



## 2021 Community Engagement Neighborhood Support Funds Distribution Recommendation

The initial allocation to each NIA is \$1,000 per fiscal year. Furthermore, an NIA may request additional funds by submitting a Neighborhood Improvement Support Funds application to the Community Engagement Division for funding consideration and approval by the Citizen Advisory Council. Applications will be accepted annually in January, April, and July for funding allocations in the current year.









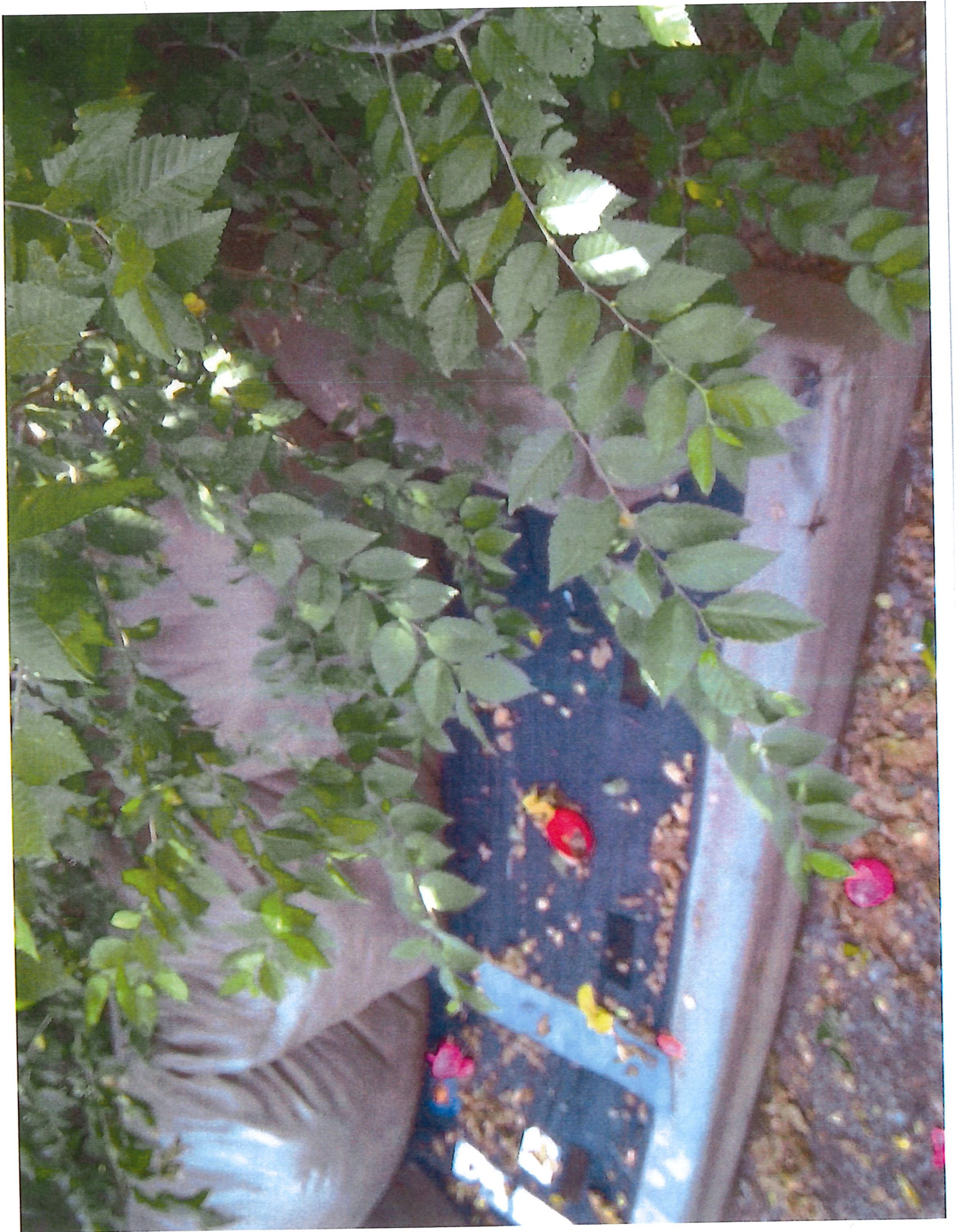










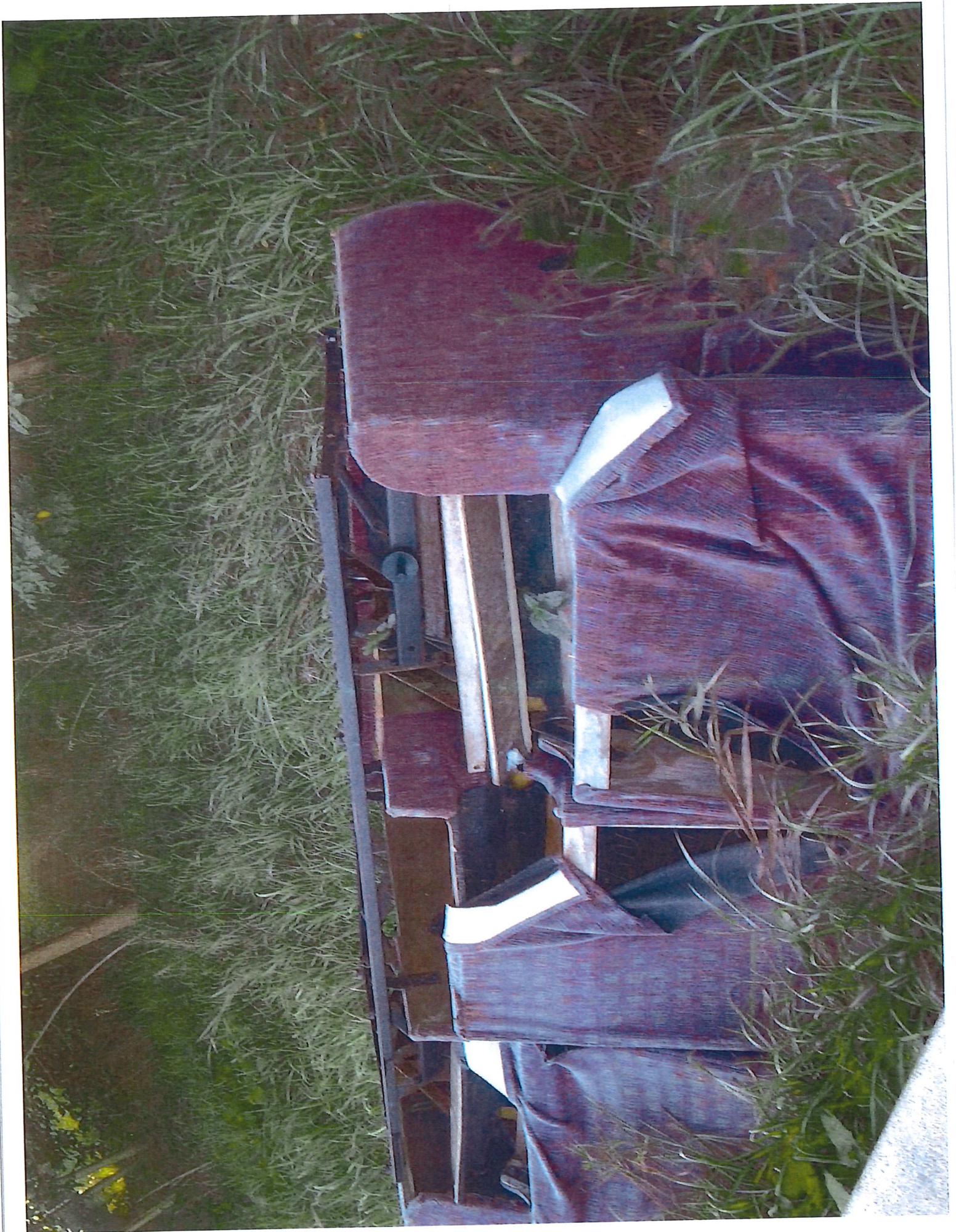




















00:35:25 Yvonne May: chp Nia Yvonne May here

00:53:43 Yvonne May: will we receive copies of this information?

00:54:02 Citizen Advisory Council 09072023: Yes.

01:02:50 Yvonne May: 🖱

01:13:24 Jill Rice: We appreciate the work you put in. Thank you!

01:50:42 Jill Rice: What is the cost per name tag? How many name tags?

01:50:59 Jill Rice: Would they be in the City of Topeka design?

01:51:38 Yvonne May: 🖱

01:52:07 Michael Bell: I'm abstaining.

01:53:17 Michael Bell: I'm not voting for anything for which I don't know the cost, no matter how small the cost.

01:53:52 Jill Rice: I agree Michael

01:55:56 Yvonne May: I would like name tags to say, besides person's name, but also the Nia the person is apart of and that person is apart of the CAC

01:57:34 Michael Bell: Or if the rep is city at large. :-)

01:57:57 ShaMecha King Simms: I'm introverted (shocker) so I abstain from input on this. 😊

01:58:50 Michael Bell: With more details, an email vote within the next 1-2 weeks?

02:00:19 Michael Bell: We already utilize electronic means with Zoom. Why would that be a problem?

