

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, March 20, 2017**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Murguia, Acting Chairman; Commissioners Philbrook, Johnson, Kane and Bynum. Commissioner Markley was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell and Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrators; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Wilba Miller, Community Development Director; Phil Lockman, Director of Community Corrections; and Rob Richardson, Planning Director.

Acting Chairman Murguia called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for January 17, 2017. **On motion of Commissioner Philbrook, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 171029...REQUEST: RENAME JOHN F. KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER

Synopsis: A request has been made to rename the John F. Kennedy Community Center to the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center. This request is in recognition of Ms. Lee's years of service both as an employee at the center and her efforts to improve the surrounding community. Letters of support and a petition signed by 718 individuals has been submitted in support of this request, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator.

Commissioner Johnson said the renaming of the John F. Kennedy Center to the Beatrice L. Center has been an endeavor that I've been approached by and talked about for a couple of years

now. When it was brought to my attention about the tireless labor of Ms. Beatrice Lee; I was and continue to be supportive of this endeavor and I have tried to do all I could to guide the efforts of many of those that are here to show support for this.

Many of you all know Ms. Beatrice Lee, and I'll be honest with you, when I met her I can truly say that my life has not been the same as many of you all that are here would say as well. She helped to crystalize within myself a great responsibility that we have as people both inside and outside of City Hall to be good stewards of our community. Those that know her knows she is a meticulous woman, know that she is a well-read focused and steadfast in her conviction. She has most of all a true heart for her community. She has a heart for the northeast community where she has lived all her life. She has a heart for the community at large and she's given her entire life to the improvement of the quality of life for those that are in northeast Wyandotte County.

Her list of accomplishments, I think there are letters of support and there is a list of accomplishments. They are very long. I could spend a considerable amount of time going through those, but I will defer tonight because I know that there are others that are here that want to show support for her and for this endeavor. I will highlight the fact though that her work, her work with youth and youth development is right at the top of her list in terms of her priorities and her passions and the role that the government and the community play together in working in partnership to better the lives of our youth.

Again, this endeavor and this request has strong community support and some of those persons are here tonight. In the interest of time, I know that Ms. Eleanor Jefferson who is the President of Historic Northeast Midtown Association is here and I'm going to defer to her and her colleagues to further expedite their comments to make sure that we give those opportunities that want to speak to this to show forth support for this worthy endeavor. Again, I'm in full support of this effort and I would like to see it approved.

Acting Chairman Murguia asked does any member of our committee have any questions or comments. **Commissioner Philbrook** said not yet.

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Acting Chairman Murguia asked does anyone from the public wish to address this item. If so, please come forward to the microphone, state your name and city of residency for the record. You will be given up to three minutes to make your comments.

Cedric Patton said I'm a resident of Kansas City, KS and I would like to request an additional minute to read the prepared statement from Mr. Chester Owens who was not able to be here this evening.

Acting Chairman Murguia asked can I get a motion to extend?

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to extend an additional minute.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patton said the poet and lecturer Ralph Waldo Emerson once said the purpose of life is not to be happy, it is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. It is indeed an honor to stand before you this evening and solicit your support in renaming the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center to the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center. Beatrice Lee, one who has made a profound, positive difference in Kansas City, KS. Mrs. Lee, a lifelong resident of our city, has devoted her entire adult life working not only to improve this community but to improve and advance Wyandotte County respectively, not just for some people, but for all people. I have known Mrs. Lee for more than fifty years; have worked alongside her in many capacities in the betterment of our city and as a result of my close-up and personal observation I do not speak from a theoretical view of her many contributions to Kansas City, KS, but I can attest to her unwavering traits of bold, integrity, grace, dignity, compassion and impeccable character.

Her work and recreation is legendary. Many, many years ago she began her chosen career at the Sumner Recreation Center at 1st & Franklin where the facility was not the greatest but her personal tenacity, fortitude, vision and hard work, she transformed it to a place where people gathered. She recognized this as an opportunity to mold lives, to provide hope and to render positive guidance for the many young people who utilized the center on a daily basis.

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When she moved to the John F. Kennedy Center, which was a much improved facility, she provided services to a larger number of persons in the northeast area. The facility at JFK became more than a mere recreation center, but rather a home away from home for many youth; a place that offered safety, learning, ceramics, discipline, leather craft, fun, laughter and many important life lessons. At this site Mrs. Lee became father, mother, sister, brother, mentor and counselor. She wore many hats and she wore them well. She was and continues to be respected by all generations of people who connected to JFK and the services offered there.

Mrs. Lee exceeded expectations while at JFK and she balanced it gracefully as a devoted wife and mother of six children who were always her major priority, however; with her busy family responsibilities her commitment to her work never wavered. She remained active in the PTA in the schools where her children attended and she generously assisted senior citizens who oftentimes had no one to turn to. The home of Mrs. Lee could possibly have been recognized as a counseling center. She saw the deterioration that was occurring in various neighborhoods including her own and she took action standing in protest in front of drug houses even standing alone while fearlessly and boldly declaring to those visiting and residing in those immoral houses, you have to go, I'm not going anywhere. **Chairman Murguia** said your time is up. If you'd like to wrap it up, that would be great. **Mr. Patton** said I'll just turn over to one more page. Finally, if you come to the intersection of 10th Street & Washington Boulevard in the northeast corner, you will see a Douglass–Sumner Neighborhood marker which is a testament to her commitment and devotion to the community across the street. Just to a little south is the marker of the current John F. Kennedy Recreation Center. It is our hope and our fervent prayer that soon and very soon, when we look in the direction of what is currently the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center, we will observe a new dedicated sign on the building that reads The Beatrice L. Lee Community Center.

Paul Jones said I'm a Kansas City, KS resident and I'm proud to be here, able to speak in honor of Beatrice Lee. I've known her pretty much all my life. She has been a very instrumental part with me growing up all these years and there is nobody that I know of that is more worthy than this honor to be bestowed upon them. I call her a shero and a pioneer in this community for everything that she has done and been responsible for as far as education, developing programs and making life better for not only black people, for all people, the human race.

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Mrs. Lee has a passion for the health and welfare of children and family and it's not only commendable but an unconditional service she has given all of her life. She's devoted most, if not all of her life, as far as giving back to the city. Like I said once before and I will continue to say, there's nobody more worthy to have their name on that building as a rock as Mrs. Beatrice Lee. She's not here. Is she here? I would like to thank her and I think everyone in this room should also thank her for her unwavering commitment, her love and passion that she has given to this community. Her devoted love and service is inspiring and motivating to give people that she has encountered and inspired in her life. I would like to thank her personally and I try to do that on a regular basis because I know her so well. I know where she lives and I go there regularly for all kinds of advice. Thank you once again for allowing me to speak, not only for Mrs. Lee, but like I said there is no one more deserving for this to bestow upon them than her.

Chuck Schlittler, Executive Director Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City Kansas, 726 Armstrong Ave, Ste. 201, Kansas City, KS, said our organization has submitted a letter of support for this request. I've been privileged to work with Mrs. Lee in a couple of different capacities. Most recently partnering with Douglass-Sumner and LISC (Local Initiative Support Cooperation) KCMO on some projects to update policies and procedures and such as that for the Douglass-Sumner organization. Our organization, Downtown Shareholders, Kansas City, KS is pleased to also recommend the passage of this request and that the John F. Kennedy Community Center be renamed the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center.

James Connelly, 4800 Richmond Ave., Kansas City, KS said this is a great honor to speak about a woman named Mrs. Beatrice Lee. Some people call her mom. She has transformed so many lives in this community. She has mentored kids and adults. She has done things that a lot of people can't do in a lifetime; by simple words, working and helping. Once you know Mrs. Lee and she mentors you, you become a kid, her kid and I know some of her kids are here tonight and they kind of get jealous I think but once you become and go up under her mentorship, there's not anything she won't do for you. When she calls you, she will ask you to do something, whether it's in the community or for someone in need. Not many people that I can say in my life that I can speak about as high as I can hold Mrs. Lee and I've been in the military and I've done a lot of things but she's mentored, talked and also corrected to make a

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person better. You know, when you're a kid, there are simple things that you go through in life, yes and no, but Mrs. Lee never says yes and no. She tells you the right way to do it and tells you when not to do something. Now, Mrs. Lee, how can you accomplish so much? Well, 31 years in Parks and Recreation, she did 14 years at the Summer Recreational Center down off 3rd & Richmond and then she did 17 years at JFK. Mrs. Lee retired in 1996 and she continued, I can't say her age because she'd be very upset with me, she continues to have projects, housing projects, Douglas-Sumner, also she's on so many committees. If I started, I couldn't list them all for one thing and the other thing, my two minutes would be up.

John F. Kennedy was assassinated before I was even born but Mrs. Lee, I had the opportunity to meet with her, I've been mentored by her and also have been scolded by her. I want to say to the commissioners, please give her her flowers while she is living.

Martha Smith, President of London Heights Neighborhood, said I once was blessed to meet Mrs. Beatrice Lee in raising two sons who are now 38 and 36. She was a great director at the JFK Community Center for myself and working parents, as a matter-of-fact for over 31 years. She gave to our children and now our grandchildren, good care and attention. She gave and received support from parents, the community and from everyone. Mrs. Lee gave concerns about activities at the center, participate with your children, come so we can see that our programs here at the JFK Center are enjoyable. She gave her values; passion, vision and wisdom were given to counteract the problems of Martin City life, competition, poverty and injustice in social exclusion.

Our JFK Center was marked by children playing together, parents chatting with each other and keeping track of all the kids. It was a sad farewell when Mrs. Lee retired, that's when our security, morality, trust and support began to disappear in our JFK Community Center closed for years, another failure for our children here in KCK. Mrs. Lee mentored many, including myself. She and I share the same birthday. I'm so hopeful you will approve the renaming of the JFK Community Center to the Beatrice Lee Community Center; doing so will be a well earned and most deserving honor for Mrs. Lee.

Commissioner Philbrook said I want to tell you all that are here in support of Beatrice Lee that I really don't know her well, but I do know her and I've heard a lot about her before I was ever

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elected. She's a name in the community. You guys have an excellent representative. She always seems to speak up to issues that she sees. She's dedicated and has undying determination. I would not want her to run over me. I would not be a good—I wouldn't be able to stand up against her. There is just no way. She's got more energy than ten people. I have to tell you that I just really have to respect someone that has that kind of feeling for their community. So I want to thank you for coming forward to speak today.

