

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In Person: Holliday Conference Room, 1st Floor, 620 SE Madison Ave and via Zoom

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.”*

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTIONS OR DECISIONS	PRESENTER/RESPONSIBLE
I. CALL TO ORDER	ShaMecha asked meeting attendees to enter their names and represented neighborhoods or organizations on the sign-up sheet or use the chat feature in Zoom.	The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.	ShaMecha King Simms <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
	<p>A. Approval of April 2023. Call for additions or edits Chair hearing no correction asked for a motion to approve: Motion to approve: Michael Bell Second: Susan McClacherty Motion carries</p> <p>B. Adopt May 2023 agenda</p>		ShaMecha King Simms <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>

<p>II. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:</p>	<p>Social Entrepreneurship Test Project Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to grow a project with the \$3,000 seed money to help with any gaps in the neighborhood • Identify gaps in community • Where are the gaps are in your community? • How long has the gap been there? • How project will improve your community • Will need a budget, assistance is available • Grantees will identify 3 communities to distribute the \$3,000 grants – projects should cover: Social, Cultural and Environment Issues 	<p>See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation</p>	<p>Glenda Washington, Greater Topeka Partnership, Chief Equity & Opportunity Officer & Washburn University School of Business Nadia Arbelo, M. ED, ABD, Assistant Director America’s SBDC Kansas</p>
	<p>COT Land Bank Ordinance Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced a plan to implement a land bank program to rehabilitate residential properties. • A land bank’s sole purpose would be to acquire and repurpose foreclosed, vacant and abandoned properties – and turn them into affordable housing. • The proposal is posted on the past council’s agendas • Landbank allows the city to acquire abandoned property 	<p>See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation</p>	<p>Spencer Duncan City Councilmember, District 8 sduncan@topeka.org 785-207-8985</p>

	<p>Property Maintenance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff up to 80 % • Blight Issues – 3 addresses working on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 700 block of Lincoln 2. 1600-1800 block of SW Polk 3. 1400 – 1600 block of SW Western <p>Unsheltered Camps – Residents given notice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shunga Trail – 501 Property • Quincy Polk Viaduct 	<p>See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation</p> <p>Handouts were provided</p>	<p>John Schardine <i>Property Maintenance Division Director City of Topeka 785-368-3170</i></p>
<p>V. Action items</p>	<p>CAC Update</p> <p>Recognize New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaBonna Speakman – North Topeka West • Jaron Balderes – Chesney Park • Kevin Cox – Interim President for Oakland <p>Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) Refresher Video was shown</p> <p>Motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Michael Bell Call the vote: All in favor – 8 Opposed – 5 Motion passes <p>Approval of NIA additional Funding Request – Jefferson Square Moved and Seconded – motion passes</p> <p>Order of name tags for new members of CAC Moved and seconded; Motion passes</p>	<p>See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation</p>	<p>ShaMecha King Simms <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i></p>

