



Community Engagement  
Cyrus K. Holliday Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
620 SE Madison Street

**City of Topeka**  
**CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87092189595?pwd=VGlxRHZVSVPiIbi9PSTZHaWFsMU5Zdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9218 9595

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6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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**Citizen Advisory Council Vision Statement:** *“A community of neighborhoods illuminating collaborative models to foster harmonious and balanced neighborhood communities.”*

**Citizen Advisory Council Mission Statement:** *“The Citizen Advisory Council is a community of neighborhoods organized to forge available resources to empower, rebuild, and revitalize areas within the city of Topeka.”*

**I. CALL TO ORDER ( 5 minutes)**

ShaMecha King Simms, *Citizen Advisory Council Chair*

- A. Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes (2 minute)
- B. Adopt October 2023 Agenda (2 minute)

**II. PRESENTATIONS (30 minutes)**

- A. Con Plan, Carrie Higgins, *Interim Director, Housing Services*

**III. STAFF UPDATES (5 minutes)**

- A. Community Engagement Division Status & Program Update

**IV. CAC UPDATES (25 minutes)**

- A. Poverty Simulation/Panel
- B. PROPS Official NIA
- C. 2022 Infrastructure Work Group Presentation to City Council

**V. ACTION ITEMS (20 minutes)**

- A. Date of Housing Services/United Way of Kaw Valley Homelessness Listening Partnership
- B. 2022 Infrastructure Work Group Presentation to City Council – VOTE for Community Engagement staff to make the request to have this item presented before the end of 2023.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (40 minutes)**

- A. Complete Streets Advisory Council-sponsored 12th Street Walking Audit Opportunity
- B. Build Kansas Fund Infrastructure Matching Dollars Opportunity
- C. State of The Community Event, November 9, 2023
- D. 2024 Citizen Advisory Council Meetings at City Hall
- E. Standardizing NIA Mailings
- F. December CAC Meeting Options and Recognitions

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)**

- A. **DREAMS 3 Scoring Workshop - Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Menninger Room 206, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sign Up by October 6th: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VVZ3DJH>
- B. **2023 Topeka Public Schools College and Career Day Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Topeka Center For Advanced Learning & Careers -8:00 AM - 11:30 AM \*Hosting a booth
- C. **The League of Women Voters of Topeka, Shawnee County Topeka City Council Candidates: Meet & Greet Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library -5:30 PM
- D. **Hi-Crest NIA Candidate Forum - Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
CRC-Avondale East -6:00 PM
- E. **Poverty Simulation - Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
The Beacon Event Center, Noon-5:00 PM, Free lunch provided for volunteers and participants

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)**

- A. Open Floor Dialogue (15 minutes or until 8:00 p.m.)
- B. Next Meeting – November 1, 2023