



External Relations & Constituent Engagement

Neighborhood Advisory Council

UMKC Administrative Center (5115 Oak Street), Plaza Room
Wednesday, March 9th
6:00-7:30 PM

NOTES

In Attendance: Nate Addington(UMKC), Troy Lillebo (UMKC), Sean Reeder (UMKC), Bill Haverly(UMKC), Wendy Chrostek (COR), Natasha Kirsch(Pawsperity), Katie Meyer (KC Streetcar), Doug Ghertner(NAC), Martha Hogerty(NAC), Kate Smith(NAC), Alicia Douglass(NAC), Jason Pryor(NAC), Michael Bongartz(UMKC), Forest Decker(NAC), Jim Wanser(NAC), Kelly Sisney (COR), Ken Spare (Community).

Welcome/ Introductions

- NAC Appointments/Re-appointments through 12/31/2024 Announced:
 - Laura Burkhalter, Southmoreland
 - Eddie James, Crestwood
 - Jim Wanser, Rockhill Homes
 - Jason Pryor, At-Large Business
 - Alicia Douglas, At-Large Rockhurst University
 - Forest Decker, At-Large, KCMO
 - VACANT- Troost Plateau. This seat is currently vacant and Nate encouraged anyone with contacts in the neighborhood to share information with those that might be interested. The neighborhood boundaries are Troost to Paseo and just south of Rockhurst to 59th street.

Guest Speakers

- Kelly Sisney and Wendy Chrostek, Church of the Resurrection
 - Church of the Resurrection has moved in at 5144 Oak Street as of 12/18. Wendy highlighted some of their programs which included Truck or Treat, an Easter Egg Hunt, A Vacation Bible School, and a Christmas Event. They are currently undergoing renovations of the space but are still offering services. They offer modern and traditional services, both of which offer a children's ministry starting at 6 weeks old. They recently hosted a food drive, all of which came to the Roo Pantry here at UMKC. Find out more at www.cor.org/brookside
 - wendy.chrostek@cor.org
 - kelly.sisney@cor.org
- Natasha Kirsch, Pawsperity
 - Pawsperity has opened their new location at 5805 Troost Ave. They are a nonprofit that works to lift women out of poverty by teaching them dog grooming skills while providing wrap around services. Graduates earn on average 40K upon graduation but some earned up to 90K and even opened their own businesses. They are actively looking for new clients that wish to have their dog groomed or to be clients of their new doggy

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daycare and boarding services. The public is invited to come see the new building and are encouraged to share information with those that may be interested.

- nkirsch@epeckc.org
- Katie Meyer, Transportation Policy Strategist, Burns & McDonnell / KC Streetcar
 - The Remaining Rail has been delivered and is being welded together. The remaining rail remains in the staging area behind Russel Stover. The Trolley Track Trail will close for about a week this spring to allow work on ADA ramps. During that time there will be detour signs. Actual track construction will start in our neighborhood around August. 24% of the track has been installed with installation currently happening between Armour and 41st.
 - Jason asked if Spire and the Streetcar are in communication to limit road closures. Katie let us know that there is a construction manager that leads meetings each week. The streetcar will not start construction until Spire is gone. Nate will provide Jason the contact information or Jason.
 - kjmeyer@burnsmcd.com

University Updates

- Community Engagement Updates
 - Meeting Times
 - Future NAC Meetings will continue to be hybrid but will move to 5:30 PM. UMKC will continue to offer a light dinner, likely of pizza. Nate will update the calendar invites.
 - UMKC Neighborhood News
 - The first edition of the UMKC Neighborhood news was sent on 2/23. If you signed up and did not receive it, please check your spam filters. We had a great response to the postcards, with nearly 300 sign ups and more continuing to come in. Nate asked each neighborhood to forward the newsletter to their listserv to continue publicizing its creation. The next edition will come out in April, an approximate bi-monthly distribution following.
- Facilities Updates
 - 51st Street
 - UMKC and the Linda Hall Library have reached an agreement on the closure of a section of 51st Street between Cherry Street and Rockhill Road for public use. And are now seeking approval from the city to move forward. This change would convert portions of Holmes Street and E. 52nd Street from one-way to two-way operation to facilitate traffic with the closure of 51st Street. The plan to vacate 51st Street was included in the **2021 UMKC Campus Master Plan** and our previous Master Plan. Troy hopes that the process is complete by the start of the fall semester.

- Health Science District
 - UMKC has received \$40 million from the State of Missouri and an additional \$30 Million from the Sunderland Foundation and \$15 Million from the Hall family foundation for the **new interprofessional health sciences building** in the UMKC Health Sciences District. This state-of-the-art facility will house many community facing and serving centers including the new dental teaching clinics and the Health Equity Institute as well as expanded medical school teaching facilities, a home for the university's Data Science and Analytics Innovation Center and Biomedical Engineering program. The multi-story building is estimated to cost at least \$120 million .

Standard Reports *Housing and Police Reports provided in separate documents

- No Comments other than a clarification on a term used in the report.

Neighborhood Announcements/Public Comments

- Rockhurst will be hosting an environmental justice symposium. Alicia will provide Nate with details to send to the group.
- Troostwood will be hosting a meet the candidates event this Saturday with various candidates running for city council. Expected attendance include the 5th district candidates and nearly every at-large candidate running.
- South Plaza continues to work on securing funding to repair the retaining wall along Brookside Ave.
- Jason mentioned that the Plaza is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. They are interested in securing the help of a UMKC Intern to help with advertising and Marketing.
- Russel Stover is also celebrating its anniversary but is having difficulty receiving approval to display their banner due to a zoning change. UMKC has written a letter on their behalf.
- Jason pointed out that the sidewalks leading into the alley behind pizza 51 are crumbling and pose a hazard. UMKC will reach out to the city about fixing the issues as quickly as possible.

Adjourn

Looking Ahead:

- April 14, 2023- UMKC Night at the K
- April 20, Next UMKC Neighborhood News Sent (may move up to allow time for information on UMKC Culture Fest)
- June 14, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting
- September 13, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting
- December 12, 2023- Quarterly NAC Meeting