

**AGENDA UPDATE  
ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

**V. COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**NEW ITEM**

**ITEM NO. 1 – 130322....COMMUNICATION: FUNDS FOR “DOING REAL WORK”**

**Synopsis:** Communication seeking commission agreement with United Missouri Bank (UMB) to provide advanced funding up to \$12,500 to “Doing Real Work” prior to 10/4/13, submitted by Lew Levin, Chief Financial Officer. The 2014 budget approved \$50,000 in CDBG funding for “Doing Real Work” in 2014, subject to the terms of a contract yet to be finalized.



# Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 130322

- Revised  
 On Going

**Type: Standard**

**Committee:** Administration and Human Services Committee

Date of Standing Committee Action: 9/16/2013

(If none, please explain):

**Proposed for the following Full Commission Meeting Date:**

**Confirmed Date:** 9/26/2013

9/26/2013

**Changes Recommended By Standing Committee (New Action Form required with signatures)**

Date:	Contact Name:	Contact Phone:	Contact Email:	Ref:	Department / Division:
9/16/2013	Lew Levin	5186	mschrick@wycokck.org		Finance

Item Description:

Seeking Commission agreement with United Missouri Bank (UMB) to provide advanced funding up to \$12,500 to "Doing Real Work" prior to 10/4/13. The Unified Government will guarantee reimbursement to UMB, principal plus interest, by 1/10/14.

The 2014 budget approved \$50,000 in CDBG funding for "Doing Real Work" in 2014, subject to the terms of a contract yet to be finalized. The Unified Government will fund the initial \$37,500 of the contract in 2014, but will withhold the final \$12,500 until "Doing Real Work" has reimbursed the Unified Government for the 2013 advancement from a secondary revenue source.

Action Requested:

With agreement to this process from Standing Committee, Administration will move forward to execute this agreement with UMB to provide the advance funding as outlined.

Publication Required

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount: \$ 12,500

Source:

- Included In Budget  
 Other (explain) UMB Bank advance funding, 2014 budget as approved.

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**Administration and Human Services**  
**Committee**  
**Standing Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013**  
**5:45 PM**

**Location:**

Municipal Office Building  
701 N 7th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
6th Floor Training Room

<u>Name</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<input type="text" value="Commissioner Angela Markley, Chair"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="text" value="Commissioner Tarence Maddox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="text" value="Commissioner Jane Philbrook"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I.**        **Call to Order / Roll Call**

**II.**        **Approval of standing committee minutes from August 12, 2013.**

**III.**       **Public Agenda**

**Item No. 1 - APPEARANCE: SCOTT MURRAY**

**Synopsis:**

Appearance of Scott Murray regarding the probable illegal use of a house in his neighborhood.

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**IV.      GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Item No. 1 - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Synopsis:**

- Workforce development update, presented by Sharon McMillan, Commissioners' Liaison
- Future tracking of goals and objectives for presentation and discussion

**Tracking #: 120153**

**V.      Adjourn**

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday, August 12, 2013**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, August 12, at 5:40 p.m., in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Human Resources Training Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chair; Commissioner Walker, Co-Chair, Commissioners Philbrook and Maddox. Commissioner Kane was absent.

**Chairman Markley** called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for July 22, 2013. **On motion of Commissioner Philbrook, seconded by Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

**No items of business**

Goals and Objectives:

**Item No. 1 – 120153...**      **The Unified Government Commission conducted a strategic planning process resulting in specific goals and objectives adopted by the commission on May 17, 2012. Commission has directed that the goals and objectives appear monthly on respective standing committee agendas to assure follow-up and action toward implementation.**

**a. Education/Workforce Development. Maintain a collaborative working relationship with the various educational institutions and the business community to maximize community resources and enhance learning, college**

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**readiness, and career pathway opportunities in our community.**

- b. Healthy communities/recreation**
- c. Tax sales and local resident preference**
- d. Customer service**
- e. UGTV**
- f. Customer service**

**Chairman Markley** stated we have nothing on our committee agenda tonight so we are talking specifically about our goals and objectives. Staff is here to give some summary reports on our goals so that our new Commissioners can see where we've been and where we're going. Very little work was done on these goals in the past for a variety of reasons so we have plenty of work ahead of us. I think Mr. Criswell has organized a show for us tonight.

**Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator,** stated it's not a show; just updates. We have a small presentation from Emerick on Transportation, Mike Taylor on UGTV, and Joe is going to update on Healthy Communities. We'll just dive in with Emerick on transit and move on keep going down the line.

**Emerick Cross, Director of Transportation,** stated I wanted to give you some quick updates on where we're at on a couple of our projects and the proposed Rosedale bus route as directed at the last budget meeting I was at.

First, I'd like to talk about the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Metro Center. We had the grand opening last Friday. We had over 200+ in attendance. It went really well. We got a lot of compliments on that. That facility is in use as of last Sunday. We have buses going in and out of that facility. We have Unified Government Transit buses, the KCATA buses, and we have one Johnson County transit bus that uses that facility as well. That is the only facility in the metro that has three bus companies going in and out of it.

