

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
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	Susan McClacherty Called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. January 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: Jaron Balderes February 2024 meeting agenda motion to adopt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Sandra Batt ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman 	January 2024 minutes Approved with item not discussed to be added later February 2024 agenda adopted	Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
II. PRESENTATION	A. NONE		
III. STAFF UPDATES	A. Community Engagement Division Status & Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Engagement by the Numbers January 2024 ▪ 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program ▪ Amanda Cisneros updated Role ▪ 2023 Neighborhood Support Fund allocation (Sole Reason, Stay Calm, Diaper Depot, and Teacher Resource Fair) ▪ Updated NIA Mailing Fees ▪ Community Action Plan Update ▪ Request was made to HUD for a list of every approved allowable expenditure. 	Share the 50/50 Sidewalk program with your neighbors. Temporary Community Engagement Coordinator. HUD requires a reallocation of funds	Monique Glaudé <i>Division Director of Community Engagement</i>

		<p>that can take up to 90 days for a response.</p> <p>Monthly update from Community Engagement and Housing Services to provide more details about the Consolidated Action Plan.</p>	
V. CAC UPDATES	A. Introduction of new and returning members		<i>Susan McClacherty</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>A. Collaboration Projects (Good Neighbor Program)</p> <p>B. Resource Fairs</p> <p>C. Topic Suggestions for CAC Meetings: Accessory dwelling units, Community development block grant, legal transfer of property, real-estate issues, mental health, diet and nutrient, home improvement resources for 60+, Land bank program, Homelessness, Shawnee County Appraiser, Recycling Center, Public Works, Health and prevention.</p> <p>D. 5 areas of concerns for NIA's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snow removal on sidewalks 	<p>Discuss topic further at a later time.</p> <p>More conversation on the 5 areas of concerns for NIA's</p>	<i>Susan McClacherty</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair with input from members</i>
VII. ACTION ITEMS	A. NONE		
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>A. Thank you goes out to the crews fixing the potholes around Topeka.</p> <p>B. February 10 – Chinese New Year – Kindness and Compassion</p>		<i>CAC Member – Yvonne Mays, other members concurred</i>

IX. ADJOURN	Motion to adjourn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Motion: LaBonna Speakman▪ Second: Yvonne May NEXT MEETING: March 6, 2024 - HOLLIDAY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR – 620 MADISON, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Motion passes	<i>Susan McClacherty</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
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