

## **Livable Neighborhoods Meeting**

*Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Presentations:**

##### **I. The Whole Person**

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The Whole Person helps their consumers to live independently in their homes by reimbursing caregivers to provide them with the supports they need to live on their own. Additionally, they provide employment services, rehabilitation services, youth transitional services, home modification assistance, recommendations and referrals for resources like food pantries, and Medicaid application assistance. Individuals that qualify for Medicaid are eligible for services provided by The Whole Person.

##### **II. Wyandotte County Appraiser's Office**

*Matthew Willard, County Appraiser  
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Wyandotte County Appraiser's Office explains that property value is determined by buyers' and sellers' decisions in the marketplace. The Appraiser's Office's role is to analyze transactions and appraise properties within the marketplace, and they have a legal responsibility to do so. Kansas State law requires that all properties are appraised at "fair market value." Property valuations are determined on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and notices of the current year's property values are sent out by March 9<sup>th</sup> (real estate) and May 1<sup>st</sup> (personal property). Valuation appeals are due on April 10<sup>th</sup> (real estate) and May 15<sup>th</sup> (personal property), but property owners have up to 30 days from the date they received their notice to file an appeal. The Appraiser's Office highly encourages property owners to file an appeal if they disagree with the valuation. Willard explains that this year's valuation changes were largely affected by the inflated costs that houses were selling for in 2022. Please, contact the Appraiser's Office if you'd like a representative from their office to speak with your neighborhood group.

*Question: What criteria is used to determine a property's market value?*

*Answer: Everything can have an impact—appraisers will look at lot size, improvement, housing condition, bedroom and bathroom count, etc.*

*Question: How can you tell the last time your home was manually reviewed?*

*Answer: Call the appraiser's office or search your address on the UG's parcel database.*

*Question: How can I file an appeal?*

*Answer: On the back of the appraisal notices there is an appeal form. You can also submit an appeal online.*

### III. Planning & Urban Design

*Michael Farley, Ordinance Studies Specialist  
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Short-term rentals have been on the rise in the last few years due to the popularization of rental platforms like AirBNB, Home Away, etc. that allow property owners and private citizens to rent out their homes. Currently, special-use permits are used to address short-term rentals and distinguish between owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied properties. These short-term rentals are mostly concentrated in the Strawberry Hill and Rosedale neighborhoods. The department of Planning & Urban Design are working to update an ordinance that would balance short-term rental locations and buffer the effects that these rentals have on Wyandotte County neighborhoods. Farley states that special-use permits will soon be codified into county zoning codes which would then require short-term rental registration as opposed to suggest.

### **Regular Updates:**

#### IV. Mayor's Office

*Areiona King*

The newly appointed County Administrator, David Johnston, begins their role on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Additionally, Medicaid re-enrollment letters are being delivered. If you or a relative receive Medicaid benefits, make sure to return the enrollment letter with most accurate, current details. The Clerk's Office is still processing Senior Tax Rebate applications but will conclude March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. In celebration of the closing of this tax season, City Hall will host a Senior Resource Fair on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 9 AM to 12 PM. The Mayor's Office will also be hosting a STEAM Conference for high school students on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at KCKCC—more information to come.

#### V. KCKPS USD 500

*Edwin Birch  
Markl Johnson*

KCKPS has launched Peach Jar, an electronic communication platform, that would allow community organizations to better communicate, share resources, and broadcast events with KCKPS families in a more streamlined, cost-effective, and ecofriendly way. If you or your organization would like to reach KCKPS parents and guardians, Edwin encourages you to visit the KCKPS website and register with Peach Jar. The platform's rules and guidelines are available there as well. There is an upcoming Listening & Learning Session on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at Central Office from 10AM to 12PM. KCKPS parents and guardians are invited to attend. The topic of this upcoming session is ESER 3 Funds. ESER Funds were started during the COVID-19 pandemic to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools. Lastly, Edwin mentions that KCK School Foundation for Excellence is launching a 2023 I Believe campaign which will offer grants for projects that pertain to community enrichment, professional development, etc. This campaign will run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Additionally, Markl adds that registration for the Summer Learning program is still open but will close April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open.