Robert Easterwood said I'm in support of Mrs. Lee getting—putting her name on building. It's been JFK for as long as I—you know since it's been in existence. I've frequented that building several times. Most of them are my friends and in teenage years and grade school, we all took part in the activities. She always made sure that there were things to be done during the summer. She kept us out of a lot of trouble. In fact I was a good friend with Dayton and Davey and I, her son; we were riding around one night and he said let's go down to 1st Street. We said what's down there. You know it was a carload of us and I think it was a Friday. He said well my mom's having a—you know she's getting something together. We were trying to decide where we wanted to go. We really didn't know where but he said the magic words. He said there's food. That's where we went. She knew how to reel us in no matter how old we were and she kept us on track. As the gentleman stated, she was a good mentor, she had a lot of good information to give you and I'm in support of the building being named after her.

Carolyn Wyatt, 359 Troup, said most of you know me and I'm in support of the renaming of the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center to the Beatrice Lee Community Center. I knew Beatrice Lee when, like they said down on 1st St., Water St., whatever it was. I used to go down there and they had ping pong and a lot of different things like that. I think it also went to Douglas but when it went to JFK, a lot of kids went there and it was always plenty of kids there, plenty of things to do and I remember some of the famous basketball players, that's how they got their start by going to John F. Kennedy playing basketball. There were a lot of things for kids. It kept them out of trouble and it was something to do. You know parents didn't have to worry about them. Mrs. Lee was there. I've been knowing Mrs. Lee a long time. I've even went over and talked to her several times. I support that. I support Mrs. Lee. I support John F. Kennedy. I

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support the Beatrice Lee Community Center and I hope you do too because we're saving kids, we're saving lives so we should all support that.

Eleanora Jefferson, Kansas City, KS, said to the taxpayers, people who've come up and spoken and worked collaboratively on this project, I thank you very much. We wouldn't be here tonight if it were not for your efforts. Thank you so much. I also want to thank Commissioner Johnson for listening and for taking this on as a heartfelt endeavor. I appreciate it very much Commissioner Johnson. Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, for your guidance, your patience and helping us get the package and get to this point. Thank you very much.

Of all the criteria set forth in the Unified Government's policy for renaming Unified Government owned buildings and parks, all of that criteria is satisfied. The policy states, renaming by city buildings and parks is a powerful way to preserve local history and express community ideas and values. Mrs. Lee is considered an icon within the traditional boundaries of northeast Kansas City, Kansas because of her long-time unwavering support and advocacy for youth, family growth and well-being. She utilized the recreation programs and social activities that were held at JFK to build the attendees' social, emotional and academic prowess, enabling them to live fuller and satisfying lives. Mrs. Lee's name evokes respect, terms of endearment and tribute because she embodies the community ideas and values.

Renaming JFK to the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center will have historic, cultural and social significance for generations to come. With her name ascribed thereon, the center will be well positioned to have an enduring importance to the community at large because her name denotes those standards that the great majority of all parents regardless to race, color, creed, socioeconomic status or address wants for their children and for themselves.

The Renaming Committee found no area where the renaming of JFK to the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center violated policy. All applicable criteria were satisfied. The Renaming Committee followed the procedures set forth as guidelines. Having satisfied all the requirements stated in the policy, the renaming committee asks for your vote in support of the renaming of the JFK Community Center to the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center, sincerely and on behalf of the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center Renaming Committee.

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Acting Chairman Murguia asked is there anyone else that'd like to speak in regards to this topic. Does anyone on the committee have anything they would like to add or any questions or concerns? **Commissioner Johnson** said, Commissioner Murguia, I would like to acknowledge her children. I know that I met one of her daughters. I think her son—would you all just please stand so that we'll know who you are, they are here as well. For the record, I just wanted to acknowledge these letters of support from Strugglers Hill, Douglass–Sumner Neighborhood Association, Turtle Hill, Historic Northeast East Midtown Association, PRIDE, London Heights and the Downtown Shareholders. With that, I would like to move that it be approved.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve.**

Commissioner Johnson asked can we have a showing of who all is here in support of that if you don't mind Commissioner Murguia. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said go ahead. All of you that are in support of this, could you please stand. (28 people stood in support)

Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Murguia.

Acting Chairman Murguia said we now have a new named community center. Congratulations! Very good! As they say, it just takes a small group of committed citizens to make major things happen and you did one tonight so congrats to yourselves too.

Item No. 2 – 171009... GRANT: LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL - SOAR

Synopsis: Request authorization to submit a \$1.5M grant application for the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant, submitted by Wilba Miller, Community Development Director. The 10% required match would be paid from CDBG funds. The UG would also request an additional \$150,000 in Healthy Homes Supplemental Grant funds. The grant period is for 36 months with three 12-month budget periods. *It is requested that this item be fast tracked to the March 23, 2017 full commission meeting.*

Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said the Community Development Department in partnership with the Health Department are pursuing a Lead-Based Paint Grant

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abatement. That's technically not the name of it, but that's together as partners. The maximum as a first-time applicant we can get is \$1.5M. It would come with an additional \$150,000 in Healthy Homes Supplemental funds. We would have to match 10% of the 1.5, which is \$150,000, and we can do that through in-kind staff under CDBG. That's very good. I want to thank Terri Garrison of the Health Department and her staff person Kerri Neal plus Stephanie Moore of my staff. Stephanie has been the lead. She's been pulling us hard through to this process. We've never applied for something this complicated. I mean it's very, very complicated but we hope to get the money to do testing and remediation of houses in a targeted area. Our grant is due Thursday. We're still writing today and tomorrow. We wanted to come to the standing committee, give you an update and ask that you fast track it through Thursday.

Action: Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve and fast track to Thursday's meeting. Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Murguia.

Item No. 3 – 171008... DISCUSSION: TOPICS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Synopsis: Discussion on topics to be presented at the upcoming Community Development public hearing, submitted by Wilba Miller, Community Development Director. *Public hearing scheduled for the April 6, 2017 full commission meeting.*

Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said normally we would have this combined with the Unified Government but back in February when the Unified Government had their public hearing, we had no information about what kind of funding we were going to get for fiscal year 2017. We still do not know but we need to start the process. We're coming to you tonight saying we're going to have the public hearing, tell people what we received last year, ask for their input so that we can start developing the budget. Several of the items that we talk about tonight in a later item will be used to help after you give us guidance.

The other thing is while we're doing our grant application for this year, we need to revise our Five-Year Plan. HUD is requiring us to revise it, first of all because we adopted that Fair Housing Assessment. As you may know, we may or may not have to follow that assessment

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based on what's going on in Washington, DC but we're going to stand that we are. It's a Five-Year Fair Housing Assessment. We need to revisit it in our Five-Year Plan and put it in there as part of it.

The second thing is tonight at the public hearing we would say whether or not we were doing the CDBG application process in order to receive funding for particular projects. Last year you did a limited amount. You had each public service activity reapply plus we had around \$300,000 that we used for projects. I don't know that I would recommend doing that this year. Last year we thought we were going to have money left over from the sale of the hotel, as you remember, but we determined that we're going to continue to pay payments until it's paid out in 2019. We just don't have that flexibility right now. I'm asking the standing committee for guidance as well as taking this to the public/public hearing to get the public's guidance on that too.

The third thing was once we do apply for this Lead-Based Paint Grant, we're going to pretend that we're going to get this grant and we're going to put it in our Five-Year Plan because it's a three year grant and so everything would be covered. If we don't, okay we don't get it, but we're hoping that we do get it. Everybody is pretty excited about it. Our Five-Year Plan would include that fair housing; it would include the Lead-Based Paint Grant Application and then the development of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area.

HUD has continually told us that if we would designate areas like this that we could get benefit. One of the benefits would be flexibility in building housing, for instance. They've come to the table and said if you set up this area and you give us a plan, it's a Five-Year Plan about how you're going to spend money in that area, maybe you can aggregate so that not every household has to be low mod but only 51% of the households have to be low mod.

We're working with the Planning Department, Melissa, Rob Richardson and the KU Planning students to develop a plan. We've given them housing data, we've given them all kinds of data so that they can kind of bring together—this is a good area. It cannot be a totally dead area. It has to be an area that we can make a difference. Maybe it's on the edge and it just needs five years of attention to bring it back to a thriving area. During the budget process, as we go through this public hearing and we mention these, things are going to come back to the standing committee as we find out information and we'll just be updating as we go along through the

budget process. By the time that you do adopt the Annual Plan and the new Revised Five-Year, you'll have those things as part of the document.

Acting Chairman Murguia said this item does not require any formal action but I do want to open it up to my fellow commissioners if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Commissioner Bynum said on the discussion of topics to be presented at the upcoming public hearing, I think you've given us Fair Housing, Lead-Based Paint Grant and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area and you're suggesting to us that those three be a part of the public hearing conversation. **Ms. Miller** said right. It would be the Annual Plan and then the Five-Year Revised Plan to include those three items and then I am asking that you—I said fast track but I guess it doesn't have to fast track to April 6th. **Stephanie Moore, Community Development**, said it's still online. We were trying to fast track the Lead-Based Paint Grant. **Ms. Miller** said I kept saying fast track. I apologize. **Commissioner Bynum** said so we fast tracked the Lead-Based Paint to the Thursday night commission meeting with the vote and this piece is just basically getting our agreement or consensus that these would be items at the public hearing. **Ms. Miller** said the public hearing, right. **Commissioner Bynum** said alright, that's great. Thank you. That's all I needed. **Commissioner Philbrook** said so we need to go ahead and recommend that that be fast tracked. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said, Joe, we don't need to fast track hers do we. **Commissioner Philbrook** said no just on the lead-based. **Ms. Miller** said no, that was the first item. This was the second one. I'm sorry. I got confused. I've got too many items.

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator; said commissioners, we're trying to set a framework for the April 6th CDBG public hearing and so these are the things—this is the framework or the outline they would like to have at the meeting and so I think that if you're okay with this, this is just the consensus and out of the head and then we'll move on and April 6th will be the formal hearing. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said our clerk has been trying to tell me something. **Tifani Portley Lott, Administrative Support Specialist**; said we need to vote for this one, not the next one. This is to set the public hearing. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said but this specifically says this item does not require any formal action for this committee. **Ms.**

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Portley Lott asked is it for the fourth one. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said no, we're on three, four will. That's correct right. Three we don't do anything, four—**Commissioner Philbrook** said no, that's reversed on this. On this it says fast tracked for full commission meeting, I guess for the hearing. On this next one, it says for information only. **Ms. Miller** said yes, the agenda here is wrong. This is Item No. 3, the public hearing. I do need you to set the public hearing. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said well, my cheat sheet doesn't say that Wilba. **Ms. Miller** said I didn't put your cheat sheet together.

