In Person; 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.”

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<td>I. CALL TO ORDER</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>ShaMecha King Simms</td>
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<td>• Call to Order</td>
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<td>• Open floor for comments on minutes from July</td>
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<td>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</td>
<td>A. Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes EDITS:</td>
<td>Before and after photos was shared</td>
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<td>and July Agenda</td>
<td>• Strike broke into groups of 4</td>
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<td>• Strike out information on Infrastructure – cross out 1-5 under discussion of infrastructure. Instead just strike out 1-2 only, 3-5 actually were done</td>
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<td>Motion passes</td>
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| Need motion to accept the edits to July 2023 Minutes | Motion: Jim Edwards  
Second: Susan McClacherty  
Motion: Passes |
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| B. Adopt August 2023 Agenda | Motion: Jim Edwards  
Second: Jill Rice  
Motion passes |

| PRESENTATION | SORT/DREAMS Reflections from SORT Recipients 2015-2020 each NIA below discussed the plans they submitted and were accepted.  
1. Hi Crest – Jill Rice President  
2. Tennessee Town – Michael Bell  
3. Valley Park – Susan McClacherty | See the attached presentations Q and A opportunity |
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| STAFF UPDATES | No report from Director Monique Glaude in her absence  
Bianca Burnett:  
Shared that there is discussion on moving the monthly CAC meetings to City Hall instead of hosting in the Holliday Building. It would be easier for everyone, plenty of parking; Community Engagement is located in City Hall. | Time for Q & A was allotted |
| CAC UPDATES | A. Studies Placements & Expectations – Dr. Jason Miller, Washburn University, Department of Sociology & Anthropology  
• Several NIAs will be participating in this project “Introduction to Community Studies” a new course  
• NIAs working with Dr. Miller’s students need to select a point person within their NIA  
• There will be teams made up 3-4 students working with the selected NIAs.  
• NIAs involved: Hi-Crest, Historic Old Town, North Topeka West, Tennessee Town and Valley Park | Discussion & Q & A followed |

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**CAC UPDATES**

- Nancy Perry Day of Caring
- Basic Income Debate in need of judges
- Poverty Simulation – still looking for a location
- Back-to-School CAC Partnership will not be happening due to lack of response
- Props Official NIAs – ShaMecha will do emails

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**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Movie in the Park – Historic Holliday Park NIA submission for funding source for the year**
  - Scheduled October 13 in Holliday Park
  - BCBS is invited – possible provide vaccinations, blood pressure checks
  - Gigantic screen to show a movie 20 X 16
  - Invited a fire truck to visit
  - Will need to block a street for Porta Potty
  - Looking for a sponsor to provide free popcorn for everyone

  **Motion to approve an additional $500 for this purpose:**
  Motion: Michael Bell  
  Second: Susan McClacherty  
  Motion passes

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**CAC UPDATES**

- **2022 Infrastructure Recommendations Conversation Captures: Questions from July 2023 Meeting**
  - 2022 Infrastructure group want to talk about the amendments / additions
  - Michael answered as many questions he could and emailed out in advance of our meeting
  - Included items eliminated at July meeting: numbers 3,4, 6,7,8,11, and 12 all indicated with strike through type
  - Discussion about streets
  - Discussion of original DREAMS had document from Mike Spadafore and that was adopted
  - Digital Divide - Michael asked Lazone Grays of IBSA Inc. for information starting on page 5 and 6 of the documents you have

**Discussion of the event also opportunity to check on follow-up**

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- Idea tonight is to vote, do all 5 at once, go down the line, what would the infrastructure group like for us to do it
- There is money out there and don’t know how much is available and when it would be available.
- LMI should not be unhoused because they can’t pay for their utilities; they can be now
- Infrastructure group willing to adding Sylvia Ortiz’s comment or point of clarification into the wording
- Need to put information in in front the Council. Not going to be perfect, but we have insight that you need, we have experiences

Open for a motion to vote on all five of the recommendations forth to the city council with additions from Ms. Ortiz in regard to cut off utilities
Motion to vote on all 5 going before City Council with additions from Ms. Ortiz about the cut off of utilities.
Motion: Michael Bell
Second: Jill Rice

**Call the vote only primary votes secondary can vote if primary isn’t in attendance:**
Hi-Crest – Yes, Highland Acres – Yes, Holliday Park – Yes,
Historic North Topeka East – Yes, Historic Old Topeka – Yes,
Jefferson Square – Yes, North Topeka West - Yes
Tennessee Town - Absent
Valley Park - No
Edwards, At-Large - No
Bell, At-Large – Yes
Motion Passes: 8 Yes; 2 No

Discussion followed
Eviction discussion
Utility discussion
Questions were brought up

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS: | • National Night Out - August 5  
• Community Policy Debate Judges still needed  
• 17th Annual Tennesee Town Basketball Tournament 9:00 on August 5 at King’s Court  
• All High School students get to ride the bus for free just need to show ID  
• Redistricting of District 2 coming up includes Oakland, Historic North Topeka East, North Topeka West and others. contact Councilwoman Christiana Valdivia-Alcala | List of NIAs participating in National Night Out on August 5th  
Monroe and East Topeka | ShaMecha King Simms  
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| ADJOURNMENT | Call for motion to adjourned  
Motion – Susan McClacherty  
Second – Michael Bell  
Motion passes | | ShaMecha King Simms  
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NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2023  
HOLLIDAY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR  
620 SE MADISON  
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.