Lounge
 - Questions or concerns should be directed to info@buildkcstreetcar.com. Or the hotline at 816-337-1013
- Sean Ackerson, Troost Avenue Updates
 - The Southtown Council was established in 2013 and works to advocate for participating businesses. They offer services including weekly trash removal and

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graffiti abatement, along with maintenance of shared spaces and provide 40 hours of paid security within the Troost Ave District each week.

- Sean shared updates on some of the new businesses in the district. They can be found in his presentation materials.
- He also shared that they are in the process of applying for \$2M in ARPA funds for façade upgrades and are working to find replacement options for the broken glass panels on the bridge just north of MLK. Additionally, they continue to advocate for changes regarding Bob's N Motion as violence continues to remain a problem.
- Jim asked if there were any updates on the abandoned Burger King and CVS. Sean shared that they are actively working with the owners of those properties but has no active updates to share.
- Troy shared updates on the rezoning and redevelopment requests presented for 5220 Troost. Over the last several months UMKC has been working with a variety of neighborhood organizations including 49/63, Rockhill Crest, Rockhurst University, The Southtown Council, and the local parish in opposition to these requests. Overtime it came to light that the developers wanted to place a 65 bed residential lockdown drug detox center in the space. The community group felt that this location, so close to the universities, churches, and the other services-like daycare, was not the correct use of the space. As of earlier this week the developer had asked to have their application held and will be returning to the issue at some point in the new year.

University Updates

- Community Engagement Updates
 - Neighborhood Mailing and Newsletter
 - The university will be launching a new digital neighborhood newsletter early in 2023. They will be mailing 7,000 postcards to the residential addresses in the neighborhoods to encourage sign up via a QR Code. Nate asked for assistance in sharing the digital version of that image with the neighborhoods respective mailing lists to secure as many subscriptions as possible. The content of the newsletter will be tailored to issues and subjects relevant to those that live nearby the university.
 - NAC Terms and Council Member Appreciation
 - Thank you gifts were given to the members whose terms are expiring. Those members are:
 - Jason, At Large- Business
 - Alicia, At Large, Rockhurst
 - Laura, Southmoreland
 - Carolyn, Troost Plateau
 - Eddie, Crestwood
 - Jim, Rockhill Homes
 - Applications for those seats are currently open and will be accepted through January 9th.

Standard Reports **Housing and Police Reports provided in separate documents*

There were no questions or comments on the reports other than Martha noting that it was good to see occupancy back up near 90%



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Neighborhood Announcements/Events

None

Public Comments

None

Looking Ahead:

- January 9, 2023- NAC Applications Due
- February 8- NAC Appointments Announced
- March 8, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting
- June 14, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting
- September 13, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting
- December 12, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting

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