## VI. Turner USD 202

*Lauren Aiello*  
*www.TurnerUSD202.org*

Turner's Career Fair went great—the district is hoping to make this an annual event. If you are a local business that would like to participate in next year's career fair, please contact Lauren Aiello. Turner School District had their first female wrestler, Oriana Ortiz, placed at State. She will be recognized on the floor of Kansas Senate. The Turner Unified School District offers a preschool program for USD 202 children who will be 3 or 4 years old by August 31st of the upcoming school year. The program features certified teachers who work with students to teach them the early childhood skills that will help them be prepared for kindergarten and set them up for future academic success! Enrollment for the 2023 - 2024 school year opens on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For additional information, visit the school district's website.

## VII. KCK Police Department

*Sgt. Angela Joyce*

The Peace March will take place Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 11AM. The march will start at 5<sup>th</sup> & Washington and will end at 5<sup>th</sup> & Richmond. Shuttle buses and transportation assistance will be provided for those with limited mobility. Join KCKPD and community members for good food and conversation. KCKPD is recruiting for both dispatchers and police officers.

## VIII. BPU

*David Mehlhaff*

BPU will be hosting a National Utilities event, the American Public Power Association Lineworkers' Rodeo, in Bonner Springs on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 8 AM to mid-afternoon. This is a free, family-friendly event and a great way to meet utility linemen. David reminds us of the state-funded energy assistance program that helps low-income families with their utility costs. The deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## IX. Sherriff's Department

The Sherriff's Department is working on installing cameras in local parks, specifically in Welborn, Klamm Park, Parkwood, City Park, Eisenhower Park, and Matney Park, to ensure public safety of Wyandotte County residents. This effort is in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department. Additionally, the Sherriff's Department is hiring for deputies (21+), JIAC, and records.

## X. District Attorney's Office

*Mark Dupree*

The DA's Office warns the public about the dangers of fentanyl and that overdoses of this drug are a very serious issue, not only in Wyandotte County but across the nation. In Wyandotte County, there has been a total of 42 fentanyl overdoses, 5 of which were overdoses of minor, and 6 resulting in death this year.

## XI. Planning & Urban Design

*Gunnar Hand, Department Director*

Short-term rental ordinance approval process will take place in April. Regarding updates on “request for qualifications” on 3 unified government-owned landbank properties, there was a bidding seminar that took place March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 that gathered prospect lead developers, sub-consultants, and contractors interested in developing these 3 properties. The landbank policy is in the process of being updated, and a subcommittee meeting regarding this policy took place March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Unified Government is developing a city-wide comprehensive plan—topics of discussions are neighborhood business revitalization organizations (NBRs), public safety. Utilities, land use, housing, historic preservation, etc. These summits and discussions will take place over the next year.

## XII. Livable Neighborhoods

*Kayla Hower, Program Coordinator*

Livable Neighborhoods ask that individuals interested in board training opportunities offered by K-State Research and Extension reply to a survey previously sent out. Livable Neighborhoods Taskforce is seeking additional executive board members. If you are interested in active involvement with the Taskforce, please contact Carole Newton (newtoncarole7@gmail.com).

Not in attendance: NRC, The Health Department, KCK Fire Department

- The Health Department addresses questions regarding bivalent boosters. There is no new booster, just the pre-existing monovalent (original COVID-19) and bivalent (Omicron variant) boosters. COVID-19 vaccines and testing kits are still available through the Health Department.
- The Fire Department will have information regarding Open Burn Season coming soon.

## **Community Announcements:**

- *Kendall McReynolds*, The Law Enforcement Advisory Board is holding a listening session at Armourdale Community Center on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6 PM. The topic of discussion is “how can law enforcement better serve your neighborhood?”
- *JoAnna Glenn*, The Whole Person is hosting their Getting Social Peer Support Group Meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at KCK Public Library on 625 Minnesota from 1 Pm to 2 PM. All consumers and caregivers are invited to attend.
- *Patrice Townsend*, BPU will resume their in-person energy efficiency workshops. Contact Patrice if your neighborhood group is interested in learning more about energy efficiency and it’s benefits. (email ptownsend@bpu.com or call 913.573.9014)
- *Rose Eilts*, Strawberry Hill Pub Crawl’s tentative date is June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.