Action: **Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve and fast track for the April 6 public hearing.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane Bynum, Murguia.

Item No. 4 – 171010... UPDATE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Update on Community Development activities, submitted by Wilba Miller, Community Development Director.

Acting Chairman Murguia said Wilba is still here. Just for clarity, this does not require any action. **Wilba Miller, Community Development Director,** said right. This is an update of information. I'll just start with we wanted to talk to the standing committee about the fact that you know fiscal year 17 has not been approved yet. There is a continuing resolution to the end of April and we expect to hear something hopefully before then but at least by then. We're a little alarmed at everything that we've been hearing about fiscal year 18 so I brought it up. I've talked to my staff about it. Everybody is just taking a deep breath and working our way through these budgets. I mean this is not the first time that they've talked about eliminating the Block Grant in the whole years that I've been there, this is just one of them. There was at one time when they talked about eliminating the whole department so I mean it's hard not to worry. I just wanted to bring it up so Commission understands that we are in the process of being part of the coalitions and letters that go to all of the senators and representatives and we belong to the National Community Development Association. They have people working from the grassroots

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up. National League of Cities has supported like 650 cities are writing letters. It's not just us. It's states and local governments that are fighting this battle. I just wanted to let you know that.

Based on allocations and how we spend our money, we thought it was important that we talk about things like the application process, which I mentioned at the last item, whether or not we should do it or not. Two, the expenditure of funds; I gave you all an updated list of things where they are. You should have as part of your packet that you had requested before. We don't want to start working on the budget until we have our public hearing. I also brought up things that we have talked about in the past like transferring demo to the general fund, decreasing funding from Livable Neighborhoods because they are not using the same annual allocation all of the time and possibly the last year of funding for Doing Real Work. These are items that you all asked me to bring to you and update you on. I'm willing to answer and questions.

Commissioner Philbrook said I personally would like to see Doing Real Work moved over to the part of our Judicial System and them integrating that into their program themselves and go into their budget. I've already said something to our new District Attorney about that. I haven't gone any further than that, but I have mentioned it to him and I told him I would give him the information and a contact.

Commissioner Johnson said I would agree with that statement there by Commissioner Philbrook. When I have looked at just portions of this proposed 2018 budget and the notion that the CDBG may be cut, the explanation is that the states and the local municipalities are better equipped, I suppose, to handle that. For the record can you tell me how we are better equipped and what we will do if those funds are eliminated. **Ms. Miller** said I have had some small discussions with the Administrator's Office about recommendations on some of those kinds of things. If HOME is eliminated, it's the smaller of the two. That is direct like down payment assistance to home buyers. That is our CHWC's funding, our Mount Carmel's funding, any Habitat funding. Those are directly housing related activities. So you're affecting housing and potential home buyers for our community. I think we did approximately 20 CHIP down payment assistance loans last year. We think there are going to be years where people aren't going to be interested and then we get slammed and then the money's gone all of a sudden. When you get

into Community Development, whether or not it's eliminated or not, it goes back to Commissioner McKiernan, several years ago who says what are you going to pay for out of General Funds if CD's not around. You know, that's the Commission's decision and I would think that things like demolition would still be around. I would think that things like Willa Gill would still be around, totally your decision.

Commissioner Johnson said when I saw, and I read that comment, I started thinking along those lines and I'm thinking, well that means that something if we were to keep everything something else would have to be cut. **Ms. Miller** said plus it's important also to know that even though you look at one year at our funding; we're never just working on one year of our funding. We're always working on several years of our funding for each one of those grants so we may have two or three years of Emergency Solution Grant Contracts open at one time. We may have two or three housing development things going on you know on the HOME Program. On CDBG we're working on two housing developments that were funded two or three years ago. It's not like this great big staff cost is going for just that one particular year. It's for a number of projects over several years that are still open and going and things are occurring. **Commissioner Johnson** said well thank you. I just wanted to get some dialogue on that.

Ms. Miller said one of the things that I think is important, I've only brought this up a couple of times, but one of my staff members went to basically CDBG and these activities on this side of the page and this side of the page are all the eligible activities that can be done under CDBG and you look at what we do as our community and then you look at somebody like New York City or Kansas City, MO; there was an article about what they would lose and how they would lose it. They do different things than we do. This would be very hurtful even to our community with the small things that we do, the home repairs that we help. I know those are not always fascinating communities but it really helps a lot of people.

Commissioner Bynum asked are you looking to us for perhaps reinforcement of holding on an application process. **Ms. Miller** said yes. Well, I was actually going to ask for that, but I didn't make it an action item tonight; but I think I will be coming to you in April and saying okay now

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we may know more, do you want to do an application process. Like I said if you wanted my opinion tonight, I'd kind of hold off on it until I knew something. **Commissioner Bynum** said right and I agree.

Acting Chairman Murguia said, Joe, is this a topic that we—since it's brought here to the agenda, does the public have the chance to comment now? **Mr. Connor** said I think this would be a time to do that, yes. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said if anybody from the public is here that would like to speak in regards to this topic; if you could please come forward.

Crystal Watson, Harlem Black Chamber of Commerce, said I just wanted to make a comment off of the statement that was made by Commissioner Philbrook regarding Doing Real Work and moving those funds from Community Development into the judicial system or judicial funding. Is that what I heard you say? **Commissioner Philbrook** said I proposed that the judicial funding take this particular program over and they integrate that in there. I've heard good things back that they're happy with how that's working and they would like to continue on and so I suggested that they should be putting that in their funding stream. **Ms. Watson** said I only wanted them to make comment that if those funds are transferred—**Commissioner Philbrook** said not transferred. **Ms. Watson** said well, however; it works. Please excuse me if I don't use the appropriate content for what I'm trying to express to you. **Commissioner Philbrook** said that's okay but it's not transferred. **Ms. Watson** said what I'm trying to express is that if they lose the funding under Community Development just to ensure that the Judicial Department does include the funding just so that they don't lose it. That's just what I want to make a point of. The work that they're doing, yes ma'am. **Ms. Miller** said I think this was considered their last year of funding. **Commissioner Philbrook** said yes, I thought this was their last year too. That's why I wanted them to be transferred over to them. This is their last year to get money from us in the way they've been getting money. **Ms. Watson** said but if you have the application process, will they be able to—**Commissioner Philbrook** said they can't reup, I don't believe. **Ms. Miller** said the standing committee said that three years for them a couple of years ago. **Ms. Watson** said well thank you for that clarification.

Acting Chairman Murguia asked is there anyone else that would like to speak on this topic. (there were none.)

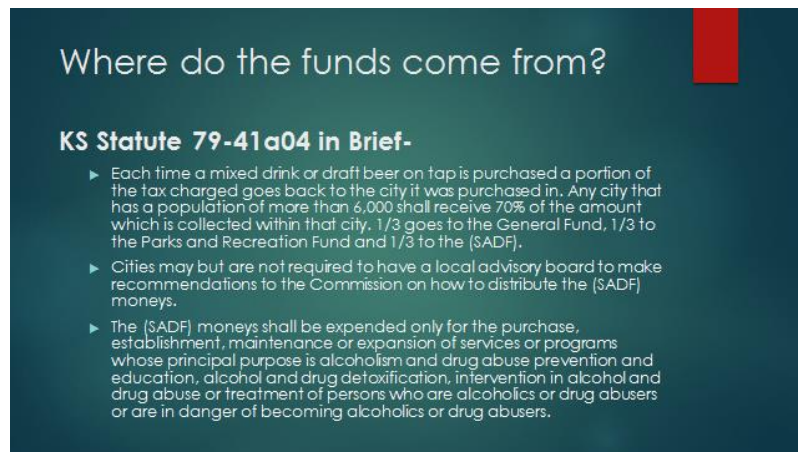
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Item No. 5 – 16881... ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUND USE

Synopsis: Analysis of the use and distribution of Special Alcohol and Drug Funds, submitted by Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator. This item was previously presented to the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee on November 28, 2016. The committee requested that this item be moved to the March 2017 meeting to allow for a deeper review of the program's use of funds.

Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator, said first a correction, the PowerPoint you have in front of you was not included in your packet at least it wasn't included in mine. Phil Lockman from Community Corrections who authored the PowerPoint that you have in front of you is going to take you through it.

Just by way of history, we came before this standing committee back in November 2016 with some recommendations about the future use of Special Alcohol and Drug Funds that you all wanted us to take a look at. As a result of that November meeting, you asked staff to come back with a more deeper dive, a deeper analysis of how we use the funds and what we use them for. Some of the partners who've been receiving the funds. Phil will take you through that PowerPoint and at the end we'll have some recommendations for you all to consider.



Phil Lockman, Director of Community Corrections, said the Alcohol Tax dollars are a direct stream coming from the Kansas statute that creates a tax on every mixed drink, beer, draft beer drawn. That money is collected at the state and redispersed. 1/3 goes to, this is only in cities of 6,000 population and over, but 1/3 of it goes to the General Fund. 1/3 goes to Parks and Recreation and 1/3 to the Special Alcohol Drug Fund which the monies may be expended only for the purchase establishment, maintenance and expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism, drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol drug detoxification, intervention and alcohol drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers and that's that 1/3 that I'm talking about.

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Historical Local Budget Distribution-

Fund	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City General Fund	503,277	529,646	571,121	575,000	584,000
Special Parks & Rec	503,277	529,646	571,121	575,000	584,000
Alcohol Fund (SADF)	503,277	529,646	571,121	575,000	584,000
Total	1,509,831	1,588,938	1,713,363	1,725,000	1,752,000
(SADF) Allocations	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Community Corrections	209,353	246,791	324,416	335,380	335,380
Associated Youth Services (AYS), St Francis	108,544	133,967	127,536	127,536	63,768*
Friends of Yates (FOY)	89,856	90,572	70,916	73,474	0***
Mirror Inc.	0	23,961	51,048	48,490	24,245*
Alcohol Safety Project	51,100	0	0	0	0

* Funded for 6 months due to delayed RFP ** (FOY) Declined funding for 2017

Historically, there's over 2013 – 2017, that's the revenue coming in and during that time, the people, the organizations that have received funding out of that 1/3 part of the monies were primarily Community Corrections, which we use it for our drug courts, DUI supervision and drug diversion caseloads. Associated Youth Services, which was providing drug and alcohol treatment for youth. Friends of Yates, which was providing substance abuse treatment to individuals that are in their shelter and education. Mirror Inc. since 2014 has been receiving money and they use their money for adult peer mentors, which is a process to get an adult probably has gone through the cycle of drug and alcohol abuse and comes back and works with an individual. They are actually paying their staff I think that are past users that are counselors to be their peers. The Alcohol Safety Project in 2013 received a one-time amount there.

