## Town Hall Meeting Notes

**Project:** Healthy Campus Town Hall #1  
**Meeting Date:** 08 May 2014

**Project No:**  
**Location:** KCK City Hall

**Notes by:** Graham Smith  
**Attendees:** Public

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### Group #1

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### Amenities / Needs

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• Transit center
• Bike sharing
• Library book return
• Museum
• Hot spot (wifi)
• Coffee shop
• Tutors
• Childcare
• Music venue – indoor / outdoor
• Landscaping
• 24 / 7 access
• Bike trails – good ones
• Sidewalks
• Gallery spaces
• Safety
• Walking paths
• Centralized districts line
• Outdoor shelter / bathrooms / water
• Banking
• Cell phones chargers – hybrid plug in
• Park and walk
• Meeting space

4. Fitness
• Hot / Cold pool
• Soccer field
• After school sports (affordable)
• A built playground for kids
• Running / walking groups
• Smoke free
• Farmers market
• Dance, zumba, rumba
• Massage
• Yoga

5. Food options
• Salad
• Chinese, ethnic food options
• Juice bar
• Farm to table
• Food truck (festival)
• Grocery Store
  o Clean and visually appealing
  o Everything!
  o Salad bar
  o Pre-made options
6. Neighborhood
   - Mixed income
   - Supportive housing
   - Condos
   - Multifamily
   - Mixed-use (retail)
   - Diverse options

7. Other
   - Solar – tie to BPU
   - LEED certified
   - Mental health
   - Aging in place
   - Language, cultural sensitivity classes
   - Parenting Classes
   - Family Festival Space
   - Community Garden
   - Off leash
   - Fountains & Mountains
   - Political Education
   - Increased transit – light rail
   - Worried about effect on other small businesses
   - Need emphasis on local businesses and preference
   - How will a private organization run a public center
   - Entrepreneurship center
   - Day labor / employment centers / options
   - Minute clinic
   - Cooking classes
   - Prepared options / home care
   - Elderly / disabled day center
   - Storm shelter
   - Trade showcase – business incubator
   - Summer camp / boot camp / swim lessons
   - Secure bathrooms
   - Workforce development

- Teaching – healthy, affordable
- Label reading class
- No big Farma
- Beans & Greens
- Samples
- Recipe Cards
- Local / Organic
- Affordable prices
- Personal choice / options
1. What’s Missing?
   - Groceries
   - Bookstore
   - Coffee Shop
   - Art / music
   - Meeting Places
   - Mental health
   - Dry cleaners
   - Walking and biking Trails
   - Event Space
   - Bike parking
   - Living areas – apartments
   - Pool
   - Recreation for kids
   - Community billboard to share or trade services
   - Theater
   - Good Restaurants
   - Health care center – with Dr’s and Nurses

2. Services
   - Affordable
   - Accessible – public access to YMCA
   - Healthy Foods
   - Maintaining some free access
   - Community participation in services being provided
   - Community involved in services provided at YMCA
   - High quality

3. Health & Wellness
   - Safety
   - Walking areas – indoor and outdoor
   - Weight room
   - Elevated walking path to the river
   - Green roofs
   - Bicycling
   - Swimming
   - Canoeing / Kayaking @ Big 11 and Kaw
   - Sports Fields
   - Playground Equipment
   - Variety of exercise classes @ different times
   - Well lighted trails
   - Security presences – bicycles
• Closing streets around Big 11 – debate around changing street usage

4. Food Options
• Fruits & Veggies
• Non-fast food
• Water Stations
• Farmers Market
• Full service grocery
• Urban gardening
• Delivery of fresh foods to seniors/disabled
• Health food store
• Super Market
  o Salad Bar
  o Variety of Ethnic foods
  o Like Cosentino’s – Downtown KCMO
  o Serve locally produced food
  o Red Wine for Bill
  o Farmers market with Super market
  o Cooking demonstrations at super market

5. Connectivity
• Alleys need to be paved
• Connect government services with other services like school / BPU
• Connect Children’s campus with health campus
• Transit
• Connect neighborhoods
• Sidewalk on 10th Street – bad
• Connect schools
• Grant Elementary
• Central Avenue
• Walkways to connect buildings
• Green space
• Connect smaller stores to larger
• Connect regional bikeways
• Good examples
  o Walking Area around KCKCC
  o Loose Park & Plaza
  o KCPL – Bridges building
  o Parkville Riverfront Park
  o Alleys – not safe, better use

