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 Citizen Advisory Council Chair
	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 B. Adopt May 2023 agenda		ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair

II. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:	 Social Entrepreneurship Test Project Grant 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 	See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation	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
	 COT Land Bank Ordinance Proposal 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 	See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation	Spencer Duncan City Councilmember, District 8 sduncan@topeka.org 785-207-8985

STAFF UPDATES

Community Engagement Director - Division Status Update

- Overview of Community Engagement by the numbers
- CAC June 7 meeting will be in City Hall first floor conference room because HVAC project will be going on in Holliday Building
- Changing the Culture of Property Maintenance volunteers are needed for this project
- Need people for Public Service Announcements please contact Monique if interested in participating
- Fight the Blight clean up forms on-line; opportunity for all NIAs to have an event this year
- Newsletters update print prices still waiting on Mainline to provide that information
- Walk and Talks Historic Holiday Park scheduled for June 21
- TSC Get Digital 739 desktops have been distributed

Neighborhood Projects Update

- Neighborhood Improvement Programs & Projects Handout covers DREAMS and SORT information
- A detailed report will be sent out next week
- Neighborhood Support \$4,500 -\$5,000 spent to date

SORT Projects - Additional funds added

- East Topeka North \$2.9 million
- Valley Park \$2 million

DREAM Projects 1, 2, 3

- Historic Holliday Park \$1.55 million
- Hi-Crest NIA Housing \$330.000

Monique Glaude'

Director of Community Engagement City of Topeka Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office 785-368-4470

See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation

Handouts were provided

Bianca Burnett

Sr. Community Engagement Coordinator City of Topeka Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office 785.368.3663

	Property Maintenance Update • Staff up to 80 % • Blight Issues – 3 addresses working on 1. 700 block of Lincoln 2. 1600-1800 block of SW Polk 3. 1400 – 1600 block of SW Western Unsheltered Camps – Residents given notice • Shunga Trail – 501 Property • Quincy Polk Viaduct	See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation Handouts were provided	John Schardine Property Maintenance Division Director City of Topeka 785-368-3170
V. Action items	CAC Update Recognize New Members LaBonna Speakman – North Topeka West Jaron Balderes – Chesney Park Kevin Cox – Interim President for Oakland Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) Refresher Video was shown Motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes Motion: Michael Bell Call the vote: All in favor – 8 Opposed – 5 Motion passes Approval of NIA additional Funding Request – Jefferson Square Moved and Seconded – motion passes Order of name tags for new members of CAC Moved and seconded; Motion passes	See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation	ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS	Master Calendar of NIA Events for 2023 Poverty Simulation – Role playing	See attached Video and presentation slides Q and A followed presentation	ShaMecha King Simms, Citizen Advisory Council Chair
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	 Together Topeka Community Resource Fair May 11th, Noon – 3 p.m., Topeka Shawnee CO Public Library * Hosting a booth Family and Friends Juneteenth Celebration June 17th, Noon – 5 p.m., Hillcrest Community Center *Hosting a booth 		ShaMecha King Simms, Citizen Advisory Council Chair
VIII. Adjournment	Chair called for motion to adjourn: Motion: Michael Bell Motion passed NEXT CAC MEETING: June 7, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. NEW LOCATION: City Hall First Floor Conference Room 215 SE 7 th Street		