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Current Process for Distribution of (SADF) Dollars-

- An RFP is issued yearly and the Advisory Board reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the Unified Board of Commissioners for approval of contracts. Due to this current review, the original RFP for 2017 was withdrawn and each of the three externally funded programs were six month extensions at 50% of their total 2016 allocation. Friends of Yates declined the extension.

Agency	Primary Use	Secondary	Tertiary	# Served in 2016	Per Unit Cost
Friends of Yates (FOY)	SA Treatment for victims of abuse			349	\$210
Associated Youth Services (AYS), St Francis	SA Treatment for Youth	Prevention Services for Youth		85	\$1,500
Mirror Inc.	Adult Peer Monitoring			100	\$454
Community Corrections	Adult Alcohol/Drug Court Program	Adult Felony	Adult Drug Diversion	165	\$2,032*

* This includes, treatment, aftercare, case management, medication, halfway house support and defense expenses.

The primary use here, you know the process has been that a RFP was issued through the Public Safety Business Office that went out. As you can see over the years, it has been pretty stagnant as far as who's been involved as far as receiving the funds. Going there on that chart you can see the Friends of Yates. I took the primary use, secondary and tertiary as far as which one was receiving the primary funds and then the secondary funds and also a per unit cost. Some of these costs are a little fuzzy because I think some of the documentation it's really tough to tell whether people are really receiving services and to what extent. There's not really a lot of good accounting on the end product to really run that down. The costs you see up there are probably the best that we could get right now at this point. You'll notice that the Community Corrections is a higher per unit cost of that \$2,032. The explanation for that is that is in the state of Kansas the average for supervising adults is about \$2,040 per individual; which sounds like a lot of money but when you compare it to the \$65,000 a year for someone to be in prison, that's what makes it a little more cost effective. Also, from the Community Corrections, we're providing case management as in the probation officer but we're also paying for the drug treatment, the outpatient, surveillance, medications, halfway house and Oxford House. We sometimes pay the first month, month and a half for an individual to get them on their feet and that kind of thing. That's what drives that cost up a little higher. It's kind of the big picture.

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B e h a v i o r a l O u t c o m e s	Agency	Measure	2014	2015	2016
	Friends of Yates (FOY)	90% of youth will report decrease in use of substances at completion	N/A	105, yes	15, yes
		80% of participants will increase understanding of relapse prevention.	280, Yes	178, No	212, Yes
	Associated Youth Services (AYS), St Francis	During Treatment 75% of youth will test negative for drug use.	N/A	63.75%	60%
		Increase # of participants who test negative for drugs from 63% to 84%	69%	N/A	N/A
	Mirror Inc.	Successful discharges will increase to 65%	61%	70%	29%
		Increase successful discharge from TX by 50% to 70 annually.	61	70	54
	Community Corrections	Successful discharges will be 70% or higher.	68.6%	69.6%	64.8%
		Increase the rate of employment of offenders by 3% yearly.	35%	41%	38.5%

Next, there are some behavioral outcomes. In the applications it was really pretty tough to discern because, and this isn't bashing on anyone in that including my organization, but it's really tough to come up for good behavioral outcomes with people. A lot of times what you see are outputs that people put in there. Instead of two sessions we'll do three sessions, that kind of thing instead of what actually happened to the person on the end because it's really tough to define that and also very tough to track it and do long-term analysis on. They're kind of all over the place. I will show like on the Community Corrections an example there is that successful discharges will be 70% or higher. We've been kind of right in there, 68.6%, 69.6%, 64.8%.

Something like that, just like for the other providers, it's tough because we're not in control of whether someone violates their probation, whether the District Attorney wants to go through with it, whether the judge decides to do it. There are a lot of multiple factors that impact that decision process. The positive part of that though, I will tell you that I've been here, this will be my thirty-second year, but prior to about ten years ago our revocation rate was 70% until we made changes and moved towards evidence-based processes and how we do it. I'm better organized and worked on these types of providing the kinds of services I've talked about to offenders. We've completely flipped that around. **Commissioner Murguia** said Community Corrections' revocation rate was 70%. **Mr. Lockman** said it was 65% and a lot of that was just because of the way the system was driven. There wasn't a lot of money put into the resources and the local community weren't given that money to provide those services. That was statewide. Now, the average is a little better than us, probably, I want to say about 71%, 70% on that.

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A Look to the Future

- ▶ Funds should be targeted towards youth and their families in our community that have identifiable risks that make it likely that they could have or develop substance abuse issues and be at risk to enter the local criminal justice system.
- ▶ Family-based approaches to treating adolescent substance abuse highlight the need to engage the family, including parents, siblings, and sometimes peers, in the adolescent's treatment.
- ▶ Drawing on the energy of the new Youth Services Center that is being planned and utilizing current programming within the Dept. of Community Corrections, will help maximize the effectiveness of the interventions.
- ▶ Referrals would come from Churches, Schools, Law Enforcement, Corrections, Courts, Parents, Intake and Assessment and the Service Providers.
- ▶ An RFP would be initiated to get a schedule of 2 to 3 local providers of the evaluation, inpatient and outpatient services.
- ▶ A voucher based system would be used to pay for evaluation and treatment that is paid on a per service basis.

When I was asked to do this, I kind of looked at it. We've really made a big shift in what we're doing. Like our probation officers now; we're certified, we're providing strengthening families, parenting education groups, occupational workforce development, aggression replacement therapy, a lot of things going out there. Cognitive behavioral, the things that are shown to work and help reduce. That's part of the reason why we've seen a great improvement of going to a 70% success rate than where we were both in adult and juveniles.

When I looked at these, the way things were done, to me it seems a little untargeted, unfocused and I think when you look at best practices and what you're doing with youth and kids, the best thing is to take a family-based approach, which really hasn't been done, the research now is coming around on it. Drug treatment traditionally you know the individual kid or the adult doing their own thing and really where SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) and I have a ton of things on that, but they talk about behavioral and basically and you're providing your working family therapy drug treatment. You work with the kid and the parents because the kid has to live with the parents and the parents have to live with the kid and part of it is the dynamics in the house makes things worse or it can make it better. That's what things like multi systemic therapy, functional family therapy, there are a lot of other short-term behavioral interventions but focusing on the family.

In looking at it is to—the other thing is to kind of push it out to kids that are not in the system yet but are right on the cusp of it and their families because sometimes it's the kid has an

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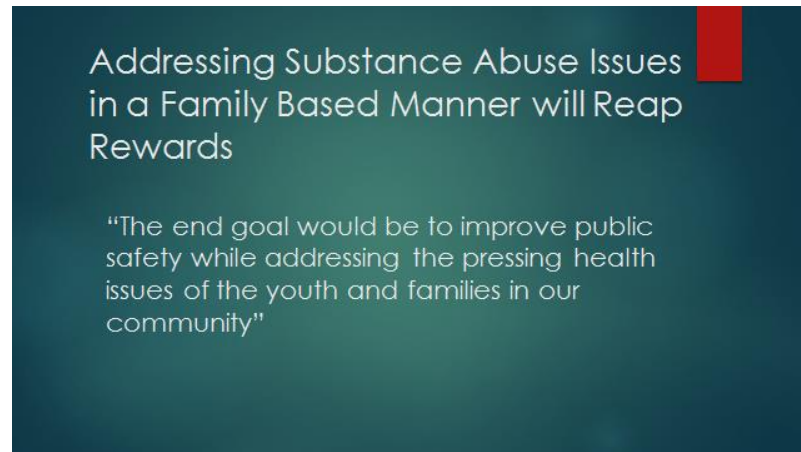
issue or crisis whether it's school, maybe they come into intake assessment. Maybe they're a child in need of care but it's the parents' issues with drug and alcohol that are involved too. That is what I would propose is to look at those parents and those kids' needs together and sometimes those are two separate tracts, you're doing two different things but if possible bring them together and deal with them in a substantive manner including sometimes their siblings, their friends. Kids don't live in isolation, just like everyone else in the community. It ripples out and impacts everyone. Those people all have impact on that child staying sober or not. One of the things with youth that's very tough is that generally and most adults don't just use, use, use and stop. That's very rare in adults, it happens but with youth, it's almost never that way. They use, they go along, they don't use, they abuse, they drop down, they don't use, they use and at the end of the day you can't really substantively sit back and say this child is an addict. Sometimes they won't use and at 30 they can turn into a raging alcoholic or an addict. You need to look at it as a process that child and family are going through, that you try to intervene as early as possible and address the issues, but don't think it's the end of the world because that's the frustrating thing with our—if anyone has your own kids, you know that. It's a frustrating process with kids because odds are they're probably not going to do the right thing the first time on a lot of things.

In drawing on the energy of the new youth services center that's being planned is looking at that as more of a provider of services out to families in crisis as opposed-in addition to those kids that are in the system. I sit back and I look at the two biggest cost centers we have, at least on the County side is the Adult Detention Center and the Juvenile Detention Center. Money is targeted to help reduce that not only is good for the community, but it's also good for the budget because then you can use those funds that you were using to lock up people for other things and add in on that.

You know I kind of envisioned referrals coming from a lot of different places, churches, schools, the service providers themselves, probation officers, juvenile intake and assessment and police officers on the street. Police officers a lot of times, you know you don't hear it, but they go to a lot of houses and nobody gets arrested. They show up for disturbances and maybe if something's there that they see they can say, hey, here's a number, here's a place to go to and maybe they can help you. The same with churches, you have a family that's in crisis or maybe—you know the thing is you don't want to make this prevention, primary prevention, hey

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everybody out there we're just going to do it. You have to have some identified risks factors and make it definitely evidence-based and who you're targeting and focusing.



The concept would still involve the money going out to the community. You do an RFP, out for probably two, at the most three, providers to provide primary and secondary drug and alcohol treatment for kids and their parents. **Commissioner Bynum** said I just have a question on that. On that point, why would you limit it to two or three local providers? **Mr. Lockman** said you know and that's just my gut feeling. What I'm thinking on that is that the money would be spread so thin that your costs would go up. You know and I think the more—**Commissioner Bynum** said I'm not aware of how many licensed providers that we have but I bet it's more than two or three. **Mr. Lockman** said oh sure. Right now we've got the three external providers that are getting the money. When I say two to three, I'm not saying it as in I want to limit and control it. My main concern is that we need to have—if one drug and alcohol provider fails, which happens a lot, that you've got some other options. My question is that if I had seven or eight vendors getting this limited amount of money, they may not be interested. It's more of a capacity issue and serving but basically you would do that. If you could have four or five, if that worked out, that would be great, but the main thing is you need more than one. Yes, but that's more of what I was thinking is from their business management model, that may not—so it would be a kid or youth could show up and you'd have kind of like a voucher-like program. Once a kid met a criteria of that being high risk and these other issues, you can say here show

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up here, get an evaluation, we'll pay for it; treatment and the same thing. You're paying on a use basis instead of a bulk transfer of money to a provider where you don't have any cost control.

