

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July, 10, 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. June 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: LaBonna Speakman July 2024 meeting agenda motion to adopt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: Wayne Roberts 	June 2024 minutes approved. June 2024 agenda adopted with the addition of a decision that needs to be made regarding a partnership with the schools.	Susan McClacherty <i>Citizen Advisory Council Chair</i>
II. PRESENTATION	A. Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program application and more.	None	Alleigh P Weems , Management Analyst, Public Work Carlton Scroggins , MTPO, Transportation Planning Development
III. STAFF UPDATES	A. Opened the floor to any questions regarding the NIA budget fund options.	None	Monique Glaudé <i>Division Director of Community Engagement</i>

	<p>B. Two additional housing programs explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTO Program • Weatherization <p>C. Land Bank information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to CAC recording for specifics. 		<p>Carrie Higgins, Division Director of Housing Services</p> <p>Rhiannon M Friedman, Director of Planning and Development</p>
IV. CAC UPDATES	<p>A. None</p>	None	<p>Susan McClacherty Citizen Advisory Council Chair</p>
V. DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>A. Good Neighbor Event September 28th from 10:00 to noon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location is Shawnee County Public Library <p>B. Opportunity for CAC members to man a table to show the community what NIA's do at National Night out August 6th at West Ridge Mall from 4:00-7:00.</p> <p>C. Topeka's NIA and Washburn University CE250 Students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIA's to partner with the students to have their NIA showcased. • Students will be attending a few of your NIA meetings. • NIA members to partner with students to walk around the neighborhoods to get a better understanding of the neighborhood. • Celebration of Topeka's 170th Birthday. <p>D. Volunteers needed for a few months to write up information regarding a health topic.</p> <p>E. Regarding the Good Neighbor Program, 501 has requested a table to showcase NIA maps and information regarding your NIA at Hummer Park during a family fun night.</p> <p>F. It was suggested that neighborhood residents consider sitting on USD 501 Site Councils, not necessarily CAC members. Each accredited school has to have a Site Council, and there are several schools within the district.</p>		<p>Susan McClacherty Citizen Advisory Council Chair</p>

VI. ACTION ITEMS	A. Vote for 2024 NIA support funding distribution option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded CAC of the four funding options. 	CAC voted to approve Option 1 for NIA support funding distribution.	<i>Bianca Burnett, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator</i>
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	A. LaBonna encouraged NIA’s to have questions ready when they attend the City Budget talks.		<i>Open to all CAC members & Guests</i>
VIII. ADJOURN	Motion to adjourn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: Yvonne May NEXT MEETING: August 7th, 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>