

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.”*

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 6:00 p.m.	ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Open floor for comments on minutes from July • Call for additions or edits 		ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com
APPROVAL OF MINUTES and July Agenda	<p>A. Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes</p> <p>EDITS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strike broke into groups of 4 • 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 • Should read committee of the whole instead of groups Need motion to the corrections Motion: Susan McClacherty Second: Michael Bell Motion passes 	Before and after photos was shared	ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com

	<p>Need motion to accept the edits to July 2023 Minutes Motion: Jim Edwards Second: Susan McClacherty Motion: Passes</p> <p>B. Adopt August 2023 Agenda Motion: Jim Edwards Second: Jill Rice Motion passes</p>		
PRESENTATION	<p>SORT/DREAMS Reflections from SORT Recipients 2015-2020 each NIA below discussed the plans they submitted and were accepted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hi Crest – Jill Rice President 2. Tennessee Town – Michael Bell 3. Valley Park – Susan McClacherty 	See the attached presentations Q and A opportunity	<p>Jill Rice, Hi-Crest President Hicrest.nia@gmail.com Michael Bell, Tennessee Town President theanticj@yahoo.com Susan McClacherty, Valley Park Vice Chair Valleparklniatopeka@gmail.com</p>
STAFF UPDATES	<p>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.</p>	Time for Q & A was allotted	<p>Bianca Burnett Sr. Community Engagement Coordinator City of Topeka Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office ☎: 785.368.3663 ✉: lburnett@topeka.org</p>
CAC UPDATES	<p>A. Studies Placements & Expectations – Dr. Jason Miller, Washburn University, Department of Sociology & Anthropology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Dr. Jason Miller, Washburn University Associate Director LinC/Associate Professor-Anthropology Sociology & Anthropology College of Arts and Sciences Henderson Learning Resources Center Room 218G 1700 SW College Ave 785.670.1746 jason.miller2@washburn.edu</p>

<p>CAC UPDATES</p>	<p>B. Nancy Perry Day of Caring C. Basic Income Debate in need of judges D. Poverty Simulation – still looking for a location E. Back-to-School CAC Partnership will not be happening due to lack of response F. Props Official NIAs – ShaMecha will do emails</p>		<p>ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>
<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<p>A. Movie in the Park – Historic Holliday Park NIA submission for funding source for the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Motion to approve an additional \$500 for this purpose: Motion: Michael Bell Second: Susan McClacherty Motion passes</p>		<p>ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>
<p>CAC UPDATES</p>	<p>2022 Infrastructure Recommendations Conversation Captures: Questions from July 2023 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Discussion of the event also opportunity to check on follow-up</p>	<p>ShaMecha King Simms Citizen Advisory Council Chair informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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</p> <p>Motion to vote on all 5 going before City Council with additions from Ms. Ortiz about the cut off of utilities.</p> <p>Motion: Michael Bell Second: Jill Rice</p> <p>Call the vote only primary votes secondary can vote if primary isn't in attendance:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Motion Passes: 8 Yes; 2 No</p>	<p>Discussion followed</p> <p>Eviction discussion Utility discussion Questions were brought up</p>	<p><i>ShaMecha King Simms</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i> informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>
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<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Night Out - August 5 • Community Policy Debate Judges still needed • 17th Annual Tennessee 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 	<p>List of NIAs participating in National Night Out on August 5th</p> <p>Monroe and East Topeka</p>	<p><i>ShaMecha King Simms</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i> informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Call for motion to adjourned Motion – Susan McClacherty Second –Michael Bell Motion passes</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2023 HOLLIDAY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR 620 SE MADISON 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.</p>		<p><i>ShaMecha King Simms</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i> informhistoricaltownnia@gmail.com</p>