

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



**Neighborhood & Community Development
Meeting**

5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Commissioner Andrew Davis, Chair

*Commissioner Gayle Townsend – Commissioner Evelyn Hill –
Commissioner Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Melissa Bynum*

MINUTES

**Monday, September 9, 2024
6:00 PM-8:29 PM**

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Andrew Davis (Chair)
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Bynum

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Jud Knapp (Land Bank Administrator)
- Alyssa Marcy (Long Range Planner and Brownfield Coordinator)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Burroughs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

Mr. Knapp stated that Item A5 was removed by the City of Bonner Springs.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 55:02)

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the May 8 and June 5, 2023, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Committee Agenda:**Item 1: Land Bank Options (Discussion Begins 56:19)**

Jud Knapp presented Land Bank applications.

A. Single Family Homes 10 Homes

1. Pillar KC LLC – 1 home
929 Splitlog Ave – 092870
2. Chris Shaw – 1 home
1711 Metropolitan Ave – 160411
3. Kelsey Miles – 1 home
4944 Washington Ave – 047520
4. Elizabeth Hinkle – 1 home
8708 Yecker Ave – 041208
5. Brett G Burton – 1 home
942 S 132nd St – 236230
6. John Deneen – 4 homes
10 S 34th St - 065601
4 S 34th St – 065600
13 S 35th St – 065604
14 S 34th St – 0656028

8. Atlar Support – 1 home

2601 Sherman St – 109665

Item A5 was removed at the request of the City of Bonner Springs.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve items A1 – A8, except A5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Item 2: Land Bank Property Transfers (Discussion Begins 1:04:53)

Jud Knapp presented Land Bank applications.

PT- Property Transfers

1. Tmika Louie – Yard Extension (Unbuildable lot)
2733 R N 11th St – 106274
2. Jennifer Helfenberger – Yard Extension (Need for new septic system)
645 Ridgeview Ave - 154881

Public Comments:

- Tamika Louie (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 1:06:30)**

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve both items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Item 3: Presentation: Land Bank Policy Update (Discussion Begins 1:13:30)

Jud Knapp presented the Land Bank Policy Update. He discussed two main aspects of the policy:

1. Neighborhood Notification Process
 - A. Current procedures for notifying neighborhood groups
 - B. Providing contact information to applicants and neighborhood groups

- C. Collecting comments through online surveys and meetings
- 2. Buried Buildings/Demolition Information
 - A. Explained historical context of demolitions before and after 1999
 - B. Discussed the Land Bank's current data on parcels
 - C. Highlighted the process of checking aerial maps and historical records
 - D. Created a public-facing Land Bank application to provide transparency about parcel conditions

Public Comments:

- Pamela Hicks (Wyandotte County) **(Comment Begins 1:22:37)**
- Jane Philbrook [No residency provided] **(Comment Begins 1:23:57)**
- Elnora Jefferson (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 1:14:35)**

Additionally, Alyssa Marcy from Planning and Urban Design provided a presentation on the Brownfield program, and Elnora Jefferson from Groundworks presented policy recommendations.

Brownfield Program Presentation

Alyssa Marcy presented information on the Brownfield program, including:

- Definition and prevalence of brownfields
- Available funding options
- Process for assessment and remediation

Public Comments:

- Daysha Bush (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 2:03:43)**
- Vanessa Robertson [No residency provided] **(Comment Begins 2:05:51)**

Groundworks Energy Policy Proposals

Elnora Jefferson presented policy recommendations on behalf of Groundworks, including:

- Creating a separate policy section for Northeast KCK
- Adding methods to address HOA covenants
- Including law enforcement in the Staff Advisory Team
- Changing the selection method for neighborhood representatives

Public Comments:

- Beverly Easterwood (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 2:43:03)**
- Daysha Bush (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 22:46:22)**
- Pamela Hicks (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 2:49:57)**
- Darnell Bush [No residency provided] **(Comment Begins 2:51:36)**
- Vanessa Robertson (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 2:55:35)**
- Eric Murray (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 2:57:02)**
- Candy Leonard Caldwell (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 3:01:11)**

This item was for information only and no action was required.

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 3:21:10)

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

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