**Commissioner Philbrook** asked where does the Johnson County one come up from. **Mr. Cross** stated it comes up from 18<sup>th</sup> Street, shoots down Central and then returns back. It comes down

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7<sup>th</sup> Street, from Central to 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and shoots back up 10<sup>th</sup> Street, I believe, to Central and heads back out 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The primary purpose of that bus, I'm told from Johnson County, is they pick up workers from our area to head to jobs out in Johnson County.

**Mr. Cross** said so that transit center is up and running. Everything is going real smooth so far. We have all the signage completed. We have a few little punch list items we need to take care of in the immediate area, but that facility is good to go.

The next facility that I'd like to talk about, project, is our 47<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Center out at the old Indian Springs site. The building inside is approximately 85% complete. We've got all the paving done. We have the structure, the outside transit island, and the structures on that constructed. We have some painting to do on those still. We have irrigation and landscaping that is nearly complete. The irrigation is functional. We already checked that out. The boarding platform should be complete when the transit riders get on and off within the next week and a half. So that's coming along well on the outside.

On the interior finishes, we are approximately 75% complete there. We've got the painting complete, the electric complete, we're almost finished with the communications. We had a lot of communications work with the police midtown patrol division in the northend of that building. They have a lot of special communication needs, I would call it, for that type of operation. It's a little bit different. We don't have the flooring in yet. We will get that in soon.

The police midtown patrol division is about 85% complete. The transit community meeting room in the middle is about 85% complete. The Area Agency on Aging on the south end there is about 75% complete. We should be finished with that facility by September 20. Well, we better be finished with that facility by September 20 because that's when the FDA cuts off the checks, so we've got to be done.

We have a ribbon cutting scheduled for that facility Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. If you all can make that, that would be great. We look forward to opening that facility. That is going to be the largest metro center in the region when we open that up. It's a great complement to have the police midtown patrol there for security and police presence 25/7 at that location and on the other end of the building you have the Area Agency on Aging to handle our senior citizens.

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**Commissioner Maddox** asked when you say region, what does that consist of. **Mr. Cross** stated that's basically Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Iowa in this region that we know of. I'd say the four states, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. You can use the MINK region that's for sure; basically Region 7.

The final topic I have for transportation that we're working on, as the Commission directed, I contacted Olson & Associates to do the comprehensive proposed Rosedale bus route. They will be done with that by December of this year. Then we can look to start operations in the first quarter hopefully of next year. I use the word hopefully because I contacted the KCATA who will probably be running that route for us like they do five of our other routes. They need at least two to three months after the study to mobilize their manpower and fleet. If we hit it April 1, that will be right at the tail end of the first quarter. That's on track to go. I talked to the ATA and the planning expert today and highly suggested he hurry up and get the study done quickly. That's where we're at with those top three transportation hot topics.

**Commissioner Maddox** asked can you tell us about the bus sizes in regards to routes and the oversizing, and at some point, the need for maybe mega buses. **Mr. Cross** stated it's almost like we've got to be careful what we pray for. We built the State Avenue corridor route, this TIGER route, this CONNEX route up and down the corridor. When you build these types of facilities and transportation and people see it, they'll start using it. Well, before we had even started finishing up with the project, our ridership—we just won that award. Like Mokhtee Ahmad, the Region 7 administrator said on Friday, our ridership is up 20.25%. That's a huge increase in ridership. That's primarily due to that State Avenue route. Now people are seeing it. It's getting its publicity. It's new and they're jumping on it. They can figure out that they can get out to Village West not just to work, which is what it's a good route for, but they can get out there and shop now on Saturdays. That's why we had that demand, I think.

Was that last year, Gordon and Doug, we had to go to bigger buses on Saturday.? We had a request for the Commission. You folks approved us getting bigger buses on Saturday. What we're hearing is that a lot of folks would like longer hours of service like, let's say, the ATA and KCMO and they would like bigger buses on all the routes. It's kind of all dependent upon ridership really; the need.

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The tough thing about transportation is it takes us a long time to mobilize bigger buses or longer hours. I can see a direct correlation if gas rises 20 cents, 30 cents, in a week; my ridership. I can tell you when gas rises and goes down because our ridership will spike just like that. There's a direct correlation with that. Unfortunately, it works the other way as well. If gas goes down 20 or 30 cents, which it rarely does but it does sometimes, I can see ridership taper off. If we have a huge increase in ridership, it takes me a lag phase of six months maybe to get bigger buses or something approved and that ridership may not be there. I think the overall trend we've seen in the last two or three years is ridership is going to increase. I think it is only probably going to get bigger with our baby boomers. Our largest segment of the American population is going to get older and probably demand more on public transportation.

**Commissioner Philbrook** stated I was wondering possibly in the future of, I know that there is a nice big location there in Mission where the buses come in and go out over there. **Mr. Cross** stated they've got a brand new transit center they just built. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated exactly. How long do you think it's going to be before we end up on the other end of that when they come on up to the Avenue at 47<sup>th</sup> St.? **Mr. Cross** stated, Commissioner, I think that's going to be a logical—I know we've talked to Administration about this a little bit trying to look at the out years of transportation. I think that's logical, probably next step, 7<sup>th</sup> Street corridor maybe running from Fairfax or at least downtown KCK all the way down 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Rainbow to KU Med shooting on down Rainbow Blvd. to that transit center.

