

**SELF-SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Present: Dr. Greg Mosier, Frank Aguilar, Jason Glasrud, Robert Hughes, Jr., Clayton Hunter, Bill Hutton, Jerrell Royal, Michael Simmons

Absent: Tim Ryan, Jeff Conway

Guests: Angela Turner, Simmons Security; Captain Stephen Smith, Kansas City, Kansas (KCK) Police Department (PD); Officer Miguel Leal, KCKPD; Officer Y. Medina, KCKPD; Dawn Rattan, Executive Director, Downtown Shareholders (DTS); Michael Sutton, Treasurer, DTS; Dilini Lankachandra, Assistant Counsel, Unified Government (UG), Tamara Barnes, Community Member

I. Call to Order

SSMID Advisory Board Chair Dr. Greg Mosier called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted with those present and absent recorded.

III. Review and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve the November 6 minutes was made by Clayton Hunter and seconded by Frank Aguilar.
The Motion Carried.

IV. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings

None.

V. Informational Items

A. KCKPD Update

Captain Stephen Smith presented the monthly report.

- Captain Smith introduced the officers who will be working in the SSMID area: Officer Miguel Leal, SSMID District 126, and Officer Y. Medina from District 125, which includes parts of SSMID.
- Discussed changes to the hours that the new dedicated SSMID officer will work. Officer Medina's shift runs from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Officer Leal will work from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. An additional Fairfax officer who works 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM is also available if additional coverage is needed.
- The KCKPD transition meeting planned for December to debrief about the SSMID patrol had to be rescheduled. Dawn stated the data shows activity picks up around 9:00 PM and the proposed hours for the new officers do not reflect patrolling during that time. Since there has not been a formal debrief on the trial initiative, Dawn expressed concern about moving forward with signing the MOU for the services. However, the bid for SSMID officers was sent out with the new hours. Captain Smith said the positions may have to be rebid if the hours change.
- Casey Meyer, UG Deputy Chief Counsel, will work with SSMID/DTS on the KCKPD contract (payment, salary).

TO DO: A meeting will be scheduled with KCKPD to debrief on the SSMID patrol and discuss the new full-time position(s).

- Provided new patrol flyers in English and Spanish.
- Reported the level of camping and activity at the bus stop and the Frank Williams Center has dropped slightly. The number of arrests is down in those areas.

- Three vacant shifts in the last month around Christmas.
- Captain Smith is finalizing a year-to-date (YTD) report from July 1, 2025, to present on SSMID patrol data. Dawn Rattan expressed appreciation for the tracking data.
- For special events in SSMID, Captain Smith said sufficient lead time is needed to set up a patrol unit for the event.
- New major in the East Patrol Division: Richard Harris, rharris@kckpd.org.
- SSMID is referred to as District 126.
- Reviewed data on the December monthly stats (pages 2 and 3) regarding activity recorded by SSMID officers and district officers.
- Jerrell Royal asked Captain Smith if he felt the word was getting out regarding the SSMID patrols, and if the businesses in the SSMID had the flyers with the contact information. Jerrell wants the community to know these patrols are happening because of SSMID.
- Frank Aguilar asked if traffic citations were self-initiated. Captain Smith prefers that District 125 officers handle those stops.

TO DO: Dawn will send the DTS survey link to Kristin Povilonis for distribution to the SSMID Board.

TO DO: Captain Smith will complete the YTD SSMID patrol report.

- i. Spanish version of informational flyer on KCKPD letterhead announcing officers patrolling the SSMID area

TO DO: Captain Smith will send the new flyer written in English/Spanish to Dawn/Kristin.

- ii. Business cards with contact information in English/Spanish for officers to distribute to SSMID businesses (SSMID could purchase)

TO DO: Dr. Mosier will draft business cards and have KCKPD review them.

- iii. Updated process for requesting patrols for special events
Update referenced above.

- iv. KCKPD transition meeting
Update referenced above.

B. Board Member Terms

- i. Talking points for commissioner meetings – informational
Board members were emailed the talking points to discuss with their respective commissioner.

C. DTS Update/DTS-SSMID Monthly Budget Report (5 minutes)

Dawn presented the monthly report.