02:00:56 Michael Bell: An email from community engagement might work.

02:01:47 Michael Bell: Get advice from city attorney. Otherwise this is a rush to judgment regarding allocating funds.

02:04:29 Michael Bell: Jim's on the right track.

02:08:23 Michael Bell: An electronic tool lending library, as it were?

02:09:01 Michael Bell: Same for TTNIA at Buch. Ctr.

02:12:35 Michael Bell: Yes, ShaMecha and Jill!

02:13:43 Michael Bell: It's 8:26 p.m.

02:14:13 Debra McClelland: Correct

02:14:23 Yvonne May: I like the items Laura mentioned.

02:15:00 Yvonne May: 🖱

02:15:43 Michael Bell: Yes, including the ideas discussed tonight.

02:16:24 Michael Bell: Adjust agenda for these items, please!

02:16:48 Michael Bell: Corrie and no one else!

02:17:39 Michael Bell: We rarely have enough time to dive into these issues as a body because of all the presentations.

02:18:31 Debra McClelland: special meeting - yes

02:18:34 Michael Bell: There's an inflexibility regarding our agendas that bothers me. What input do WE have?

02:18:55 Michael Bell: Yes 2 special meeting.

02:20:30 Jill Rice: Start the October meeting 1 hour early and present marketing package.

02:21:11 ShaMecha King Simms: Agreed w/Jill!

02:21:12 Michael Bell: Starting at 5:30 means we COULD have a 3-hour meeting. Yikes!

02:21:22 Yvonne May: okay 4 special meeting. will we be able to have prices for the name tags + t-shirts?

02:22:16 Michael Bell: NO to starting at 5:30.

02:23:38 Michael Bell: Dinner makes no difference to Zoom attendees.

02:24:06 Debra McClelland: It's fine for me

02:24:29 Yvonne May: Yes. 5:45

02:24:50 Yvonne May: 🖱

02:25:30 Michael Bell: Make sure its 5 mins.

02:26:11 ShaMecha King Simms: This must be a handout?