The other problem I want to make you aware of if you're not aware of it in transportation is we lost \$883,000 last year in federal funds. It's public transportation that is heavily funded with federal dollars and that's just falling through the floor. Unfortunately it's big numbers. It's not small numbers when it comes to bus transportation.

**Chairman Markley** stated I just wanted to bring up one quick thing. You know we talked about through this salary an organizational study—someday it's going to get done. This is one department I'll be interested to see the outcome on that. There are some things that fall in Emerick's world that are probably not what you would think of as traditional transportation like you're still handling the Meal on Wheels sort of program aren't you? **Mr. Cross** stated yes. We have kind of a hybrid program, yes, ma'am. **Chairman Markley** stated I mean obviously

you have to transport the meals. In reality, maybe that's not the best home for that sort of program. Maybe it should be in one of our other departments, in one of our more social services based departments. It will be interesting, I think, to see when someone comes in as an outsider where they think those sorts of things should fall organizationally and whether they fit best with Emerick or with someone else.

**Mike Taylor, Public Relations**, stated I wanted to just take a minute to give you a quick update on where we are with the UGTV in broadcasting the commission meetings. Additional funds were authorized to do that for the remainder of this year and in 2014. For the remainder of this year, we're working to secure the contract with Miles Media Group, which has been the group doing it for us on rather short notice without a lot of preparation. I'm preparing an RFP for the 2014 year which will go out to a number of production firms in the metro. I believe we're going to get a good response from a number of firms.

That RFP is going to be basically broken up into a couple of pieces. It's going to be more than just bidding on this service. I'm going to ask them to come in and look at our facilities and give us their best recommendations on how best to do the broadcast. What we did on very short notice was simply have the tripods, the camera guys, including the one who had to set up behind the Mayor. There are remote, automated remote control cameras that can be mounted and then basically once the chamber is more permanently wired, you just have someone that will switch the cameras. That's one possibility. I want to find out what these firms who do this think is the best way and how we could work out those costs with them.

The other thing that I'm trying to do with this RFP is if we can avoid purchasing a lot of equipment ourselves because the capital costs are fairly high and make it as much turnkey as I can. Then if a camera breaks, it's up to the contractor to fix it, not us to try to go out and get a contract. Technology changes very quickly. We buy cameras then in two years they're obsolete. If we can just do a turnkey, that's the way I'm trying to approach it.

The other thing I want to look at as part of that is the live streaming of meetings on our website. If someone who maybe doesn't have cable can simply go onto the internet and watch it right on the internet. As part of that, and it would not be part of this RFP necessarily, but there are companies out there that do video archiving systems where as the meetings are being taped and recorded, they're time coded and that could be put on the website. If you were interested in

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a meeting three weeks ago but only item 4, you could call up that date and then scroll down to Item 4, click on it and the video just pops up for that part of the meeting so you don't have to sit through the whole thing. I'm looking at those kinds of options too. I don't know that those will happen immediately.

In terms of the future, I would like to get back to doing some of the original programming we did a few years ago. We did—I don't think any of you were actually there—we did talk shows with the Commission three or four times a year. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated Mike Kane was really happy with them. **Mr. Taylor** stated he did a good job even though he refused to wear a tie but I told him that was fine. We did a show with the Mayor where we did a talk show, it was called at that time “A Community Focus with Mayor Joe Reardon” and then the others were called “Around the District.” Each Commissioner took a turn. We just talked about really whatever you wanted. We taped them down at a studio, Time Warner. I basically just contracted with them. When the recession hit and money got tighter, we had to drop those. I'm hoping we can figure out how to restore those. I'm looking at ways now with the costs of equipment, we may, if there is a way we can even do some of that in-house perhaps and shoot other programs.

We used to do some other programs like a “Tour of Wyandotte County” that would be more for visitors. I'd like to get back to doing more of that. It's not just necessarily the money, it's also the staff time. Trying to manage that because it takes a bit to produce a program. I did a little checking with some pier cities just to kind of get a sense. It's interesting the city of Overland Park doesn't even have a TV channel. They don't want a TV channel. Not only do they not broadcast their meetings, they don't even have a cable channel. Olathe does. They have their own TV studio in city hall. They spent quite a bit of money wiring their chambers with the remote cameras and all of that. They have a fulltime staff person. Topeka has a fulltime staff person that just does TV and they broadcast their meetings and other programs. Wichita is by far probably the grandest. They have three fulltime people that just do TV. They spent \$500,000 building a TV studio in city hall. I don't think we'll get there right away or ever. Interestingly, that actually caused some controversy with taxpayers. Wichita broadcasted their council meetings for 30 years. It wasn't just the broadcasting the meetings, it was when they stepped it up with a TV—and I've been down visiting and seen it. It looks like Channel 9. I

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mean it looks like Channel 9 studio. You've got all kinds of extremes. I'm looking for a way to do it where we can communicate a lot of good stuff but do it in a very cost efficient way.