6. Neighborhoods
• Townhomes
• New houses blend with old/existing – not all the same color
• More mixed use housing – not just senior / subsidized
• Put housing more spread out
• Connect housing with schools and neighborhoods
- Home ownership – not just rental
- No section 8 housing
- Good management of properties
- Schools bring neighborhoods alive
- Survey schools and neighborhoods
- Schools for using facilities
- Schools are safe for kids
- Use school facilities for recreation
- Use UG owner property
- Volunteer opportunities for seniors
- Connect to neighborhoods
  - Program to serve a variety of needs
  - Understand needs of surrounding neighborhoods
  - Neighborhood jobs !!
  - City Hall lofts serve original intent

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1. Challenges
   - Unity - above all
   - Space for all ideas
   - Meeting needs with Affordability
   - Consistent effort by all parties
   - Healthy food
   - Location
   - Community / neighborhood by-in
   - Honesty – past failures
   - Long-term costs
   - Timely implementation
   - Finding – enough
   - Operating sustainability
   - Having voice heard and ideas implemented
   - No hidden agendas

2. Assets
   - Historical Area downtown
   - Health professional
   - USD 500
   - Big 11 green space
   - Empowered community
   - UG Parks and Recreation
   - Neighborhood Groups
   - Pent-up demand
   - People
   - Diversity of United
• Existing businesses
• Library
• Taxpayer $$
• Geographic location
• Political will – mayor

3. Services & Amenities
• Whole family
• Healthy Food
• Hospitality
• Leverage existing resources
• Open and friendly atmosphere for youth
• Crime prevention
• Walkable connection / improved streetscape
• New quality and affordable housing in area
• Medical clinic
• Affordability
• Support for local entrepreneurs
• Extended operation hours
• Technology

4. Missing Services & Amenities
• Businesses that serve our community
• Information supporting location decision
• Everything on pink list is missing (previous section of notes)
• Outdoor parks and trails
• Opportunities for youth
• Security
• Space to carry out vision
• Vision
• Community trust that this will happen
• Representation of ethnicities in community
• Citizen governance
• Track record

5. Health & Wellness
• Exercise
• A pool
• Walkable community
• Trained professionals
• Focused health classes
• Improved tax base
• Bikeable community
• Less marketing of unhealthy foods & vice-versa

6. Food Options
• Organic
• Farmer’s market
• Community Gardens
• Classes on quick, healthy food prep.
• Locally sourced restaurant (farm to table)
• Access to existing food outlets
• Supermarket
  o Fruits and vegetables
  o Convenience
  o Salad bar
  o Diverse ethnic food selection
  o Locally grown
  o Affordability
  o Freshness

7. Destination connected to the campus
• Library
• Downtown Movie Theater
• People’s homes
• Weekend bus service
• Cab service
• Outdoor spaces to sit

8. Housing
• Affordable
• No displacement
• Co-ops

Group #4

1. Facilities to promote health
   • Outdoor walking track (with integrated walking track)
   • Playground equipment
   • Ethnic food option
   • Nutritionist in grocery store
   • Meditation Garden
   • Placefinding / wayfinding

2. Words to describe Campus
   • Excited
   • Thrilling
   • About time
   • Empowerment
   • Ambitious
   • Vibrant
   • Kids
   • Catalyst
   • Slow
   • Expensive

Stephan Samuels
/Wesley McCain
3. Challenges
- Unity
- Participation
- Affordability
- Transition from JFK
- Politics
- Space
- Should be FREE

4. Opportunities
- Unity
- Participation
- Community Development (housing, Business Development)
- Better health outcomes
- Sustainability and green technology
- Momentum form recent success out west
- Vision for youth

5. Transportation
- Public transportation to and from the site

6. Neighborhoods
- Bi-lingual
- Open, no hidden spaces, good lighting
- Volunteer opportunities
- Employment opportunities
- Safety
- Outdoor venues / event space
- Local suppliers and vendors
- Section 3 businesses and local people

7. Who to Involve
- Families and Kids
- Funders
- Surrounding Businesses
- Churches
- Downtown Shareholders
- Parks & Recreation
- Schools
• Regular Folks
• Community Coalition
• Ethnic Representation
• Conservation Department
• Costco

8. Services to promote use of Campus
• Better public transit
• Ice Cream Store
• Health Clinic
• Integrating School for the Blind (Braille signs)
• Connectivity
• Waterway Park
• Restrooms
• Outdoor Theater
• Farmers Market
• Apartments

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1. Challenges
• Extent of campus
• Affordability (x3)
• Too many stop lights on Minnesota – traffic management
• Parking – ample, safe, free
• Integration of surrounding plans
• Grocer committed to community
• Impact on businesses
• Dining @ grocery store
• Financial stability
• Need more population density
• Continuity of sidewalks – only good on state
• Loose dogs