Commissioner Philbrook said I want to follow-up on her and your comments a little bit. So a voucher, that voucher would allow for a certain amount for evaluation, whomever they went to that was registered and licensed to do this type of work, right? **Mr. Lockman** said well it would be that you would have to have a contract because—**Commissioner Philbrook** said well no, I understand. **Mr. Lockman** said technically money's being transferred from the Unified Government to a provider. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I know they would have to sign off on a contract all that, but the gurus take care of that. I really don't want us to pick two or three. I think that people have a right to go to the professional they want to go to. I don't want to tell them where to go, alright. That's coming from an eye doctor that doesn't want people to be told where to go.

The other thing is that then after the evaluation, it would be determined how much money that you would allot to be put forth on this individual to carry on with care. **Mr. Lockman** said the contract would establish that because that would be set ahead as primary outpatient or aftercare or those kinds of things. It would all be uniform for all providers and that way—like I said the details on that stuff, you know there's a lot of different ways to understand it and all—**Commissioner Philbrook** said if you're going to go ahead and make that straight across the board, everybody gets paid the same, then I'm not worried about how many people get to help people because we have X number of dollars anyway and that's all we have. **Mr. Lockman** said I kind of see this as kind of like a request for qualifications proposal. I think this is a partnership. I think that we need to identify as many providers as possible if this comes to fruition, bring them in, say hey, this is what we think. Is there something wrong? This or whatever and then work out that stuff and kind of create the RFP with those individuals that are qualified, that met the minimum qualifications and have that dialogue because this is a big check. **Commissioner Philbrook** said the other thing is you're not going to have people coming forward who want to work on this that don't want a little bit of money. You know if they're not into it, they're not going to bother jumping on board and doing any of that work. I think they will weed themselves out on their own.

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Commissioner Johnson said is that what's happened with Friends of Yates? I noticed that they were declined funding for 2017. **Mr. Lockman** said well when this process I think was originally the Health & Human Service Committee like in September, October, this question had come up and then it was decided that they were getting ready to issue the RFP for the new alcohol drug session starting January 1st. They were running out of time. The decision was made to contact everyone receiving money now and say we want to extend through June 30th, give you 50% of what you got the year before and Friends of Yates declined. They said it was—my understanding was that it was their management structure, how they looked at it, they just didn't want to be involved in it. **Commissioner Johnson** said okay, very good.

Acting Chairman Murguia asked if there were any more questions. **Mr. Criswell** said just one other comment, Commissioner. As you all know you've approved and we've completed our Juvenile Detention Study and we're in the process of putting together a committee to actually plan our new juvenile detention facility and the Administrator's asked—well directed Phil to be part of that committee. As we start to think about what the fiscal plan of our new juvenile facility will look like, with the understanding of a longer-termed view of how we can use a family-based model to provide services to people who come in contact with juvenile corrections or the law. We're trying to think about the use of these funds in a longer term at the same time knowing we have providers who are providing services now and I just wanted to put that out there because we are thinking about when you walk into our new juvenile facility, what sort of wraparound services might a family be able to walk out with in addition to family centered therapy and other kinds of cognitive approaches but just—we're thinking about what that looks like as we think about how to design our new juvenile facility. **Mr. Lockman** said you know and that's where we've gone already with our probation officers. Like I said, training them to be parenting in education for the strengthening of families. This month for the first time, our whole class are not juvenile offender kids or their parents, but their parents who had identified issues that had concerns out in the community and we're doing a special eight week session with this now because that's part of it. We've got to reach out and do some things.

One thing I will add before I leave, I don't know, I'd have Dan stand, just to introduce you. This is Dan Rasmussen; he's our new Administrator of Programs for Community Corrections, but he's also a licensed clinical addiction counselor and a certified clinical mental

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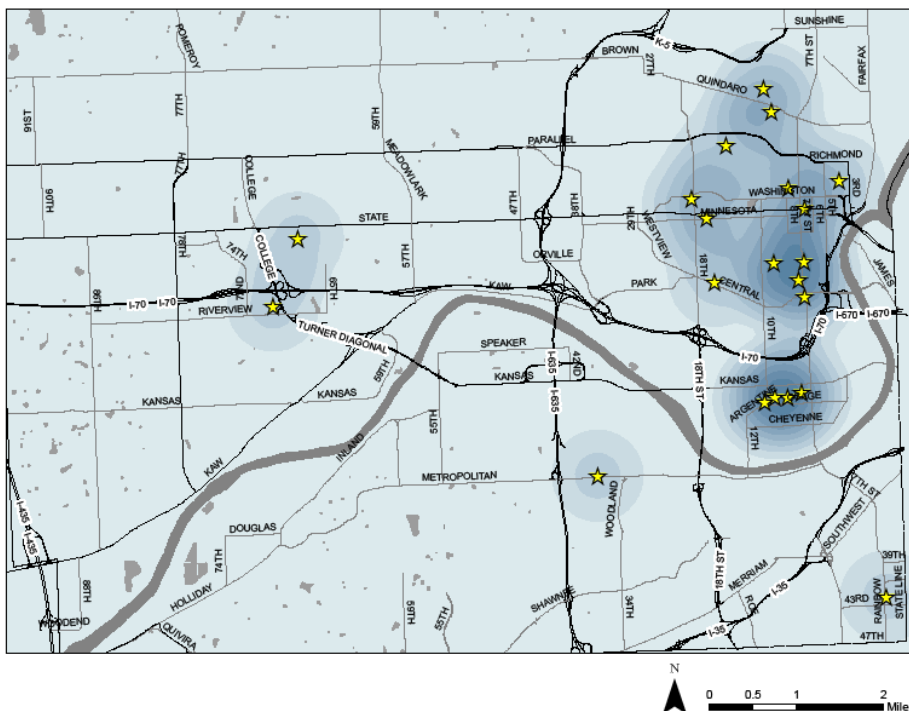
health counselor. He's the guy that would be involved in this process of developing the business processes and working with the providers. I think it's going to give us a lot of umph that we'll have somebody on staff that actually has that experience. He managed the therapeutic community in Johnson County's Residential Center. He's been in private practice. I think it's going to give us a wealth of experience to be able to—if this is where we want to go, I think we can get there with it.

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Item No. 6 – 171032... DISCUSSION: FOOD PANTRIES

Synopsis: Discussion concerning food bank density and possible zoning restrictions, submitted by Rob Richardson, Planning Director.

Rob Richardson, Planning Director, said you asked that this item be brought forward several months ago. Tonight we have a little bit of information for you and we'll seek further direction. In your packets, you have a list of some of the food pantries and a map of some of the food pantries.



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The map is on the screen this evening. It's kind of a hard list to develop. There is not a good comprehensive list that we could find. I know that when we talked about this in the agenda review meeting that we know this list isn't complete yet. That's part of the process, actually getting a good list of the pantries and where they might be.

Just to note that within the zoning code, the churches have always been allowed to use and have church related activities, social services, food pantries and other things like that that probably wouldn't be subject to any regulation that we would come up with if we decided to regulate these. I know that you had a question about density of the food pantries and whether or not that should be regulated. I know the information isn't totally complete, but it's fairly good and we just want to seek your direction on where we would go with this.

Acting Chairman Murguia said I'm the one that asked for this and I'm the one that has some issues. I can only speak in regards to my district, which would be District 3. If there are other people here that are running food pantries in other areas of the city, frankly, I'll just be very blunt; I'm very concerned about what I've seen and witnessed that goes on in District 3. That's my only point of reference Rob. I guess the other commissioners will have to see how that fits with them or if it doesn't even fit with them. Right now, it looks like there is only one food pantry in District 3. That's not true at all. I can tell you that there are five within a mile of each other in Argentine. The first one is at the Franklin Center; the second one is up off Steele Road.

Originally the Catholic Charities bought the old dog food store off 18th Street and they converted it into what was supposed to be a distribution center, fabulous renovation, good cause, love it but then they stuck a food pantry sign in the front of the building also. Now just any day of the week, all week long, 365 days or however often they are open, you can just drive up and get food off the highway. Good in theory, but not necessarily good for traffic, not necessarily good for the residential property that surrounds it and we're not really sure who's being drawn to that site. There's just been a lot of concerns about that. Franklin Center, the Catholic Charities building up off of Steele Road. Harmon High School was running a program for a while and then there was a program ran out of our own community center and then a church was just setting up shop in the middle of Emerson Park and giving away food.

So let me tell you what happened. If you are just listening to this, you're probably saying what's her problem. It's a great thing people are eating; unless you live there and you go for a

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walk in the park and there's trash everywhere. People have taken ketchup packets, those little ones that you get at the store, put them on the ground and stepped on them and shot it everywhere or taken it and smashed it up against the gazebo and there's bags that one's put bagged lunches in them just thrown in the park all over the place. I mean an abundance of litter that took a 50-pound trash gallon bag, it filled one full one just on one particular day. What happens especially in that particular area, the houses are very close together and they're right upon parks. It's a very high density neighborhood and so that blows around and then that blows into people's yards, upon their porch, all over in their backyard and wherever else it might be.

Just so people are very clear. I think it's great that people want to help other people that don't have any food. I, myself, have gone above and beyond to help a number of families in particular in the Argentine Community obtain food and other kinds of things like healthcare. What I think is very disrespectful is to sought to create another problem in their attempt to solve a problem.

I've also seen the chase of money around this whole healthy food national initiative. A lot of grant money has become available for people that are offering healthy food options to people that are low-income. Everybody has administrative overhead that runs a church, runs a not-for-profit, so they apply for this grant money to help pay their bills and they end up having to give out food someway and they just sort of do it. They don't engage the community. No one that was running the food pantry at the community center—I live there. I live a block or two from there. Nobody ever knocked on my door to tell me what was going on or who was having it or what was happening. No one ever came to the neighborhood group meetings and that particular area of our city, that neighborhood is incredibly organized. It has seven active neighborhood groups. They all meet on the same night. They meet for two hours. The first hour they meet individually for their little corner of the world and the last hour they all come together so that they can bring it together. They are very organized. Never once did one of those groups come to this neighborhood group meeting and talk to the people in the neighborhood and say how can we reach out and meet the needs of the people that don't have any food.

