

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, May 21, 2018**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chairman; Commissioners Philbrook, Johnson, Bynum and McKiernan for Commissioner Kane. Commissioner Kane was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Joe Connor and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrators; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Ryan Haga, Assistant Counsel; Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director; Justus Welker, Transportation Director; Wilba Miller, Community Development Director; and Phyllis Wallace, Director of Human Services.

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

Approval of standing committee minutes from March 19, 2018. **On motion of Commissioner Bynum, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

**Item No. 1 – 18220...ORDINANCE: AMENDMENTS TO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
ORDINANCE**

Synopsis: An ordinance amending the Unified Government's anti-discrimination ordinance relating to practices in employment, housing, and public accommodations; to add gender identity and sexual orientation to the protected categories designated therein, submitted by Ryan Haga, Assistant Counsel.

Ryan Haga, Assistant Counsel, said this is an amendment to our current anti-discrimination ordinance that simply adds two new protective categories specifically, protecting any people

against any sort of discriminatory activity based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. This ordinance amendment went through the—it was approved by the Human Relations and Disability Board. I also have Tom Alonzo from the Board here with me as well and Phyllis Wallace, Director of Human Services. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance change, we're here to answer them.

Chairman Markley asked if there were any questions from the committee. There were none.

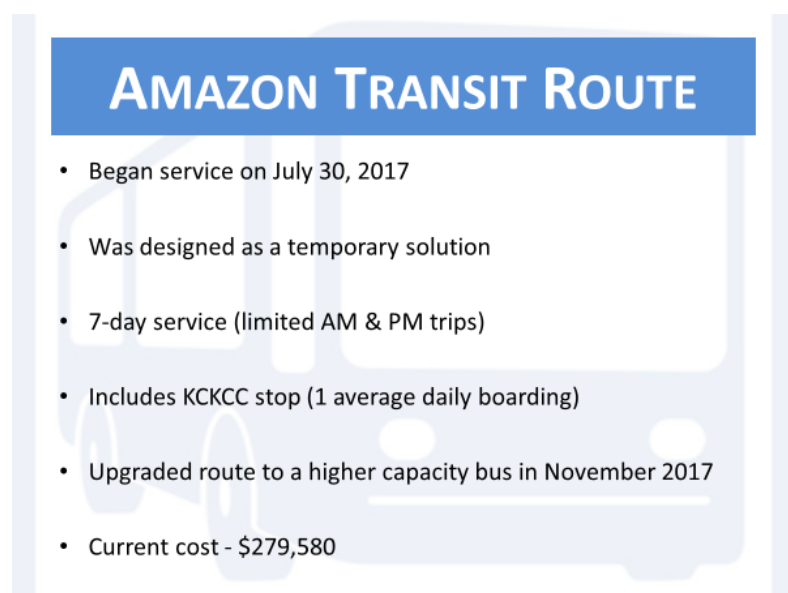
Chairman Markley said I do believe there are a couple of committee members here in the audience if you would like to give a wave. (There were seven committee members in attendance.) Thank you all for being here. We really appreciate your service. Thanks so much.

Commissioner Bynum said thank you for coming. **Chairman Markley** said this was a committee that was dormant for some time and wasn't very active. We were asked to appoint new members and as commissioners, apparently managed to appoint some really awesome people who have this forward, so thanks guys.

Action: **Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 2 – 18248...REQUEST: AMAZON TRANSIT ROUTE

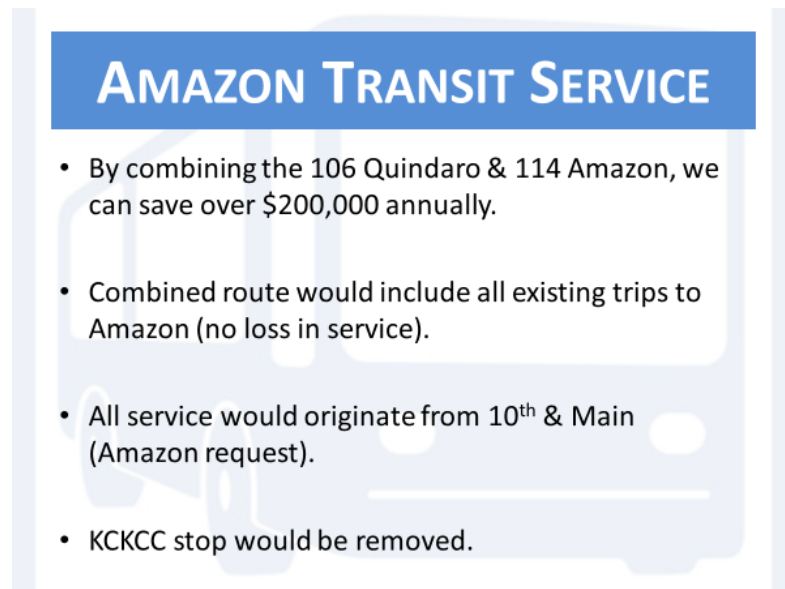
Synopsis: Request the creation of a permanent transit route to serve the Amazon fulfillment center, submitted by Justus Welker, Transportation Director.