2. Opportunities
• Coffee shop
• Allow for small businesses – not all big box
• Safety / security – more law enforcement
• Lack of handball / racquetball
• Green buildings
• Attractive addition for Downtown
• Integrate bus service from throughout the community
• Computer lab / digital literacy
• What happens with Granada?
• Need input from youth
• Smart development to allow downtown to serve larger community
• Engage community ion grocery program
• Banking services in grocery
• Include a community information kiosk @ store
• Improve of Blue Trash Cans at Big 11
• Art theme and major piece of work - community artist
• Accessible year round – snow clearing
• New annual festivals
• Day care – existing elementary school, before / after care
• Joint use agreement community center and schools – team practices
• Include a community garden
• More rental opportunities downtown
• Food offerings should be healthy
• Restore green space – Minnesota east of 11th Street, controlled by Parks
• Confirm condition / capacity of existing infrastructure
• Control runoff, trash in lake – State Support?
• Special parking for WYCO residents
• Safe places for jogging, walking, biking and wheelchairs
• Complete streets, development to attract millennials
• Code enforcement for maintenance
• Maintain improvements once they are installed – eg. 5th Street, trail @ river
• Increased entertainment opportunities
• Maintain residential character
• Consider impact on streets with expanded green space
• Commit to hiring local residents
• Programs to improve existing housing stock
• Better integration of blind school
• Talk with active neighborhood groups
• Safe crossings connecting schools, churches
• More opportunities for rental housing
• Here there plan
• Kesseler’s Plan
• Address urban blight in surrounding areas

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1. Challenges
• Money – sustainability of operation
• Lack of representation
• Real estate / property control
• Coordination of stakeholders
• Outside of traditional “downtown”
• Safe engineering
• Affordability – barrier to access
• “for all”
• Product pricing at grocery store

2. Assets
• Green space
• Accessible
• Community interest / people
• Reduced crime
• Opportunity for inclusion (jobs)
• Youth space – involve youth in planning
• Synergy
• History of collaboration
• Density (population)
• Preserve JFK

3. Services / Amenities
• Parking needed
• Communicate with urban gardens
• Farmers Market
• Clothing, furniture, retail
• Big 11 – outdoor theater
• Increase green space
• Connectivity
• Multi-purpose recreation facilities
• Green / Solar Energy / LEED
• ADA
• Google

4. Health / Wellness
• Full service grocer
• Are we limited to AWG?
• Community engagement – on-going / broad based
• Medical Clinic
• Framers Market
• Youth education – work with high schools
• Personal training @ fitness center
• Zero-entrance pool

5. Connectivity
• Public Transportation routes / schedules
• Sense of security
• Sidewalks – citywide
• Gun free zone
• Bike lanes, trails
• Public safety phones
• Elevated parkway
• Stay connected
6. Neighborhoods
   - Incorporate surrounding neighborhood plans (DS, Waterway, SH)
   - Variety / Mixed-housing – 4-plexes
   - Infill housing
   - Target outreach to neighborhood groups – Waterway & Mt. Carmel
   - Best Practice Community

Graham Smith / Jim Schraeder

1. Challenges
   - Transportation for seniors/young
   - Ability to pay for memberships
   - Safety / security of the area
   - Need large spaces – right size facilities for use and participation
   - Scenic – use natural elements
   - Inclusion of residents – jobs
   - Parking – accommodate uses
   - Address needs of 30, 40 & 50 year olds and families
   - Property tax increase
   - Green space – walkable neighborhoods

2. Opportunities
   - Broad Cross section of people
   - State of the art
   - Streetscape improvements
   - Private security
   - Shuttle service for seniors
   - Training for bike riding

3. Services
   - Exercise equipment
   - Bicycle services
   - Sporting goods
   - Smoothies & juice
   - Green house, farm, produce – living garden
   - Move green market to area
   - Dental, mental and other health clinic and services
   - Training for youth in this location – youth, adults and seniors
   - Energy Awareness – Sustainability
     - LEED, renewable energy
     - Classes to educate
   - Youth build – certification program
   - Design and flow of development is important
• Impact on local businesses a concern
• Engaging residence is important – diversity of engagement
• Diversified funding stream for different uses
  o Children’s museum, YWCA, Arts, Save KCK Jewels
• Committees for implementation
• Program to include children
• Grocery delivery
• Locals at the table
• WiFi all around
• Connected are respecting historic resources
  o Walkable area with everything in between
• Contact churches
• Use community groups
• Design to be easy to clean