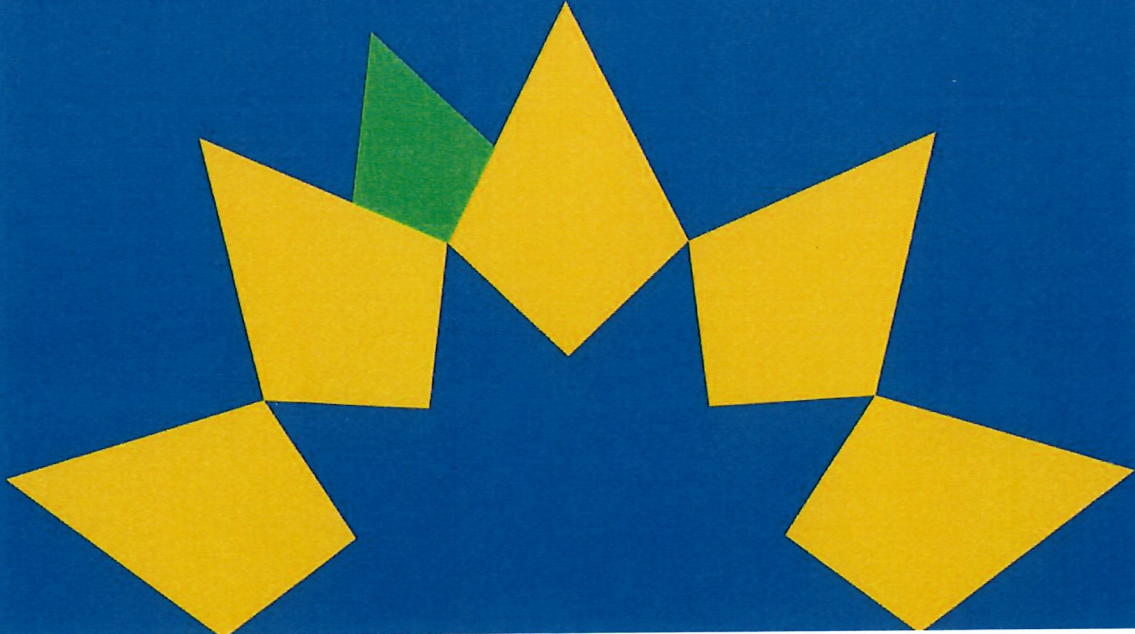
02:27:07 Michael Bell: So much of the "business" we conduct could be handled through handouts and online posts. Sigh.

02:28:02 ShaMecha King Simms: It's "family quality time" :0D In this case "family" is the cast of characters we call the CAC :0D

02:28:36 Michael Bell: 🖱

02:29:00 Yvonne May: 😊

02:30:09 Yvonne May: yay



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# Safety

Citizens Advisory Council  
September 7, 2022

# | Topics for Time Together

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- 1 | Rights within easements**
- 2 | Expectation of Privacy for Homeowners**
- 3 | Neighborhood Issues**



## Rights within Easements

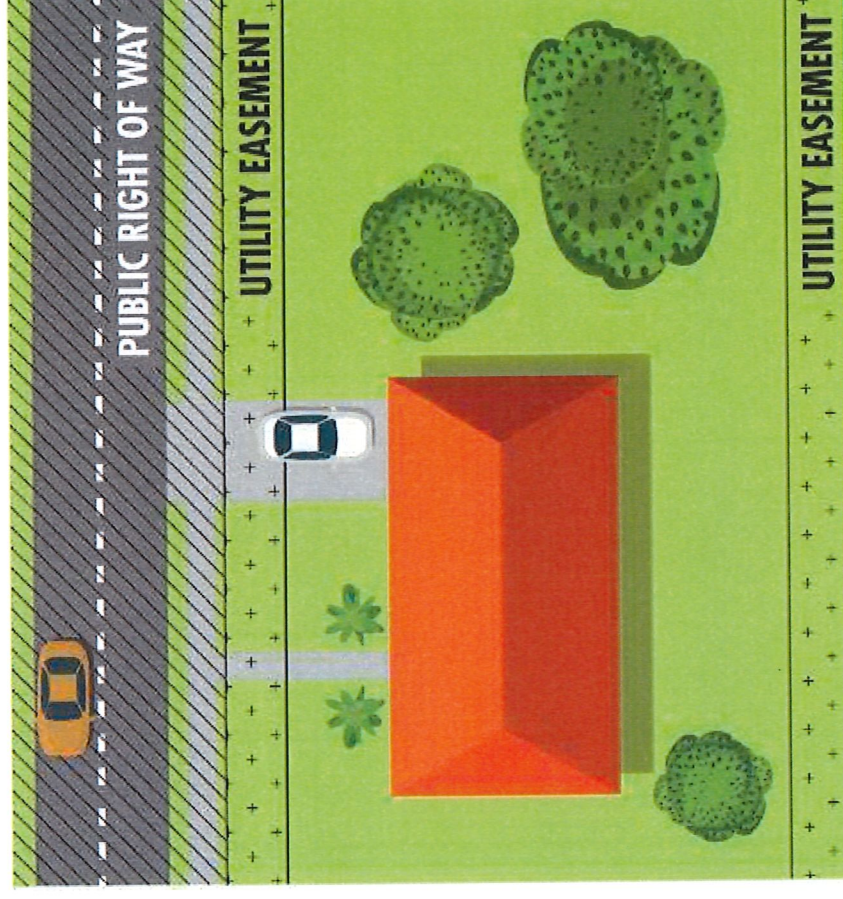
### Easement:

- A right to cross or otherwise use
- someone else's land for a specific purpose
- Most common is utility easement

Land belongs to property owner and property owner is expected to maintain this area

Utilities can access when needed

- Typically 15' wide



# Easements

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## 18.40.120 Easements Required

<https://topeka.municipal.codes/TMC/18.40.120>

- Property owners cannot place any permanent/semi permanent obstruction in these utility easements that would interfere with access or egress of maintenance vehicles or equipment- the city can removed with obligation to the owner for replacement- and cost of removal is at the property owners expense





# Easements

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## Picketing religious events

9.45.140 <https://topeka.municipal.codes/TMC/9.45.140>

30 min prior-30 min after event on public property

- Sidewalk adjoining property
- Street adjoining or adjacent to property
- Public area between property and adjoining street to include curb, drainage, easement, public property within 50 ft of property line.



