

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April, 03, 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, MINUTES & AGENDA	<p>Susan McClacherty called the meeting to order at 6:00. March 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: Wayne Roberts <p>April 2024 meeting agenda motion to adopt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Wayne Roberts ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman 	<p>March 2024 minutes approved.</p> <p>April 2024 agenda adopted.</p>	<p>Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i></p>
II. PRESENTATION	<p>A. Presentation of 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment. (See attachments)</p> <p>B. 2024 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. (See attachments)</p>	None	<p>Karla Hedquist, <i>Director, Community Health Engagement, Stormont Vail</i></p> <p>Wyatt Beckman, <i>Senior Analyst, Kansas Health Institute</i></p>
III. STAFF UPDATES	<p>A. Reminder of the 2025 Dreams Deadlines.</p> <p>B. Maria Anderson’s retirement celebration.</p> <p>C. Meet and greet of City Manager Candidates on April 8th.</p> <p>D. ADA interest in providing community training to promote awareness to the struggle of the ADA community.</p> <p>E. Training Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service animal engagement 	None	<p>Monique Glaudé <i>Division Director of Community Engagement</i></p> <p>Zaynah Afada <i>DEI Sr. Program Coordinator</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to communicate with deaf and blind individuals effectively. <p>F. National League of Cities-City Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) grant program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City of Topeka partnered with community partners and submitted the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchor Procurement (\$15,000) • Latino Entrepreneurship Training (15,000) <p>G. Emergency Repair Program and Property Maintenance Rehab Program. (See attachments)</p>		<p>Carrie Higgins <i>Division Director of Housing Services</i></p>
<p>IV. CAC UPDATES</p>	<p>A. None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i></p>
<p>V. DISCUSSION ITEMS</p>	<p>A. Good Neighbor Program.</p> <p>B. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Day baskets. • Handing out resources for LMI neighbors. • Poster contest to learn about being Good Neighbors. • Chalk art event. • Movie night. • Keep your light on event. • 50 Yards (Mowing). 	<p>Meeting with USD 501 for resources and to include the Good Neighbor Program within the schools.</p> <p>Sending out a letter inviting neighborhoods to participate in neighboring events.</p>	<p>Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i></p>

VI. ACTION ITEMS	NONE		
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>A. April 27th at the Shawnee County Country Club there will be a golf tournament for the race against breast cancer.</p> <p>B. Taking applications for Recycle Rides program under way for Spring.</p> <p>C. Brown Vs. Board of Education 70th Anniversary celebration May 18th</p>		<i>Open to all CAC members & Guests</i>
VIII. ADJOURN	<p>Motion to adjourn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman <p>NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2024 - HOLLIDAY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR – 620 MADISON, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.</p>	Motion passes	<i>Susan McClacherty Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>