

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June, 05, 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	Susan McClacherty called the meeting to order at 6:00. May 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Sandra Batt ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman June 2024 meeting agenda motion to adopt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Dane Stephenson ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman 	May 2024 minutes approved. June 2024 agenda adopted.	<i>Susan McClacherty</i> <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
II. PRESENTATION	A. Neighborhood Health Map. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the overall health of Block Groups. • Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit project. 	None	<i>Dan Warner, Planning Division Director</i>
III. STAFF UPDATES	A. Community Engagement By The Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Dreams application deadline is October 4th. • Changing Our Culture of Property Maintenance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2024 Mowing Initiative process. ▪ One available volunteer to neighbors who may be having health issues and/or really can't afford it. ▪ There is a list of mowing vendors that have shared information about their rates. 	None	<i>Monique Glaudé</i> <i>Division Director of Community Engagement</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program will run through the month of August. • Community Engagement has relocated to the basement of City Hall. • Community Engagement is in the process of hiring a new Community Engagement Coordinator. • Special meeting will be held before the end of June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Topeka DREAMS Program budget and activities, and NIA Support Fund Program. ▪ Meeting will be held in person as well as hybrid format. ▪ Date to be announced. <p>B. Director of Housing Services Audit changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Housing adding information and language to the policies. <p>C. Homeless Innovation Group's Presentation questions.</p>		<p>Carrie Higgins <i>Division Director of Housing Service</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fake Base Initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training provided if interested. • Possible partnership with relaters to help welcome new home buyers into the neighborhood by providing a gift with information about the neighborhood. • June 11th Susan will be meeting with teachers regarding the Good Neighbor Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion of how they are going to incorporate this program into their curriculum. 		<p>Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Good Neighbor day is September 28th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Celebration that CAC could help sponsor with partnerships from Community Engagement and the Shawnee County Library. • Health collaboration project for June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health benefits of walking and other low impact exercises. ▪ Asking for volunteers for August, September, and October. ▪ Dane Stephenson volunteered for September. 		
VI. ACTION ITEMS	NONE		
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anniversary of D Day on June 6, 1944. • Anniversary of one of the worse tornados that came through Topeka on June 8, 1966. • Aquatic Shock Wave is now available in several of the water parks in Topeka. • There will be a work shop having to do with houses in the flood plains. • Request was made for volunteers to serve on a committee for the CDBG 50th Anniversary. • Susan was asked to provide a letter of support for a Grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Topeka US Department of Transportation ATIIIP Grant. • Refer to June agenda for further announcements. 		<i>Open to all CAC members & Guests</i>

VIII. ADJOURN	Motion to adjourn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Motion: Yvonne May▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman NEXT MEETING: July 10, 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>