## Expectation of Privacy

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Constitution provides within the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment :

- The Fourth Amendment protects people from warrantless searches of places or seizures of persons or objects, in which they have an subjective expectation of privacy that is deemed reasonable in public norms.



# Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

By using proper design and effective use of the built environment this can lead to a reduction in the fear and incident of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. (CPTED)



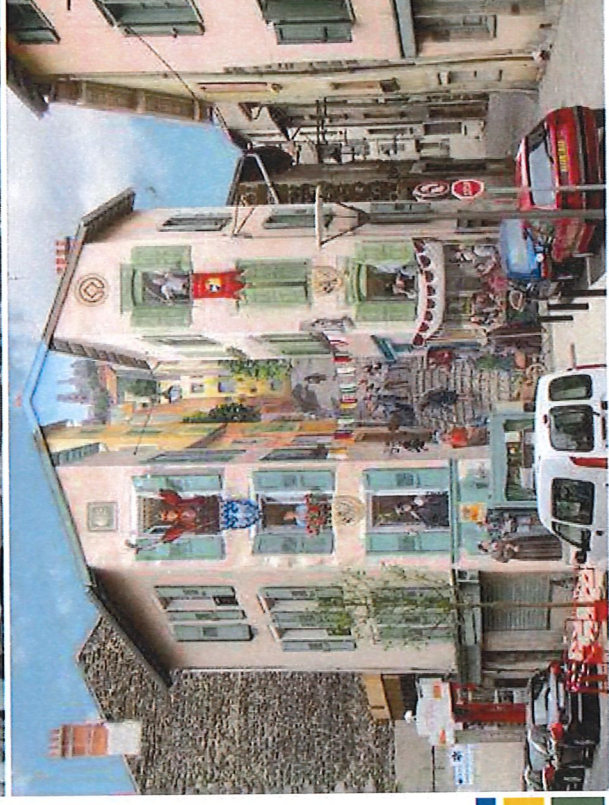
# CPTED

## Three Areas

- Surveillance
- Access Control
- Territoriality

## Three strategies

- Organized
- Mechanical
- Natural

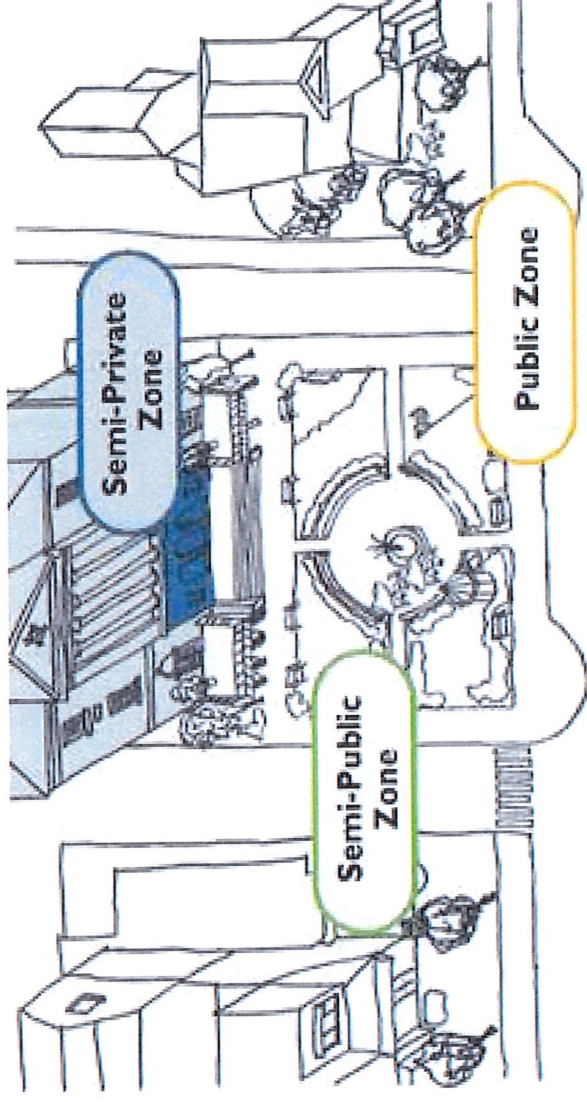


<https://designyoutrust.com/2019/02/before-and-after-photos-show-the-power-of-art-to-transform-boring-buildings/>



# CPTED Territoriality

Public  
Semi Public  
Semi Private  
Private  
Curtilage-  
area of land attached  
to a house and forming  
one enclosure with it.