Last thing, I do want to let you know we are on Time Warner Cable which is Channel 2. We are on the WOW TV, which is out in western Wyandotte on Channel 25. We are on Google on Chanel 141. I've had reports in the past week that somebody with Google couldn't find us or we weren't there. We've been on and are hooked up and operating. If it was off for a minute, that was on their end. The only cable system we're not on is AT&T U-verse. I've had discussions with AT&T about that. There is a hookup cost to do that and they want—the last time I talked to them it was \$4,000 or \$5,000 to hookup to U-verse. I've been reluctant to do it a) because of money, but also when I asked them how many viewers can I potentially reach, they say that's proprietary; we can't tell you. I don't know how many people in Wyandotte County actually have U-verse. I'm reluctant to try to come and ask for money or find the money to hookup to it when I don't even know how many people I might potentially be reaching. Otherwise, we are on the other three systems. If the question comes about dish, there is no way you can get a Channel like this on satellite. It's got to be on a cable system. The people with dish aren't going to get us anyway. **Chairman Markley** asked that's where the website would be. **Mr. Taylor** stated right.

**Commissioner Walker** asked is the constant repetition necessary. **Mr. Taylor** stated no. I wish we had 24 hours of original programming. **Commissioner Walker** stated I was just saying do we have to have 24 hours of programming period. **Chairman Markley** stated they could just run pictures of your face all day. **Mr. Taylor** stated we tried to and again it really comes to a matter of staff resources to create all those graphics. We do try to update them. We try to run them through cycles throughout the day. I'll be honest with you, Channel 7 is not set up as a channel that you're meant to sit there and watch for hours on end. It's just not designed for that.

**Commissioner Walker** stated my concern is a political theatre. Some people may love it. Some people look good on camera, others of us don't especially with those computers which on occasion you see me from about here up. **Mr. Taylor** stated that's an issue that we've realized. That's part of the consulting for the RFP with the production company. We realize that is an issue and we're trying to avoid redoing the entire chambers although I think we need to add

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some additional lighting and things to improve the look. **Commissioner Walker** asked do we get a makeup just before we go out. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated no, I just need an extra cushion to sit on so I'm high enough. **Mr. Taylor** stated those are all things we'd have to look at. **Commissioner Walker** stated that's a staff person we're going to need.

**Commissioner Townsend** stated the number one thing that I've heard that's been a concern for people who watch at home is they cannot hear people talking. **Mr. Taylor** stated right. **Chairman Markley** stated part of that is our fault because we are not properly utilizing our microphones. **Mr. Taylor** stated there were a couple of issues there. We had on the second broadcast we did, we had major sound issues and we were running around scrambling to try to fix that. That was a problem on our end with our equipment up on the eighth floor. The group that's doing the broadcast for us actually brought us, free of charge, some equipment that would help modulate that audio problem. That's something we're going to have to correct as we move forward with this. We did this sort of on no notice and there wasn't a lot of time to test it.

The other thing about the sound is, you're right, Commissioner. Some of it is speaking into the microphones. Going back even before we did the broadcast, we had volume problems with the Channel 2. It was in Time Warner's headend where the signal goes back to them and then they rebroadcast it. We worked with the vendor that did our equipment. We worked with them. We had it fixed for awhile and then with the live broadcast, it seemed to be an issue again. There are all kinds of those technical things that we had to work with. We had to kind of get a little forceful with Time Warner and say look, we know it's on your end so we finally got it fixed. There has been a couple of those issues but I'm aware of it and we're working to try to get that fixed. I'll see if I can as part of that RFP, get a makeup artist to come in now. **Commissioner Walker** said it better be a good one.

**Joe Connor, Health Department Director**, stated the Healthy Communities Wyandotte is what I was going to update the standing committee on. If you look at the goals what the commission has set, they're actually in two areas. One is in the social service area so I'll touch on that one first. Under Goal 1A is develop a plan for distribution of the casino funds for social services and charitable organizations by the end of 2012. That goal has been met. That's the grant fund. The funds were distributed in May. We are starting the planning process for the next round of grants.

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Yes, it's here already. Be looking for an update from me and from the group that is working on this planning probably sometime in October or November. We hope to get the grants out again maybe in December or January. If money comes in February, we'll start all over again. That's kind of the timetable for that. That's one of the goals that you've listed and that one is complete.

On the other one is the Healthy Communities recreation. That's what I handed out for you. If you look at Goal IC, collaborate with Healthy Communities Wyandotte to improve the health of the people in our community through our different action teams and things like that—what I've given you is kind of our first annual report of what's happening with Healthy Communities Wyandotte. It was in June 2012 when we first came up with our recommendations for strategies and implementation/activities. In 2013 we want to say what have we done in the last year. You'll see the notable accomplishments and some of the other things that have happened and are going to continue to happen.