I don't know how to solve this problem. I just also know that what really finally sealed the deal for me is that last summer I was riding my bike down Metropolitan from 7th Street down towards the new Dollar General and the traffic jam from the Franklin Center went all the way to 18th St. backed up on the highway map and backlogged 18th St. Traffic was down to one lane on

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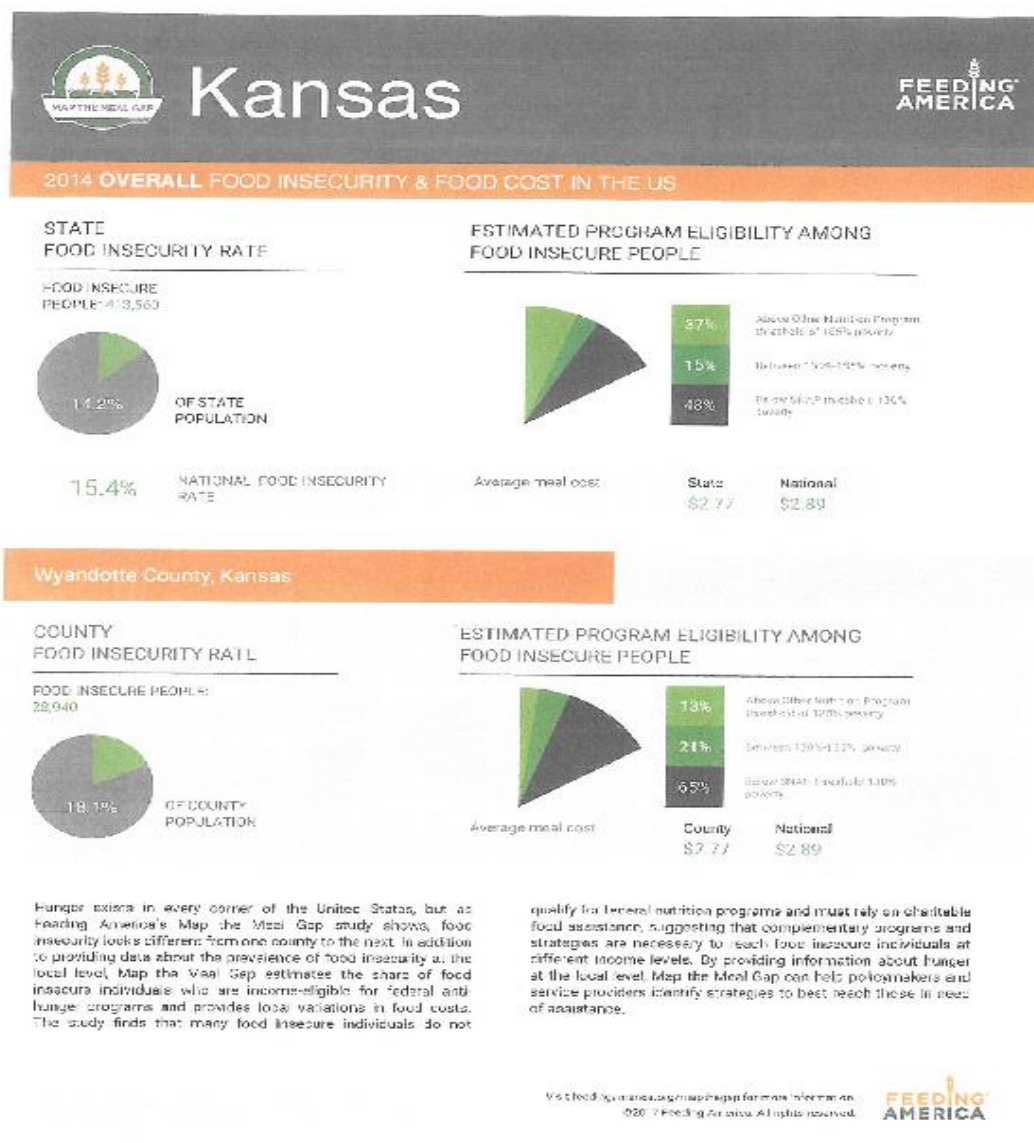
the highway because they were lined up coming into Argentine to the Franklin Center to pick up a box of food. I just think there's probably a better place to do that than backing up traffic on 18th St. The Franklin Center's whole mission is to kind of meet the needs of the local resident. If you're on 18th St. coming to get food at the Franklin Center, you're not from Argentine, you are from somewhere else in the city and the Franklin Center is not necessarily was it ever dedicated to be a regional or a citywide organization to provide food for people that need it.

Those are my concerns, public safety, trash and all those kinds of issues. I don't know what the solution is. I'm just laying the problem out and hopefully staff can bring stuff forward. Mike, did you have something? **Commissioner Kane** said well I think there are some people that are here that would like to talk about it and then I want to make a comment after that. **Commissioner Philbrook** said yes, there are some people here who would like to talk about it and probably bring information to us that we don't even know what's going on in the community as you say. As Rob said, we don't have a clue to how many places are doing the food pantry stuff. If you don't mind I'd like to call Beau to the stadium here. Come on up and talk to us Beau. You can tell them what's going on in the whole region in Kansas City as a whole.

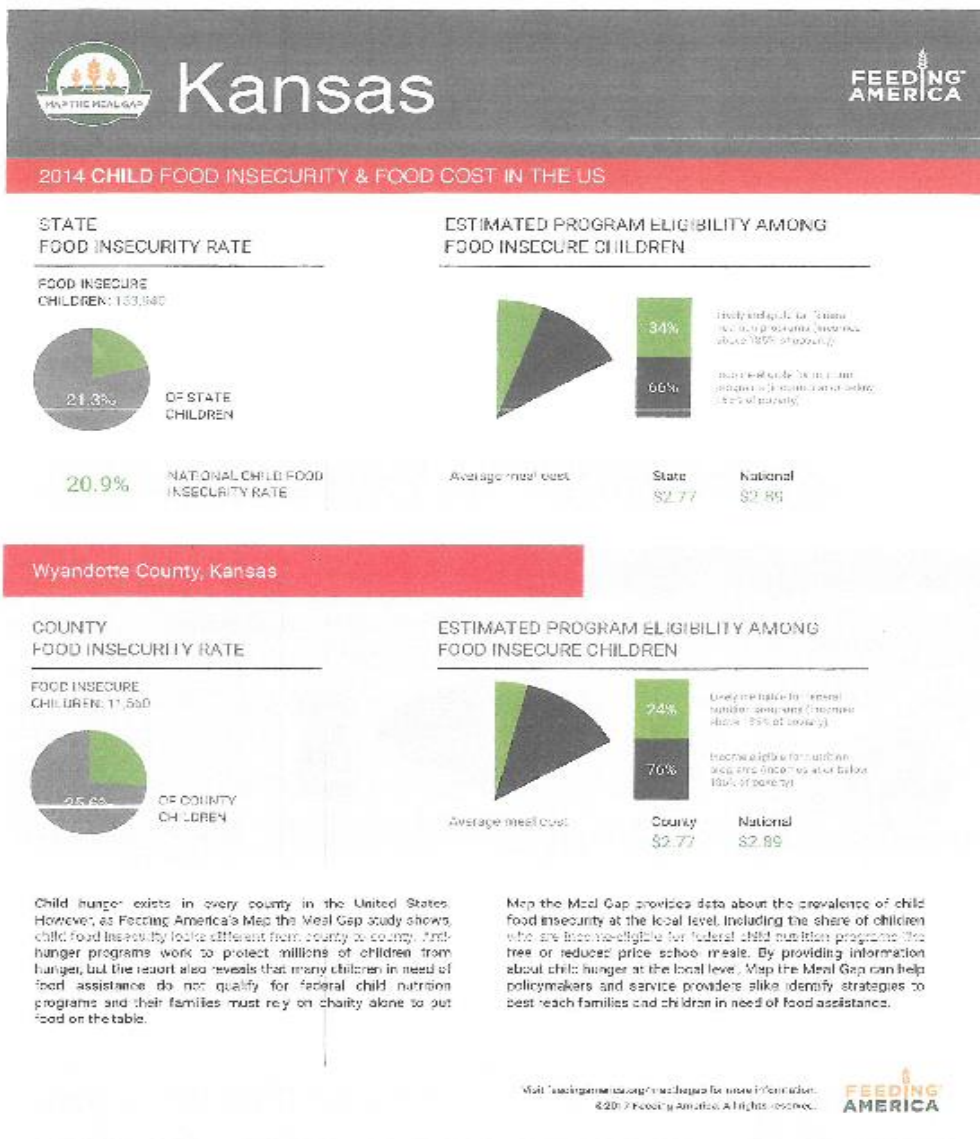
Beau Heyen, Leawood, KS; said our office is in KCMO. I'm president and CEO of Episcopal Community Services, home of the Kansas City Community Kitchen but we also run the St. Paul's Neighborhood Pantry on 18th & Washington. I'm going to also defer my time to those that are here today. I just want to make one quick comment. There are groups organizing around the city to talk about this issue, about how do we make sure that we do not duplicate services and that we work together in streamlining our programs. Wyandotte County has met twice, the region here and there are several people in this room here that have attended those meetings and our next one is coming up. We're happy to share that information. It is public. They are public meetings. I know Commissioner Philbrook has been to one of those meetings in the past with the guys and making sure that we are doing this work together because only together can we end hunger in our community. Again, I really want to yield my time to the people that are here. To Beth Low-Smith from KC Healthy Kids and the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition to speak on our behalf.

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Acting Chairman Murguia said just as a reminder, each speaker has three minutes. If you need more time just request that.



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Beth Low-Smith said I don't think I will need more time but if you want to give me more time after I've used the three minutes I'll happily— **Acting Chairman Murguia** said we'll see how it goes and I'll ask you then. As Beau said, I am the VP overseeing policy at KC Healthy Kids and the Director of the Greater Kansas City Group Policy Coalition. KC Healthy Kids is a non-profit agency. We're located just down the street here in KCK. We work with the community to ensure that all people can eat healthy food and remain physically active throughout their lives

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whether they're at home, at work, at school or at play. I am happy to be here with you tonight to have this discussion.