# Expectation of Privacy

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## Curtilage- 4<sup>th</sup> amendment

- What is curtilage to a residence?
  - Proximity of the area
  - Whether the area is included within an enclosure surrounding the home
  - The nature of the uses to which the area is put
  - The steps taken by the resident to protect the area from observation by people passing by



## Expectation of Privacy

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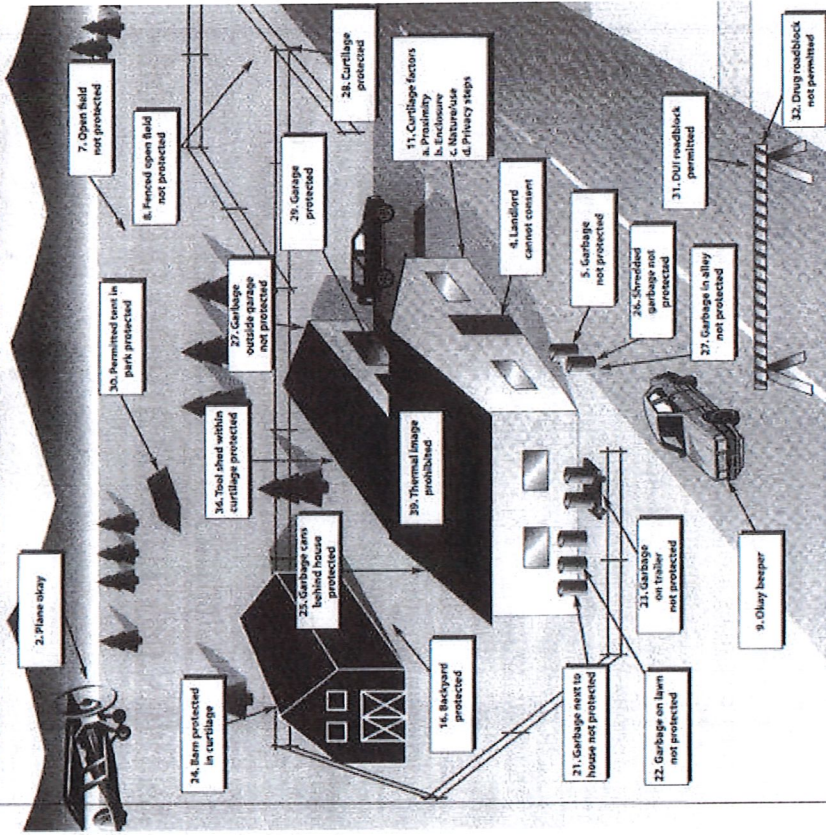
4<sup>th</sup> amendment applies to residents, overnight guests and social guests

<https://www.kscourts.org/KSCourts/media/KsCourts/Opinions/107596.pdf?ext=.pdf>

State of Kansas vs Cyrus a Talkington



# Boundaries of the Fourth Amendment:



**P**roplex, homes for motel rooms or RVs) may still be their castles for Fourth Amendment purposes; but the courts, as legal realtors, have parceled out prime privacy property over the years. This subdivision of the Fourth Amendment has now shrunk what were expansive contours of one's private property, homestead, and curtilage to a small plot, necessarily fenced or walled. Indeed, the constitutional barricades protecting home privacy impressively has been breached with warrantless exceptions.

by Jon M. Sands & Robyn Greenberg Varcoe, illustration by Shirley Lin





## Neighborhood Issues

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Safe Streets mediation services- 785-266-8666

### Tactical communication

- De-escalate- police are 3<sup>rd</sup> party- neutral
- Look for motivation to come to solution
- From emotion/to reason



## Community Crime Map for neighborhood reported issues

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<https://communitycrimemap.com/>

Shows reported crimes- can filter for timeframe, areas buffer, crimes and display differing data grids



Questions?

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FUNDS BUDGET REPORTS

Support funds are provided by the City of Topeka Division of Community Engagement through the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Federal regulations permit the City of Topeka to enact policies in accordance with federal HUD guidelines. The following table includes items that are permissible and items that are restricted from federal funding use.

> **\$47,167.06**

<https://www.topeka.org/citymanager/neighborhood-association-information/neighborhood-improvement-association-support-fund-budget-reports/>

## BLIGHT

The Inmate Crew removes illegally dumped blight out of the streets, alleys and right-of-ways in twenty-one Neighborhood Improvement Associations.

> **35.25 TONS**

## TSC GET DIGITAL

The Topeka and Shawnee County Get Digital program provides affordable and equitable access to computer and internet equipment and services, along with technical support, training opportunities, and digital literacy services for low and moderate-income individuals and families. Through community collaboration and partnership, the program focuses on strategies and investments to create opportunities that help to reduce barriers to technology access and use with the overall goal of ensuring that all Topeka and Shawnee County residents and neighborhoods have the equipment and services needed for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to other essential health and human services.

> **DISTRIBUTED 427 COMPUTERS  
INTO THE COMMUNITY**  
> **73 DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING  
PARTICIPANTS**

## CHANGING OUR CULTURE OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Program Goals – Improve the quality of structures and premises in Topeka, Kansas so that structures and premises violations are then exception rather than the rule. Owners are motivated to take care of properties before City Departments are event called.

<https://www.topeka.org/citycouncil/changing-our-culture-of-property-maintenance/>

> **38 INQUIRIES**  
(AS OF 09/06/22)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE BAGS

The Community Resource Bag is a printed version of local community resource information to give a quick view of helping agencies you are mostly liked to need when helping yourself or someone else. We probably haven't captured everything, but our team is working hard to constantly improve the information by adding verified community programming on a weekly basis.

If you are interested in obtaining resource bags for your agency/organization please contact Monique Glaude at [mjglaude@topeka.org](mailto:mjglaude@topeka.org) or 785-368-4470.

> **2,250 BAGS DISTRIBUTED**

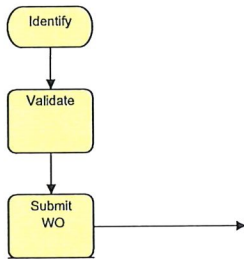
## NEXTDOOR POSTS

City of Topeka and community partner resource information posted for distribution throughout the community.