Just as by way of kind of an even little further status update, the overall steering committee for Healthy Communities Wyandotte has been revamped and continues to be revamped. We've spent time and tried to make sure that members were still interested in being on the committee, if not, we'll try to find some other folks. We're looking to try to get in the neighborhood of around 20. Right now it's about 15 to 17. As we continue to build that steering committee to kind of oversee the overall activities and make sure that it keeps a real community focus, we want to make sure to have as many community members and input as possible on that particular committee.

On the infrastructure action team, there has been a lot of work around bicycles and paths and planning for these kinds of things. I think there has been a good relationship, partnership made with bicycle enthusiast and those that are in the interest of pedestrians and the Unified Government staff, specifically our Planning staff and our Public Works Engineering staff. They've actually worked in partnership, spent time, about four hours in a van, looking at potential routes for bicycles and what would be the best route and things like that. There has been a good dialogue and good partnership. I would envision in the next couple of years you'll see bicycle route recommendations as part of road improvement projects as well.

**Commissioner Philbrook** stated that question came to me about last June when a bicycle enthusiast hit me over the head with it and said hey, we have some nice wide streets out in

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western Wyandotte County. Why aren't any of them labeled for bicycles, you know, along the right-hand side of the road? I said I have no answer for you. Are any of those actually wide enough to do that with? **Mr. Connor** stated I don't have any specifics on which roads they're looking at, at this point. If you give me the roads that you're talking about, I can try to find out. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated I'd have to go back out and find the road because I was driving the roads out west for a friend. I will also ask him the road he is thinking about. **Mr. Connor** stated that would be great. I'd love to have that. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated because then we could add those to bicycle routes because we don't have hardly anything in Wyandotte County when you look at that map. We have very little.

Switching gears totally to the Healthy Communities thing, I've already been contacted by one group of people wanting to put in a walking trail in their housing area. I have a question for you. For folks that want to get involved in doing something like that, which department do I need to put together to have a sit down with them so they can—here's what I asked them to bring to the table. I told them to measure to see how long it would be, how wide they wanted the path, and what they expected out of this. For instance, some of the people are a little older so they don't want it to be a really hard path. They want it to be conducive to being able to walk and not be hard on their knees; that sort of thing. As a commissioner, I want to know who do I talk to. Who do I call and say I need to put together a little group meeting with these folks and set something up like that? **Mr. Connor** stated I think the folks to bring together would be our Planning and Zoning and then the County Engineer. They are the two that have been working on the Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan the most and any of the internal trails. We're trying to get those into kind of the master plan so we can plan for those in the future. I would also add for something like, it would probably be the sustainable part; who's going to maintain it. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated what I told them was that I can guarantee them no money. All I could do is guarantee information from the city as to the possibility of how much it might cost them to do it and how much it might cost them to upkeep it. They were interested in contractors. Do you have a list of contractors that do that kind of work? Do you have a list of minority contractors? Those sorts of things. Are there any monies that we can get from the city to help us with this? That was basically the bottom line on the conversation. I'm going to be getting a lot more of those.

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**Mr. Criswell** stated the other group I would recommend to that group would be the Aging folks. There is a lot of interest now in the aging community with getting seniors out moving. Aging may have some sources of funding potentially for activities like that because that's one of their initiatives now is to keep people, particularly seniors, out and moving in their neighborhood. I'd add them to your group of people to talk about this concept initially.

**Commissioner Philbrook** stated what brought it out, of course, these are very active people in the community. They already knew that there was an initiative, the Healthy initiative, with that being savvy enough to know there may be some monies out there to help them with their project. You're saying talk to Area Agency and have them meet with them and also talk with Planning and Zoning and the County Engineer. **Mr. Connor** stated I think part of what we're finding in this planning for these kinds of things is the opportunities for funding may not be there right now, but if it's in our plan and the opportunity comes up, we're ready if it's in our plan. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated right, that's why I told them we need to get in a planning stage and need to figure out where you really want to go with this, how much money you're dealing with, and what it's going to take for you to take care of that after it happens.

**Mr. Bach** stated another area that you have in place now as a governing body is your benefit district program that we utilize for curbs and sidewalks. This is one where neighborhoods can get together and determine they want to put a curb on or they want to redo the sidewalk through their neighborhood. We'd have to look at it to see if we expand it—it would probably need to be expanded the way it's written to allow it to go for trails.

The purpose of having a good walking trail through a neighborhood that does not have a sidewalk today—I know Chairman Markley brought that up in her district. It's a whole different venue to come into a neighborhood and say let's put in curbs and sidewalks where you have none today than it is to go in and fix what you have. A good alternative could be to come to a neighborhood and put a walking trail through it. If we establish one as a benefit district, if we determine that would be an eligible use for it, then we do a match. You only have so much money allocated for that, but that also takes that neighborhood coming forth and say hey, we'll put up so much money and tax ourselves additionally if the government will give us so much money and they put that in place. We go out basically and issue a bond. We contract the work and get it done and lay it through the area.

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**Commissioner Philbrook** said so all it is, is a homeowners group. **Mr. Bach** stated additionally, last year the governing body added to the neighborhood sidewalk that a commissioner could come in a specific area and lay in some of their grind and overlay money toward that project. As you're looking at different grind and overlay projects in your area, you can put a percentage, and I don't recall what the percentage is. It seems like 20% is about right. You could put 20% of your grind and overlay money toward matching money to go into the curb and sidewalk benefit district program. We may already have some funding and source.