Food and security is a really big issue in Wyandotte County and I have just passed around a handout from Feeding America. It's one of the nation's leading sources of information on food and security. It tells you about adult overall food and security in Wyandotte County as well as child food and security. I am here with a lot of people who are working on this problem tonight. I'm not alone. If everybody who wants to raise their hand who's here with me on behalf of food pantries and food and security (18 people raised their hand). There are so many of us here because there are so many people in Wyandotte County who need our help; who need all of us to lean into solving the challenges that they face. Food and security is affecting 18% of Wyandotte County residents and 25% of its children. That's a huge percentage.

It's higher than state averages and pantries aim to help those who don't qualify for government food assistance. They do so with dozens of locations in Wyandotte County. About 68% of pantries in the state of Kansas are operated within religious organizations, within faith based groups. Most don't have paid staff at all and those that do very rarely do they have paid staff that are more than halftime. As I said most don't have any staff at all and they rely entirely on volunteers. Most volunteers for those food pantries are over age 60. What I just described to you are organizations that really don't have the resources to relocate. They operate out of their church facilities most often and if the zoning changes were enacted that restricted their ability to operate in their current locations, most wouldn't relocate. They would simply close and that concerns us. That should concern all of us, especially at a time when there are a growing number of attacks on funding and the programs themselves which come through the government to provide assistance to food and secure people. This is not the time to make it more difficult for privately funded food pantries to operate.

Respectfully, we would urge you to keep their path clear. Allow these organizations to keep doing the work that they have been doing and that they want to continue to do. If there are individual examples of locations that are problematic, I think it probably makes a great deal more sense to work with those operators to resolve the problems in an individual case-by-case basis then it does to pass sweeping revisions that will affect zoning for all of the good actors as well. I'm happy to answer questions if you have any.

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Commissioner Philbrook said I just want to say thanks for taking the time to come forward and let us know what you're doing and I want you to continue the work and I would really like to see everyone work in a consolidated manner so it's more organized. I know how we all are. We all go off on our little silos and do what makes us feel good but as a group—you know, with people that feel as much passion as you do, working together you'll accomplish even more.

Commissioner Kane said there are some other people that want to talk too.

Janice Witt said I am born and raised in the Dotte, right here. We own and operate the Reola Grant Center which has been around, organized as a 501c3 for the last seven years as a 501c3, but we've done this for 23 years right here in Wyandotte County and before those 23 years when I married my husband, my mother and I did it. We used to fix cold bologna and cold hot dog sandwiches and pass out on 18th & Quindaro. My mother was a preacher. She would stand there with her little speaker box and pass out I love you Jesus tracts and preach to the people but they got a hot dog; so many of them came to get a cold hot dog and a cup of warm water out of a five-gallon bucket. That sounds crazy but that's what they did because hunger in Wyandotte County has always been a challenge, which is how I ended up involved in this politically. It was about eight years ago at a budgetary meeting Pat Petty stood up and said that you guys were going to cancel Meals on Wheels for 150 seniors who had absolutely no way of getting food anywhere else. One of those people was my mother. I came into the meeting and I asked can I have those 150 people. We will feed them. We have an organization set up, we already do it and I was told that you would talk to me on the outside. That conversation never happened. She said she was too busy so we found as many as we could. We contacted people under the cover that work here in Wyandotte County and we found as many of those that we could and we started delivering meals to them with Junetry that was delivering toiletries and whatnot to needy people.

I'm going to answer a few questions. Ann, you said you had a concern and that your concern was specifically for the people of District 3. I feed a lot of people in District 3. One of those people is standing right here behind me right now as a matter-of-fact. My concern isn't for District 3, District 5, 8, 1 or any specific district. My concern is for everybody in this city, for every single person that is hungry, that has child that falls in the last young man—the last man that spoke, that falls into his criteria of needing service, that needs help. They fall into detention

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issues. I want to let you know that part of the problem with mental illness, part of the problem with behavior lies in malnutrition. It lies in their lack of access to decent, healthy and nutritious food. That's scientifically proven. That's not something I'm just spitting out and if you want to know, email me or give me your information and I'll send you so much information on it, it will boggle your mind. I understand that most of the places that you are saying or you have three of them in your district that you're concerned with. I ask you this, are those churches?

Mr. Connor said she needs more time. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said first of all, you need more time. Can someone make a motion so Janice can have more time. **Commissioner Kane** asked how much more do you need. **Ms. Witt** said I don't know. You tell me to shut up when you're done with it. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said two minutes.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to approve two more minutes.** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murguia said, Janice, go ahead and to answer your question, none of those are churches and there are five not three. **Ms. Witt** said and I understand because your district has a significant amount of pantries and a lot of those are in churches. **Chairman Murguia** said so those would be ones I don't know about. **Ms. Witt** said oh yes. There's—**Chairman Murguia** said I just know about the five that I do know about. **Ms. Witt** said there are plenty that operate outside and those numbers are easy to come by and this was my concern with this meeting was because none of the pantries or at least I wasn't notified of this. I was given absolutely zero information that this was happening. I'm a Wyandotte County girl. I had a person from Kansas City, MO contact me and let me know that this was even happening. You want to talk about aggravated. That truly aggravated me. I pay taxes here. I feed these people. I don't get money out the city, I don't get money from the state and I don't get money from the feds. I get money directly from that poor white man's pocket. I drain his retirement to feed the people of this community. That's where the money comes from. When I'm talking to you and I'm saying hey, it's personal, it is very personal to me.

This young lady is Amanda. Amanda has been coming to my food pantries for over five years. She now works within the food pantry, she helps feed other people, but there has not been

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a time when she didn't need assistance as well. The problem is we think that people that need assistance are in a certain box, that they look a certain way, that they live in a certain area and have a certain district. That's not true. This right here is the face of hunger. Mother, would you please stand up. I have two mothers back here that can show you the face of hunger. Please stand up. Those are the faces of hunger. These are the people. These two babies right here. Stand up babies. These are the faces of hunger. You talked about grant money that people are misusing this grant money. I want to know where it's at. I want to know specifically where it is because on the outset I applied for some of that Hollywood Grant money. As a matter-of-fact, I'm going to be honest with you, my commissioner contacted me because I called him and hit him up for money and he said what you need to do is apply for some of that Hollywood money. I applied for it and of course we didn't get it—**Acting Chairman Murguia** said, Janice, that's time but finish your thought. **Ms. Witt** said the point is there's always a better place. You said that it could be in a better place. There is always a better place, there's always better people and there's always a better way, but nobody wants to show up to do it. I'm going to offer you a suggestion, and this isn't personal, but you talked about so I'm going to offer a suggestion to you, as a community service. If you see those people out there popping ketchup and throwing their trash down and you said specifically a 50-gallon bucket, and I appreciate because that means you went and picked it up, but let that be your service, let that be your kid's service. Knock on somebody else's door and make them do it. That's how this young lady came in because she saw a problem and I said if there's a problem and you see it, fix it.

Amanda McMaster said I'm actually in Turner. I'm right on the Argentine/Turner border so I know what you were talking about. I have never been to the Franklin Center so I don't know as far as any traffic problems, but one of the ways that we solved the traffic problems with the food pantry with the Reola Grant Center was to actually set up appointments. I don't know if that's something that maybe you guys could contact them since it is a traffic issue. The lunches in the park, I believe is once a week during the summer and they feed the school kids. I don't know, because we didn't actually go down there last year, so I didn't see a problem with trash. We did see a lot of people get together and advertise the lunches and everything. It was a good way to feed the kids that aren't normally getting a decent meal in the summertime.

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As Janice has said before, I've used her pantry a lot. I've actually also used Catholic Charities there at 18th & Steele Road. I've never had any problems going in there. It's a walk-in pantry, no appointment necessary. Once a month they do at Harmon High School, they do a Harvester's food distribution. I have not been down there because I have heard it is also a traffic nightmare. As far as the pantry there at 18th & Steele Road, they've always been very friendly, very well organized, well ran and we're in and out. Part of the problem, like she also pointed out, we are the face of the people that need to use the pantries. My husband actually has a very decent paying job. He's worked at his company for 19 years and makes \$20 an hour, but we are just this much over the line for food stamps, but yet we still need food stamps but yet we still need assistance. We are raising three kids. It's very hard. My youngest, my daughter here, she's five years old, she's had to have surgery. I've been unable to work because no one else can understand her very well. That's why we've had to use the food pantries and we are very grateful for their existence. If there were changes made as far as like trying to regulate them as far as like adding fees on to their operation, then that would change what they could give to the people which would end up hurting all of us as families.

Acting Chairman Murguia asked is there anybody else that would like to speak in regard to this topic? **Nicholas McMaster** said I live in Turner and I haven't been working with the Reola Grant Center for too long, but I know that Janice has helped many people. She has helped my family get very far in life and I can't even put it into words about how much she has done for so many people over the past years. I don't know what it would be like without Janice and the food pantry. She helps us so much.

Acting Chairman Murguia said very good job. Does anyone else have anything they'd like to say? Okay, so just in closing for myself in regard to some of these comments, this is my concern. It's not that we have food pantries, it's not that people that need food are getting fed, that's a great thing. The problem is that these program can't be set up and in their attempt to solve one problem create another problem. I can tell you I live on 25th & Strong. These five food pantries surround me. I have no issues with them as long as they clean up after themselves and they are respectful of the places in which they are distributing the food. For example, Catholic Charities has run a great operation. That's on my bike ride also and I'll tell you I've

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never seen trash blowing around, I've never seen lines of traffic blocking the flow of traffic, I've never seen any issues like that over there so I don't really have an issue with that.

I didn't even know Harmon High School was running a food program and I go up there frequently to walk on the new concrete track that's up there and I'll tell you that I didn't even know they had a program up there. That's a sign of a really well-run, really good quality program. They're getting the word out, they're serving people, but they're not disrupting everything else that's going on around them.

My concerns have been, and one of those were addressed Rob, is the program that was being run out of our own community cent. The amount of litter and debris because people were going in and picking up food and then coming out and as they were walking home and eating it, they were just dropping the trash because you could follow the trash within a mile away of the center. Little controls were put in place immediately that made a huge difference. For example, you're not allowed to leave the building with food because it was intended to be a lunch, not a carry out, take home and make it for yourself. The program was there to feed people for lunch. All the Parks Department did was say hey you can't leave if you're going to run this program until you throw all of your trash away, then you can leave the building. That worked out great. We saw a major difference there.

The problem we could never get under control is the program that was being run out of Emerson Park in the gazebo. The other issue, I understand the importance of getting word out and letting people know that the programs are available, but what I don't like and I can tell you which is the consensus of this Commission and our Planning Director is we've had a huge sign issue in this community. There are makeshift signs everywhere and when they get detached from the makeshift post that they're supposed to be on, they blow around the community and before you know it, you have trash everywhere. I can't tell you the number of signs that were posted all over the place just repeatedly and the minute a windstorm came up, they're all over the neighborhood and people are picking them out of their yard.