> **42,075 IMPRESSIONS**

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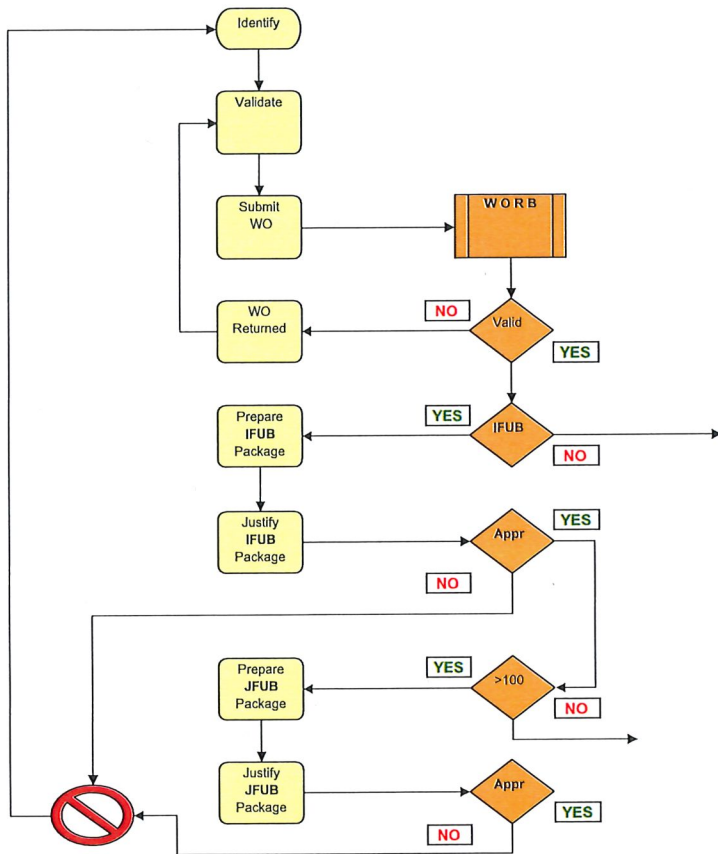
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