I would say a direct contact we have on staff to work this today would be Tim Nick. He's the one we have in charge. We have somebody come out and measure and look at an actual sidewalk or curb today. If somebody wanted to come forth, they would probably need to talk to Tim about it and let him know if we're talking trails. That would probably be our easiest action to advance this today. It would probably require the committee to amend our existing policy. It's one you already have in place and it would just be kind of growing that policy probably. **Commissioner Philbrook** stated I did ask them to do their homework and put a couple of people together that would be willing to give us all the information we needed, and sit down and talk with several people so that we could get educated and so they could understand what their responsibilities need to be. I'll give you guys a call about this so we can set this up. I want to get it in the pipeline not as an emergency, but as a learning experience for our community as well as myself and us on how we can deal with groups that are really wanting to take care of their area. They don't have sidewalks and that. They're not asking for sidewalks. They're just asking for their central little play area that they have a sidewalk around the edge of it for a walking trail sort of thing, which would be much cheaper than putting in the other.

**Mr. Connor** stated in just working through the rest of kind of what I wanted to present tonight, our nutrition action team has a couple of things going. We're planning a Wyandotte County Food Access Summit early in 2014. We just started planning for that now. We want to increase the awareness of healthy food access, formulate actual plans to improve health food access districtwide and countywide, and to promote policy change and forge key partnerships in pursuit of these goals. Everybody in the community appreciates the emphasis on grocery stores, but we also want to promote emphasis on other ways of getting access to fresh food as well through the

community gardens, through farmers' markets, and potentially a larger farmer's market somewhere in town. There is a lot of working going along with that.

On the Health Services Action Team, I wanted to just mention that we are talking about trying to figure out a way to assist folks when October 1<sup>st</sup> hits and the Affordable Care Act goes into play and everybody is supposed to sign up for an insurance policy. Where are people going to go? Who are they going to call? Who are they going to talk to? **Chairman Markley** asked do they even know they're supposed to be doing this. That's probably the question. **Mr. Connor** stated let's back up and ask, do you even know you're supposed to or that you're eligible for it. Did you even know you are eligible for it, for the subsidies and everything that goes along with it? The Health Services Action team is looking for ways to be kind of that point of contact for folks in our community to do that. That's a real short-term thing. It's fast approaching and we think with our uninsured numbers in our community, anywhere from 25 to 30,000 depending on what numbers you run, that's going to be a huge need in our community to access health services.

**Commissioner Philbrook** asked how are you thinking that you're going to try to handle that, in what form? **Mr. Connor** stated there are a couple of different federal grants that are out there. The state of Kansas is putting in for one and MARC is putting in for one. We want to piggyback on one of those two grants to be the conduit for Wyandotte County, to do it in Wyandotte County only. That's kind of the strategy around that. I'm not sure how much money that will actually bring in to do it, but we can at least get all the information and access to the technical assistance we would need to try and stay informed. That is a very fluid situation obviously. Not all the rules are in place. Kansas is going to be different than Missouri and so on and so forth. We just want to try to figure out a way to fill that gap. We think there is going to be a huge need there.

**Mr. Connor** stated I guess the last thing I wanted to mention is if you look at the long-term goals for the Healthy Communities/Recreation when it talks about partnering with community organizations such as KU, the community college, school districts, and others, I think we are making a real conscience effort to the steering committee and through other different implementation activities to include those key components to improve our overall health. So far we've had great communication and collaboration with all those different partners and we

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continue to try to maintain that. There's not one entity that can make improvement on this alone. We all know that. We've made a real conscience effort to keep those folks engaged and involved this entire time and we'll continue to do so.

That's kind of a real brief presentation I wanted to talk about what we're doing with Healthy Communities Wyandotte and how it ties back to your goals. There's more. You can read more if you have any other questions you can certainly ask me now or later. That's all I've got for tonight.

**Commissioner Maddox** stated my question goes back to the casino money. I didn't want to stop you during your presentation. My question was, what is the direct process that will take place with the board who actually decides the funding. How is that supposed to work? I know when we first talked about it, it was supposed to be every year that there would be a fluctuation from the commissioners representing a certain district and next year it would be representing another. What is the direct process as it stands today? **Mr. Connor** stated the casino, the grant selection committee that each commissioner got to appoint last year, that appointment is good for a year. The way that we had it set up was 2013 is an odd year. The odd number commissioners' got to pick a person for the committee so there was a total of six. The Mayor got to pick every year and the Mayor picks the chair. In 2014, those appointments will be up. It will be up to the even numbered commissioners to determine who they would like to have on that grant selection committee for next year.

