CAC MINUTES
Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Members Present: Danetta Stevens-Miller, Nancy May, Frank Hoge, John Moyer, David Holl, Susan Burdiek, Katrina Bayless, Teresa Miller, Janet Fisher, Stephen Foust, Elinor Cowell, Howard Blackmon, Donald Fortin, Donna Rae Pearson, Jean Barton, Jamie Slack, Brandon Barnett

Meeting called to order by Brandon Barnett at 6:34 p.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions & Chair Remarks

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2016

Motion to approve by Jamie Slack; Second by John Moyer; ALL IN FAVOR

IV. Presentations

a. Bill Fiander, Planning Director – “Futures 2040”
Planning department develops plans roads for transportation every 5 years. They get together a list of projects, ie. Plans, what’s important to the community and leverage investments to achieve other goals to achieve social equity. One of their projects was the re-build of the Topeka Blvd. bridge. It includes more than roads. There is a pedestrian plan, build on the bicycle friendly community and to fix bus stops to make them ADA compliant. Road projects become an asset to all users, not just cars. They will also do a model of where the congestion will be in the city for the next 30 years and make plans to fix the congestion. Bill encourages everyone to take the survey because he wants the community involved.

Phase I is complete: Stakeholder interviews; on-line survey/mapping tool; pop-up exhibits and the kick off meeting which was held August 18th.
Phase II: Heads up for the Fall: A summary of the survey will come out later this month. He wants to drill down to the neighborhood a little more. He wants to hold quadrant workshops in the east, south, west, north and share potential projects and talk about your specific wants. These will begin in October.
Phase III: In the winter, there will be another survey coming in reference to priority project selection along with public meetings/surveys/interviews.

For those interested in neighborhood plans. Every two years, we update neighborhood plans through SORT and on the off year Susan will help neighborhoods update or create a new plan. In 2016 during the empowerment application process, NIAs were able to apply to get a neighborhood plan created.

b. Carol Bradbury – “Neighborhood Building Through Art”
Carol would like to work with the different neighborhoods engaged in art. She would like to bring more color to the City of Topeka. Carol is a local native of Topeka, specifically in North Topeka. Carol created Bloomerang.

Teresa Miller would like to have the history in North Topeka West publicized somehow. There will be a mural painted on Herman’s meat market on Gordon Street. She would like to incorporate the family names into the mural.

Frank would like to have the mural on Western advertised and have the people recognized.

David Holl suggested to have a mural trail throughout the city.

Katrina Bayless would like to have a paint party to get to know the neighbors. She would love to see the kids involved. She would love to have Carol help her do this in Historic North Topeka East.

Teresa Miller said that she would like to have something done like this in McKinley Park and get the kids to draw something for their neighborhood and be proud of it.

Sasha advised that she is going to invite Carol to the next Neighborhood Leadership’s Roundtable.

c. Lalo Munoz, El Centro Director – “Leadership Training” from the Kansas Leadership Center

Was started by the Kasas Health Foundation. They give money all over Kansas to be a healthy place to live. To increase civic leadership in communities across the state. Ed O’Malley is the CEO of the leadership center.

We would have better leaders if they would take a step back to solve the issues. We would be better if we work to try to reach out to individual who are not normally engaged. We would be better it were able to manage ourselves. Take a step back when things start to get emotional.

$50,000 grant to attend the training. Lalo will find out if he gets the grant in November. The training center is every month in Wichita for 2 ½ days. Oakland will be applying for the grant along with Lalo.

Coffee on your corner at the Pad on 9/21/16 with Judge Geier
Beyond the box townhall – HRC
Clean slate day
Neighborhood Leadership’s roundtable scheduled for October 20th.

SORT workshop 09/26/16
V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Katrina Bayless, Second by Donald Fortin, ALL IN FAVOR

Adjournment Time 8:00 p.m.

Please note the next citizen’s Advisory council meeting will be held December 7, 2016.

DECEMBER’S MEETING WILL BE MANDATORY SINCE THE SELECTION OF THE TWO NEW SORT TARGET AREAS WILL BE SELECTED AND ANNOUNCED