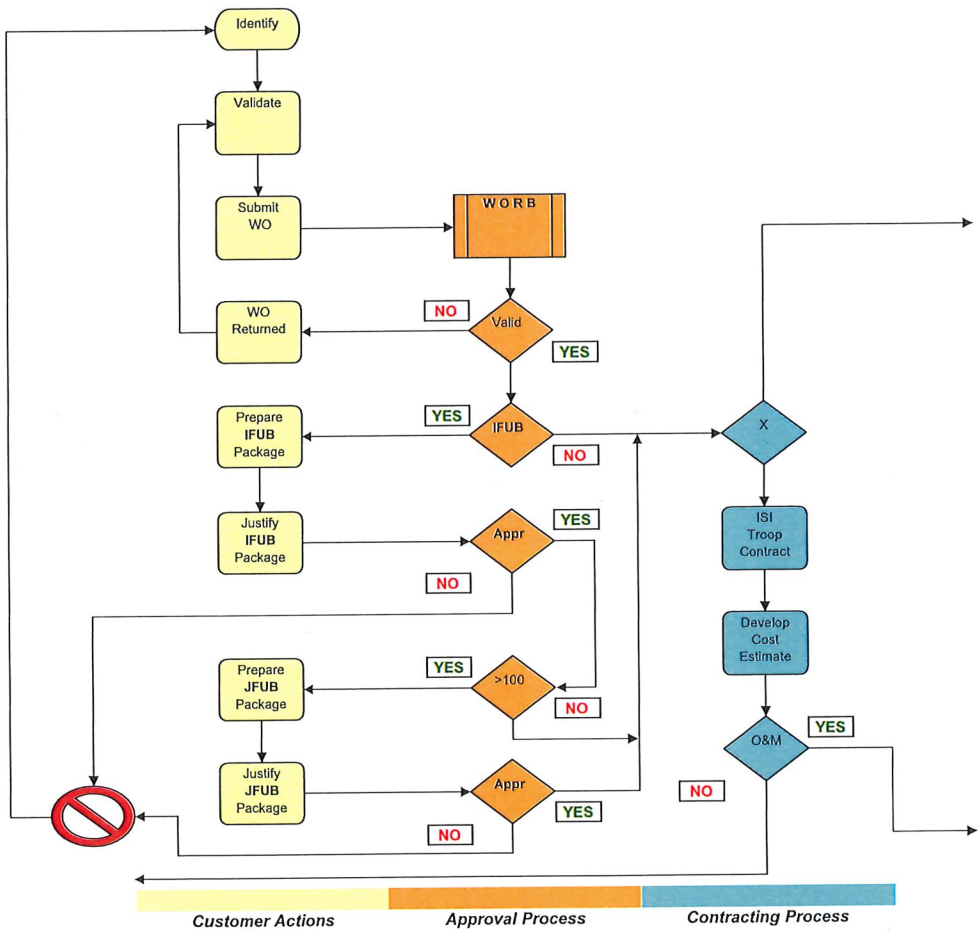
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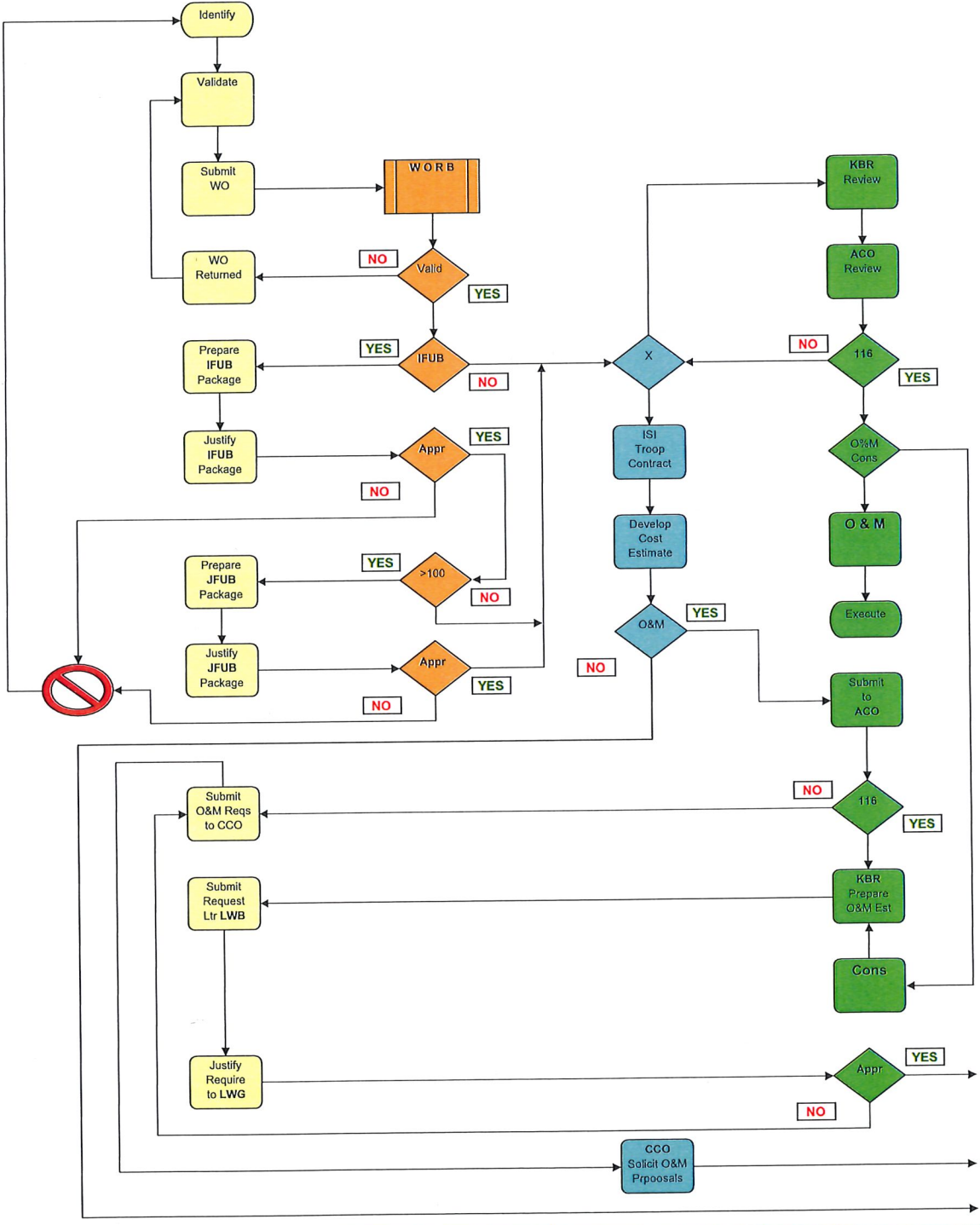
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