- Provided the list of new DTS Board members. Dawn stated there were seven new board members in the last year. There are now 10 DTS Board members, and the bylaws state there can be up to 13. Elections will be held in April to fill the remaining spots.
- Reviewed the DTS Annual Report and the areas it covered: Building Strong Leadership; Bringing the Community Together; Supporting Downtown Businesses; and Arts, Culture, and Activation. DTS is looking ahead at its 2026 priorities for downtown KCK. Dawn has a meeting with the new KCK mayor next week and will continue to push for a downtown master plan.
- DTS is updating its website and creating a fresh and modern logo.
- DTS's goal is to do some "image" updating of downtown businesses (photos) to help rebrand the area.
- Work continues on a downtown car show (corvettes).

- Tentative dates for the empty spaces tour are March 4 and March 7. Dawn has nine commitments for this tour and wants to recruit more.
- Façade fix-up efforts continue as DTS has received the money and needs to promote it.
- The downtown business incubator effort has slowed down but remains a 2026 goal.
- Work continues on establishing a large employer coalition for downtown. It would include the top five employers in downtown KCK.
- Need to incorporate biohazard cleaning into the cleaning plans.

Jerrell asked what happened to the past plans for revitalizing Minnesota (presentations and meetings). Dawn said those meetings are being rebuilt.

Dawn thanked Bill and Frank again for organizing and hosting the SSMID Holiday Gathering in December.

D. Budget Update

Information is in the board packet for review.

VI. Action Items

A. Vice Chair Funding and Outreach Report (5 minutes)

Frank presented the report.

- Frank announced this is an important year because it's SSMID's renewal year. He urged Board members to communicate with commissioners on what the Board does and all the good work the group is doing for downtown KCK.
- Frank stated that the Board has a great group of members right now who are passionate about improving downtown.

B. Vice Chair Community and Business Relations Report (5 minutes)

Bill presented the report.

- Bill stated there is a graffiti issue on the Brotherhood Bank building and other downtown buildings. He said Officer Medina reached out to him to see if he knew who owned those buildings to contact about the graffiti cleanup.
- Wyandotte County Bar Association is having its 100th anniversary celebration at Memorial Hall on January 23. There will be a silent auction and Bill asked if there were items that DTS/SSMID could donate. Charity is the Ronald McDonald House.

TO DO: Dawn will coordinate the items for the silent auction. Kristin will help with donations from KCKCC.

A motion to allocate up to \$250 in SSMID funds from the Marketing budget for silent auction items that would be donated to the Wyandotte County Bar Association event was made by Clayton Hunter and seconded by Bill Hutton. **The Motion Carried.**

- Bill outlined some new positive events that happened downtown over the holiday season. The Police Athletic League held a Christmas tree lighting event on November 25, inviting all families who use the Powell Center's services to dinner afterward. He added that nearby townhouses and his office coordinated their outside lights with the Christmas tree.
- There were five well-attended events at Corkhouse in late November through December.
- Still issues with homelessness at Reardon Center and at the empty Merc store.

VII. Other Business

A. TBD and any Board Member Items

Dr. Mosier stated that the SSMID Board is building momentum and getting its stride.

- B. *Tours of Local Businesses (Town House/7th Street Casino)*
No update.

VIII. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jerrell Royal to adjourn and seconded by Clayton Hunter. **The Motion Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Held for Future Reference

- i. SSMID Permanent Improvement Plan (Brookings Web Meeting - 1/13/25)
 - 1. Brookings Institute: [How To Break The Doom Loop](#)
 - 2. Brookings Institute: [Transformative Placemaking: Think Regionally, Act Locally](#)
 - a. [Urban Doom Loop: The Future of Downtowns is Shared Prosperity](#)
 - b. [Community-Centered Economic Inclusion: A Strategic Action Playbook](#)
 - 3. Kansas City Investment Playbook
- ii. 2025 Workplan
 - 1. Marketing Plan – Continued

Next Meetings: February 5, 2026 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM – Hybrid

Breidenthal Family Boardroom at the KCK Chamber Office, 727 Minnesota Ave and via Zoom