

CHNA Meeting Minutes 11/05/16

LOCATION: Westport-Roanoke Community Center

IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Lee, Kristin Long, David Wallisch, Bill Allen, Gina Rizzo, Nicki Salido, Joyce Williams,

ABSENT: Christopher Thomsen, Anna Soneson, Cathie Chesen, Per Soneson

GUESTS: Allen (Roanoke Community Center), John (Architect), Joley Justice



I. Call to order - 9:09 AM

II. Introduction.

III. Alan Schmelzle, Director of the Roanoke Community Center. The Center is open 7 days a week, 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM Monday - Friday and 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays. There is a fitness center, a puppet show the first Sunday of every month, and many other activities. There will also be a children's Christmas party on December 4th for kids that are signed up. Fliers for all of the these activities are available at the front desk. Children are welcome to visit the Center and get their own card. Children supervised by their single parents and grandparents can come to the Center to play from 10:00 to noon, M, W, F. Alan can be contacted by email at alan.schmelzle@kcmo.org

IV. John Eck: The architect for the new properties being developed in Coleman Crest, owned by Dean Realty. Coleman Highlands ends at Holly and the only access to Coleman Crest will be via Holly. There will not be new access via 31st Street. The lots were purchased a month ago and ground will break in the spring. The work is in the planning stages right now. Past projects presented: 1. Boulevard Brewing Company: The goal was to be sensitive to the neighborhood and merge the commercial and residential worlds. 2. Weekend house in Indiana: The style is traditional Shaker with Japanese influence. 3. House in Arrow Rock, Missouri: The whole area is on the historic register. Queen Anne cottage. 4. A commercial live/work project for graphic designers which drew precedent from the adjacent row houses. The Coleman Crest development will include 4 lots on the west side of Holly. Two have been purchased by John and his wife for one house (on just one of the lots). The floor plan shows a garage pushed to the rear similar to CH homes. 3 Tanks will be installed in the garage to retain stormwater, holding 1,048 gallons each (this is a requirement imposed by the City). The style of the homes will likely be contemporary. The City has installed all of the necessary infrastructure. Questions and comments: Discussions regarding contemporary vs traditional design, sensitivity to the context of Coleman Highlands, using a compatible materials palette.

V. Jolie Justus: Our 4th District Councilperson which includes 59th Street to I-29, Troost to State Line. Formerly a State Senator. City Hall issues: 1. Gearing up for a general obligation bond vote in April of 2017 which addresses basic infrastructure. They are currently coming up with a list of potential projects to include. 57.1 % needed to pass; 2. Violence. Citizens task force on violence has been meeting for the last 13 months with community members. They'll present a list of suggestions. This issue won't be solved by City Hall - the solutions must come from within the community. The goal is to provide the tools for the community to work on the issues that lead to violence. One office

needs to be created which would work across departments and agencies to be responsible for implementing the ideas. 2. Need a database for social service issues. 3. A public service campaign similar to what we've seen in the past for stopping smoking and drunk driving. Missouri law prevents Kansas City from having different gun legislation. So instead we'll have to focus on influencing culture.

There are three ballot issues from the City on November 8th: 1.-2. The Parks Department asks for permission to sell two pieces of property, The third is a Clay Chastain initiative which takes money from our bus service to give it to a light rail system. Jolie Justus is not in favor of the plan. It only results in about two miles of light rail, from Cerner to the airport. But the money that would be diverted from the bus system wouldn't be adequate for that length.

The new airport: Public education will be required before it has a chance to be approved when put on the ballot. A new facility is needed. This will be paid for by fees paid by people who use the airport and will not take funds away from public infrastructure improvements. New lighting, wayfinding (signage), etc., are currently being improved in the meantime. KCI makes near the least in concessions of all airports. These issues will be improved while keeping KCI a convenient, Kansas City-sized airport. Note: TSA does not allow more than one security checkpoint.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming PIAC Request: Scott Burnett (in attendance) also involved with this issue and reviewing all of the requests. Individual projects will probably not be listed in the general obligation bond and one reason is that the City is trying to figure out how to leverage federal dollars.

Broadway Bridge: The bridge is in disrepair. Discussions about accommodating mass transit and other necessities are taking place.

Other information:

- There will be a 4th District Neighborhood Leadership Meeting on November 14th at the Tony Aguirre Center.
- Jolie is at the Tower Tavern every Wednesday 4-6 PM. Anyone who'd like to discuss issues related to City government can contact her by phone or email during other times.
- Don't forget about the 311 service. There is an app that will be updated soon and is 311 also available via email, phone, and Twitter.

VI. Ryan Lee, Board President:

- Wednesday, November 16th is the next Board meeting.
- Next event is the luminaries. George Baggett announced we have the candles (something about the bags) We do need a new location and to purchase the sand. George is looking for a mentee to learn the ropes and to haul the sand this year.
- Ballot samples available at the front table.
- Amy Bhesania: Leaf pickup service is available on two dates. (What are they?)
- Neighborhood directory - information has been gathered over the course of the year. The content needs to be presented so that neighbors can fill in the gaps. This will probably be next year. Security is a concern that needs to be addressed before the directory can be available online. Google Docs may be more secure than the website.
- Police Community Liaison - the program was disbanded but we still have an informal liaison, Andy Hamil.

VI. Adjourn: 10:27 AM