**Commissioner Walker** asked were you at the meeting. Is this what Wendall Maddox was talking about when he recommended keeping the same people on the committee? **Mr. Connor** said yes, he did. **Chairman Markley** said you're right. **Commissioner Maddox** stated I wasn't at that one. **Commissioner Walker** asked, Gordon, do you know. **Mr. Criswell** stated he did mention that in his presentation for consistency. **Chairman Markley** stated that when we revisit as a Commission, we'll have to make the decision whether we accept his advice or whether we move forward. **Commissioner Walker** stated I wanted to make sure the committee he was talking about is the same one Joe is talking about. **Mr. Connor** stated it is. **Chairman Markley** said there's the learning curb.

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**Commissioner Maddox** stated my question is why are we revisiting it when we already discussed and outlined a plan as a commission. **Chairman Markley** stated part of our plan is that every year we would revisit that process to make sure we still wanted the grants to go toward the same goals or whether we wanted the grants to go to something different and decide whether there were changes that needed to be made. **Commissioner Walker** said right. **Mr. Connor** said that's exactly right. Everything that's brought forward to you from my working group is subject to approval or revision by the commission.

**Commissioner Walker** stated we need to have your recommendations on this before the end of the year. **Mr. Connor** stated you will. **Chairman Markley** said it's scheduled to come back before the full commission at a certain point. Right? **Mr. Bach** stated I believe you've already scheduled your working group. **Mr. Connor** stated we have. **Mr. Bach** stated to come back and go through recommendations and then that will come back. Previously, we did it as a special session with a full group. Since this is such a big issue, maybe it will evolve to the point where it comes to standing committee, but I would assume it will probably come back to the full commission at a special session. That's how it was last year. **Mr. Connor** stated we will do it anyway you like. The planning group is going to be the six current appointees to the selection committee and there are three commissioners that have volunteered to be on it as well. We have initial information out. We're getting a meeting date set. Like I said, we'll bring something back. I want to say October but it could be November. We'll bring something back to the commission to start planning for next year's grant and the two main things will be the selection committee and then like Commissioner Markley stated, the focus of the grants for this coming year.

**Commissioner Maddox** stated you said three commissioners have volunteered to be on that committee. Who were they? **Mr. Connor** stated McKiernan, Murguia, and Walters. **Commissioner Maddox** stated I don't understand why we just didn't do it as commissioners (inaudible) go back and volunteer. **Chairman Markley** stated they don't sit on the selection committee. They sat on the committee that brought us as a Commission the recommendations as to how we should use those grant dollars. There is a committee that recommended to us that we form a committee. **Mr. Connor** stated what this group can do is look at last year's rules,

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policies, focus, the selection committee and see what worked and what didn't work and then come up with a list of recommendations for you all to consider as a package. **Chairman Marley** stated but they weren't the ones that chose the grant recipients. No commissioner sat on that committee. **Mr. Connor** stated yes, absolutely not.

**Mr. Bach** asked, Joe, when did you think you would be ready with that group that will come back for a special session to make that recommendation because we need to get it on our tracking calendar. We have a lot of special sessions coming up with this group. **Mr. Connor** stated I think we can be ready in October. I think the committee may prefer November, but I know it gets kind of busy then. If I knew what the goal was, I could certainly start the meeting up by saying we have to have this done by x.

**Commissioner Maddox** asked what is their recommendation again, because it still baffles me that we are bringing this to the table as a recommendation. To me, it still creates some kind of an atmosphere for commissioners to want the people that they appointed to continue to be on the board. Then the other commissioner wants their person to be sitting on the board so it's creating a pick of the commissioners who have to decide—**Commissioner Walker** stated the people that are making these decisions in the fall probably will not all be the same people next year. **Mr. Connor** stated I think what happened through the selection process is you had six very motivated grant selection committee members. They weren't interested in just making their decisions and moving on. They wanted to see it succeed. That's where Wendall Maddox's comments came from. They were kind of invested in the process and they are interested in that program succeeding as much as the rest of us are.

**Commissioner Walker** stated I think they did a fine job. I just think looking at it there are commissioners, I guess I'm one of them, that have an appointment. I certainly can't tell you I won't reappoint one of them. I just think every commissioner if they have someone they want to appoint that would be good on this, that would advance an item of interest to that commissioner as part of the process—I think that's why you set it up the way you did. Everybody gets theirs every other year.

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**Commissioner Maddox** stated I agree with you. That's why I brought up in this meeting why would we even bring it back the next year and allow the same people to be on the selection committee. **Mr. Connor** stated what you have in place now says there will be six new members. What the discussion will be when it comes forward, what you'll hear from some of the committee is our learning curve was steep. It makes sense to keep a few of us on this committee so the learning curve—maybe instead of six people, maybe there are three people that were there from last year that can keep things going forward and take lessons learned. The way it sits right now, it's 2, 4, 6, 8 and At-Large 2 that get the appointments and the Mayor. That's the way it is today. That's not changed.

**Commissioner Walker** stated probably the idea of having some continuity is not bad. I think it should be up to each individual commissioner to decide who they want. There's also that fear that if you have the same six people, the same groups are going to largely keep benefiting. To avoid that criticism, you need at least some new people each time. I'm not saying you have to replace them all.

**Chairman Markley** stated let's get back on track because we are obviously going to hear this again and we're going to hear it with all of our commissioners.