I think the good thing from this meeting is that I agree with Commissioner Philbrook that there should be an organized group that is bringing all of these groups together to make sure they're meeting the needs of all of the people throughout the community. I can promise you it's overkill for there to be five food sources within a mile of each other in a neighborhood as small as Argentine based on how it's geographically laid out. Argentine is a destination neighborhood;

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it's not a cut-through neighborhood. It's bounded by the second largest railyard in the country on one side, I-35 on the other, 7th Street on the other and 635 on the other. This isn't a neighborhood people are cutting through to go somewhere. If people are there, they are usually going to visit someone or going to a particular destination. I can't imagine in a population less than 7,000 people that there is a need for five food pantries and a major distribution center. **Ms. Witt** said I think that you don't understand the nature of— **Acting Chairman Murguia** said I understand that. You're not up anymore. This is what's going on. **Ms. Witt** said because it's funding. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said I understand, Janice, but the deal is this, I have to worry about all the issues in my neighborhood, just not homelessness, just not feeding people, just not health care, just not blight and dilapidation, just not crime, it's balancing and managing all of those issues so they work well together. Littering can not be allowed. We just saw earlier in a presentation where littering and that kind of stuff is number three on the list of community concerns from the greater community, as far as what's going on in their neighborhood, in particular urban neighborhoods. I would just like to say my feedback, and then I'll turn it over to my fellow commissioners, I would like to see staff come forward with some solutions so that we don't have these kinds of problems or we can get in front of these kinds of problems. I don't want to hear about it again this summer. I don't want to be inundated with complaints.

Commissioner Kane said I lived in a two bedroom, one bathroom house with my mom and dad and sometimes my grandma and when my dad was on strike we were on commodities and if we had a food pantry, we wouldn't of had to eat much and the other things that go along with it. Janice and I, when she was at a different location on Parallel, we had a—shall we say a heated discussion but she moved the pantry for the safety of the people. Here's the reason the people come down to your area, because they're embarrassed to come down and they don't want people from the other locations to know that they had to go get food. I think that, and this kind of bothered me, because normally when we talk about something, whoever we talk about, they've been notified and nobody was notified and in fact obviously people care because they're here.

We addressed a certain issue and got it fixed. If there's issues in certain locations staff needs to identify those places and come up with a plan to help them process that. We can't just say we want to shutdown these three or these four. Give them the opportunity to fix whatever the issue is and especially now. The state tells you the unemployment is the lowest it's ever

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been. It's not. They've ran out of unemployment so people are now unemployed and can't get any more money so they rely on the food pantries. Before we throw in the towel to say we don't want to do this, I think we need to look at each one step-by-step and this list, you're right is not whole, not even close to being whole. To help, if there are issues, sit down with these people and resolve the issues but I don't want to see them closed.

Commissioner Bynum said I had a couple of comments. I'm not interested in regulating food pantries or food distribution sources through zoning. It does not interest me at this time. If the organizations that are providing food whether that be through a pantry, a meal, a food distribution site, want to come together and continue to work on the plans that you've told us about and bring that back to either this standing committee or the full commission for a presentation. I would be interested in that. There are a lot of things in this life that are optional. Eating is not optional and I am not interested in regulating this through zoning restrictions.

Commissioner Philbrook said I personally would like to see the group that has started getting together to continue to coalesce and work together and get with Rob because Rob knows about some of the problems. Is that okay Rob? If you know of certain issues you can tell them what concerns you've heard are so as a group they can address some of those issues because they may not hear them like we do here at City Hall with some of those things. I think they need to understand some of the issues that are voiced to us so they can work as a group, making sure that everybody gets taken of, but it's done in the best manner that the whole group can do. When they work together, as I said earlier, they are going to be able to cover a lot more territory than as in a silos. That's where I'm coming from. I don't want us to legislate anything. I want us to work together with the community and the UG together. That's how I want to see it fixed.

Mr. Richardson said, Commissioner, just a couple of things related to zoning. There are some instances that come up that are kind of emergencies; with the last, what I call the poi ice storm that we had. You'll recall that schools were cancelled on Friday and Monday was a holiday. On Fridays kids get fed at school and they get BackSnack if they need it for the weekend for their food. So we had kids because we cancelled school on Thursday night before the storm came, they didn't get food on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Sometimes some people have to

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come in and fill that gap right when it happens because that's just the nature of—they have to eat and there are those kind of emergencies that would have to be allowed for.

We can't regulate schools or churches. Our own facilities we ought to work with whoever regulates our facilities to do that internally because zoning doesn't affect the parks. I mean that's part of the parks guys/gals have to figure out the parks and the recreation facilities. I think most of this really is kind of a police and a codes issue in letting the folks know that we have issues with it and how they do it. I'll be happy to work with the groups that do that. I don't see a real zoning solution to this problem. I mean we've looked at this for social services downtown as well and when almost 70% of these are faith-based and then another percentage of them are our own facilities, there's not a lot of zoning regulation that's there. I think I would prefer to work with the groups that are forming to make sure they understand that we expect them and their clientele to keep our community clean and I don't think they'll have a problem with that.

I think zoning is a poor solution to this. Maybe we should revisit that if we don't have progress from working through the distributors themselves. Quite frankly, there's probably the two main distributors are Harvesters and Catholic Charities and sometimes that's one through the other. I think we can pass a message down here. I think I saw a somebody with a Harvester's shirt on here tonight. I'm close to somebody that works there. I think that maybe working that way, and I don't know enough about the detailed distribution of—there was just like rogue pop up stuff going on, but I don't know that zoning is the solution because it would target a very small percentage of the facilities and the issues that you are describing are not—we have other regulations that would be able to impact those but I'll take the direction of the committee.

Commissioner Philbrook asked who do you think would be the best. I was just wondering who he thought would be the best person from the UG to work with the group would be or if you have a suggestion or if Joe has a suggestion. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said I don't have a suggestion and I'm a little bit confused about zoning being a solution to the problem. I suggested no solution to the problem at the full commission meeting. I said there might be a lot of solutions and if somebody could look at that and tell me what some of those solutions might be. I don't know what the solution is. All I can tell you is that you're right about one thing, Mike, there are a lot of people that have strong feelings about this topic that wanted to be here

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tonight that are not and from all over this city. Just like you don't want a backup on Parallel, I don't want a backup on 18th Street Expressway. It's a public safety issue and it's concerning. I just say that I simply said this is what the problem is, there's an overabundance of trash. I think there's an overabundance of food suppliers in a particular within a one mile radius of each other that I think is overkill. How you decide to fix that or what you decide to bring forward, I leave that to staff. I am no food pantry expert but I just know that—**Mr. Richardson** said well I misunderstood. I thought I was supposed to bring a zoning ordinance back here and I didn't know how to write that because I couldn't identify a zoning problem. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said there was no suggestion at that public meeting in regard to zoning. **Commissioner Kane** said I said it and you guys couldn't hear me. Rob, just work with the folks and see what we can come up with. **Mr. Richardson** said oaky. We can do that. **Commissioner Philbrook** said yes, that's good. Thank you.

Acting Chairman Murguia said Joe just also mentioned that the bigger group would be a great suggestion and then that group that's formed becomes really familiar with the SOAR program and maybe take a look at our community survey and what the city's—the entire county's citizen's priorities are which has been blight, trash and those kinds of things. You know as politicians we have to serve the greater community. I as a district commissioner serve one piece of that. For example, to be clear to people that maybe don't understand how it works, Mike Kane is elected by people within his district. They don't elect me or unelect me. I'm elected by people in District 3 so I look at it sort of like those are the people that hired me to do a job, so I answer to them. Really, with all the stuff we have going on in District 3, all I can do with all the time I put into my district is focus on that. I am very confident that my fellow commissioners, for example, Commissioner Kane can manage what's going on in Piper. I have no doubts and I follow his lead when there's an issue in Piper. Just like Commissioner Philbrook manages District 8 and Commissioner Johnson manages District 4. **Commissioner Kane** said Piper is just a small portion of the district. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said well your entire district. I'm confident that you can manage that just like I manage District 3. When we all come together we're a team and we make decisions based on a team that is good for the entire community. I've never portrayed myself as a spokesperson for the entire county. I have one piece of it and that's what I bring to the table. That was my concern Rob. I'm sorry if that was misunderstood. I just

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don't want to fight anybody for trash. **Mr. Richardson** said I'm happy to be the one to do that but they'll be a lot of other people involved because I'm not probably the one that has the tools to address the issues. **Acting Chairman Murguia** said well I think Joe's suggestion of the SOAR Committee is great. There was not a need for action on that anyway.

Item No. 7 – 171033... GRANT: CAMBRIDGE CONNECTOR STUDY

Synopsis: Submission of a \$100,000 application to the Mid-America Regional Council for a Planning Sustainable Places Grant, submitted by Rob Richardson, Planning Director. The grant is to further study the Cambridge Connector concept to connect I-35 and Cambridge with SW Blvd. and 31st St. There is a \$20,000 match. *It is requested that this item be fast tracked to the March 23, 2017 full commission meeting.*

Rob Richardson, Planning Director, said the Cambridge Connector is the proposal from the Rosedale Master Plan that we connect Cambridge & I-35 to 31st & Southwest Trafficway. We applied for a MARC Planning Sustainable Places Grant to do further study on this. As you'll recall from the Rosedale Master Plan, this is one of the alternatives that would potentially eliminate a very long time the need for major improvements including flyovers at Southwest Trafficway & Rainbow Blvd. The match on this grant is \$20,000 and \$10,000 of that will come from Kansas City, MO because it's a bi-state, bi-city effort.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve and fast track to Thursday full commission meeting.**

Mr. Richardson said we would like to fast track that to Thursday's meeting.

Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Murguia.

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Item No. 8 – 171034... GRANT: FISHER PARK & WEST 39TH ST. STUDY

Synopsis: Submission of a \$168,000 application to the Mid-America Regional Council for a Planning Sustainable Places Grant, submitted by Rob Richardson, Planning Director. The grant is to further study the Fisher Park and West 39th St. area to address a 39th Street transit turn around, Fisher Park, the BPU substation as well as develop a feasibility analysis for 39th Street between Adams and Minnie. There is a \$33,600 match. *It is requested that this item be fast tracked to the March 23, 2017 full commission meeting.*

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve and fast track to Thursday's full commission meeting. Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Murguia.

Chairman Markley adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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