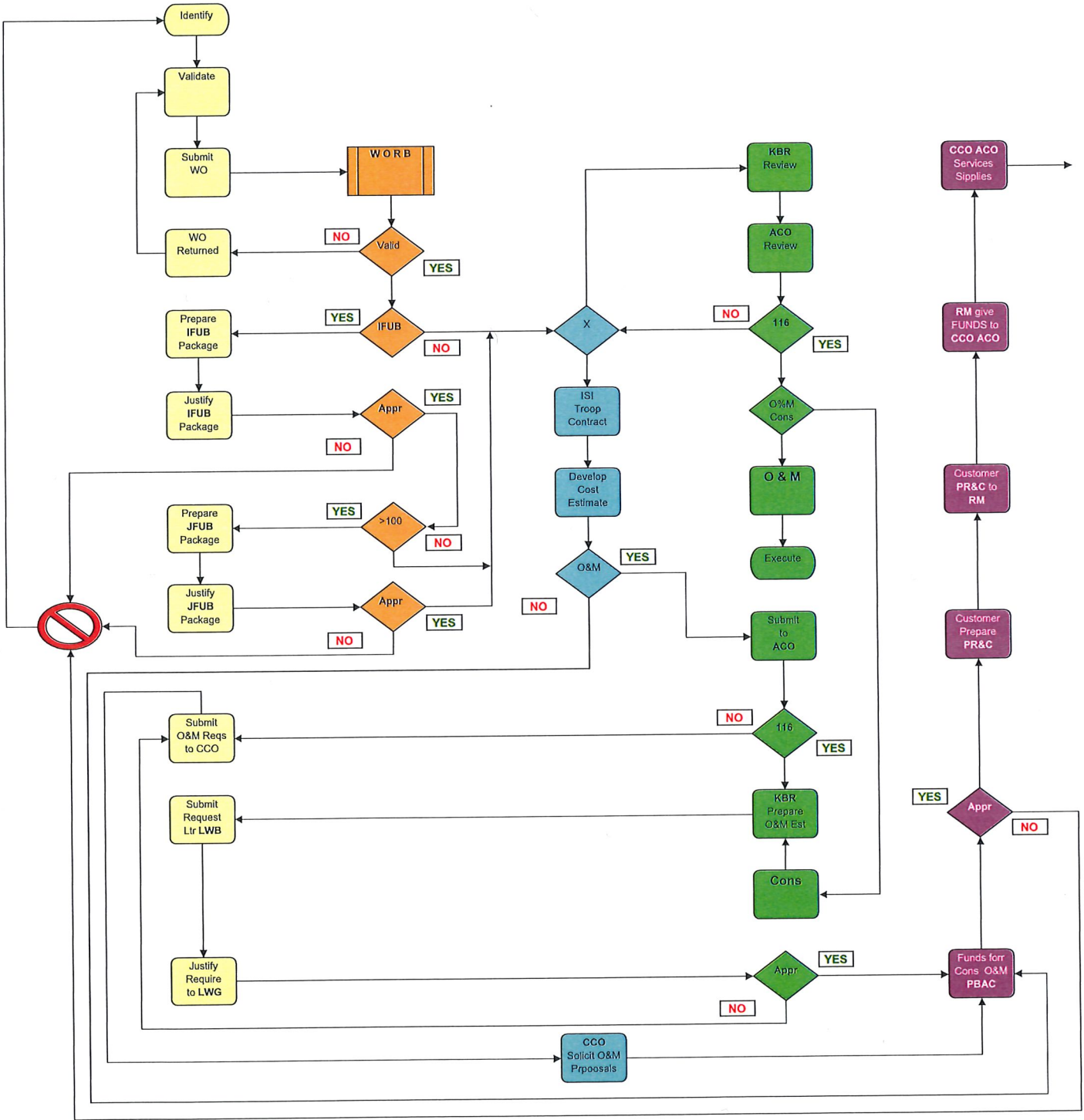
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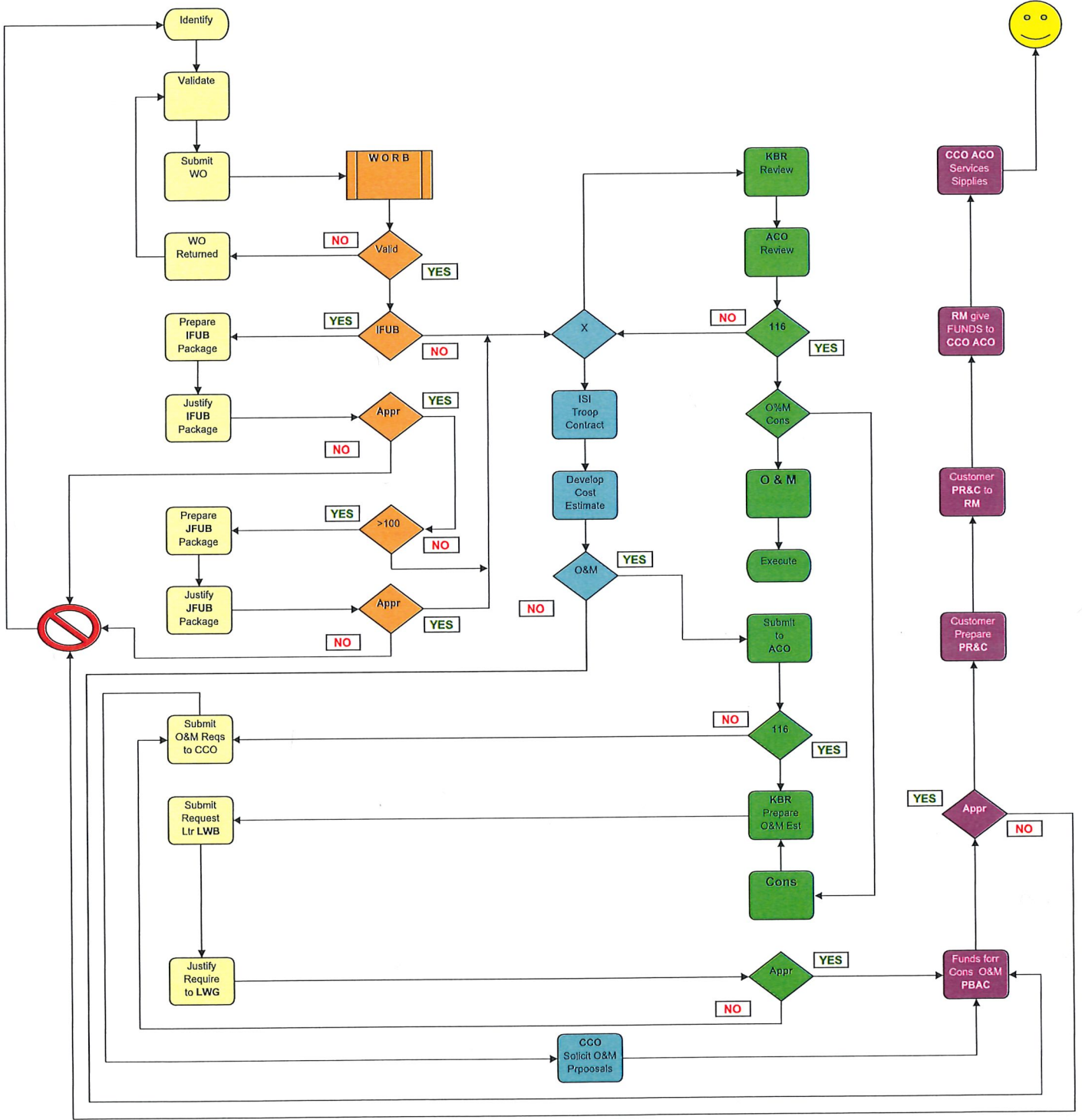


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