**Mr. Criswell** stated staff had suggested that the next time you guys meet that you focus on workforce development, but I didn't know if you had other recommendations. **Chairman Markley** stated Sharon was unavailable to be with us tonight. Sharon McMillan manages the workforce development so she is going to come back and be with us at next committee.

I do have a list of sort of a sample of proposals of what I think we should do going forward. I do think we should do one item per meeting so that we're not here until the middle of the night. This is obviously subject to staff helping us make sure that there will be people available on these nights. I would like to see workforce development come to us in the fall and in the spring since it's school based that way they can kind of tell us what programs are going on for the fall and then how it roundup in the spring because they work mostly with the community college and the high schools.

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UGTV I hope will come back to us whenever we have proposals from those RFPs. If staff can help us make that arrangement so that when they have the information is when they come back again. That would be great.

I was noting to staff that transportation shows up on the Public Works agenda, but they presented to us here tonight so I don't know where they're supposed to be. If they're going to wind up with us, we'll have to put them into our schedule as well.

The other thing I noted at the bottom of the sheet is that our agenda talks about the tax sales and local residents' preference which are things that Nathan Barnes brought up in the past and haven't been resolved. However, on the spreadsheet that staff prepares, those show up on the other set of standing committees' items so I'm not sure where they actually belong either. We need to kind of resolve who owns which items. **Commissioner Philbrook** asked are you referring to Land Bank for instance. **Chairman Markley** stated there was specifically a question about when we do tax sales. The concern was that most of the properties seem to be going to non-residents so they're going to people that live elsewhere and then we're seeing the houses not maintained properly because those owners didn't have an ownership interest. They didn't have a personal interest in our county's well-being.

Nathan Barnes' question was can we create some sort of local preference and we were going to ask Legal to research that and tell us whether there was any way to manage that. I don't know if they've reported to the other committee or not but I know it shows up on the spreadsheet in one standing committee and it shows up on the agenda for our standing committee. Staff, see if you can figure out where it needs to go. **Mr. Bach** stated I will say since Land Bank reports to Neighborhood and Community Development monthly, they're there all the time. I know they have worked a lot of Land Bank issues. There's a lot of ownership in that committee and working on what goes on with Land Bank. I think maybe it's just an item that floated over onto this committee versus...**Chairman Markley** stated maybe as part of our strategic planning that we need to matchup our spreadsheet with what is actually happening as we, as commissioners, go through planning this fall. We'll have to work with staff to make sure that whatever we come up with goes on the agenda. A note for us, we need to bring that up at strategic planning and decide who is going to own which items. I think we thought we had it figured out, but then, like you said, we've seen things sort of floating in and out between the committees. Who owns what is apparently up for debate.

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If that's alright with everyone, we will move forward. I'll ask staff to kind of figure out what should fit where so that each time we're having one thing come forward with a staff member for that item present on that night. I think we're going to look at doing the same thing for the other committee. I'll hit up Mike Kane and make sure that's the case.

**Commissioner Walker** asked and you'll make sure Mike gets a copy of this. **Chairman Markley** stated yes. I'll send it out electronically to everybody. **Commissioner Maddox** asked is there something personally that we're supposed to take on as a commissioner. **Chairman Markley** stated you'll just need to come prepared to discuss whatever item is on the agenda. Next time it is going to be workforce development just because Sharon wasn't available to share this meeting so we'll get a summary on that.

**Action:** No action required.

**Chairman Markley** adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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**Godsil, Carol**

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**Subject:** FW: Standing Comm

**From:** Scott Murray [mailto:scottmurray2020@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 05, 2013 8:46 AM

**To:** Cobbins, Bridgette D

**Subject:** Standing Comm

Hi Bridgette this is your ol' buddy Scott Murray (former city planner). Congrats on your ascension up the UG ladder!!

OK, I need to get a standing committee regarding the probable illegal use of a house in my neighborhood. As the President of this group we are seriously concerned that a person(s) is preparing this house for an illegal money making enterprise and has gotten NO approval as far as a change of zone or special use permit. To date we are not sure if they have done anything illegal but they have been rehabbing the house and are affiliated with various groups that would work with juvenile offenders in a possible "group home" setting.

We believe they are poised to start at almost any time. You can reach me at 913-562-7528 for any questions. We (I) would like to be scheduled at the next possible meeting.

Thanks

Scott Murray



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Scott Murray  
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Mr. Murray:

This is to confirm that your request to appear before a standing committee of the Unified Government regarding the probable illegal use of a house in your neighborhood has been approved to be heard by:

**COMMITTEE:** Administration and Human Services Standing Committee

**DATE:** Monday, September 16, 2013

**TIME:** 5:45 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Office Building  
701 North 7th Street, 6th floor training room (Suite 614)  
Kansas City, KS 66101

You will be given five minutes to present your views. All comments made must pertain to the subject matter.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 573-5263.

Sincerely,

Carol Godsil  
Deputy UG Clerk

c: Greg Talkin, Neighborhood Resource Center

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Goals & Objectives:

- Workforce development update, presented by Sharon McMillan, Commissioners' Liaison
- Future tracking of goals and objectives for presentation and discussion