Justus Welker, Transportation Director, said I get the pleasure of presenting two agenda items this evening. I'll kick it off with just a little talk about Amazon. We began service on this route July 30th of last year. We designed this route as a temporary solution just to get something in place before the center would open. It operates a seven-day service with limited a.m. and p.m. trips. We designed this route around the shift structure of Amazon; so, we do five routes in the morning on the weekdays, six routes in the afternoon on the weekday and then three in the morning and three in the evening on Saturday and Sunday.

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The weekday route does include a stop at the junior college and ridership is, as you can see, one average daily boarding so basically negligible at that location. We upgraded that route to a higher capacity bus in November of last year. Our current cost for the route is almost \$280,000 annually.



AMAZON TRANSIT SERVICE

- By combining the 106 Quindaro & 114 Amazon, we can save over \$200,000 annually.
- Combined route would include all existing trips to Amazon (no loss in service).
- All service would originate from 10th & Main (Amazon request).
- KCKCC stop would be removed.

We started looking at a potential route, something more permanent in nature. As we looked at it, we saw that our 106 Quindaro Route had a disproportion in the amount of layover time at 47th Street. During that layover time it, could make a run to Amazon and back in plenty of time. By combining the 106th and the 114th, we can save over \$200,000 annually. The combined route would include all existing stops to Amazon. We'd have no loss in service. All the service would originate from 10th & Main, the Transit Center on the Kansas City, Missouri side, which Amazon has requested from us that they'd like to see all routes originate from there. The last ridership study they looked at, the majority of their employees were coming from the Missouri side, so I think that's why they would like to see that request. To make this work, we'd have to remove the junior college stop which has the one average daily boarding.

CURRENT 106 QUINDARO

- 6 day service
 - 5 AM – 11 PM each weekday
 - 6 AM – 8 PM on Saturday
- Current cost - \$1,329,858
- Route has a disproportionate amount of layover time at 47th Street Transit Center

A little bit of information about the current Quindaro. It's six-day service. It runs from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. each weekday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. The current cost is over \$1.3M annually. As I mentioned, the route has a disproportioned amount of layover time at 47th Street.

COMBINED ROUTE



Seeking approval of a permanent Amazon Route. Route would start on Oct. 1st.

Here's what the combined route would like. Again, it would originate from 10th & Main and follow the current 106 Quindaro route up until 47th Street, the Transit Center there. Then we would use highway miles to get to Amazon, provide service to there and then back to 47th Street.

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We're seeking approval of a permanent Amazon route through combining the two existing transit routes, the 106 and the 114. This proposed route would begin service on October 1st of this year.

Commissioner Philbrook said well, you can't answer this but I'm going to make a comment. It's nice of Amazon to demand that we do certain things, but it would really be nice to have them contribute to that demand, period.

Commissioner McKiernan said so you said we upgraded to a higher capacity bus in November. So, ridership has been good from the Transit Center out to Amazon? **Mr. Welker** said the ridership peaked in November, right around when they brought in all their seasonal employees for the seasonal rush. So, November and December were great. We've seen a decline in ridership since then. I'm not sure what their workforce looks like now, if they've scaled back in between holiday seasons, but I anticipate we'll see another rush in ridership as we get closer to the holiday season. The average numbers, we're averaging 78 per weekday, 47 on Saturday and 43 on Sunday is the daily ridership. We've transported over 17,000 people since the route started.

Commissioner McKiernan said the 106 has—is that an ATA route or one of our routes? **Mr. Welker** said an ATA route. **Commissioner McKiernan** said so it has the large capacity bus on it already. **Mr. Welker** said correct. **Commissioner McKiernan** said okay, and you can take this bus from 47th Street out to Amazon and back. You don't have to go Quindaro to get there. You can get there—a variety of different routes can get you to 47th Street. **Mr. Welker** said correct. **Commissioner McKiernan** said this just allows us to take the bus that parks at 47th, run it to Amazon and back before its scheduled to go again. **Mr. Welker** said yes. **Commissioner McKiernan** said great.

Commissioner Bynum said just a quick comment of thanks, Justus. I appreciate the way that you're thinking about running your department. This is just a really fine example of you looking at operations across the department and finding ways to keep delivering service in a more efficient way. It seems like we've asked you to do a lot of problem-solving of late and you've

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stepped forward and done it and I really appreciate that. If this is a singular vote item, I will make a motion to approve.

Action: Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Philbrook, Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 3 – 18250...REQUEST: 18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

Synopsis: Request to use the Amazon route savings to fund the 18th Street Transit Route that will travel north and south along the 18th Street corridor from Quindaro Blvd. to Roeland Park, submitted by Justus Welker, Transportation Director.

18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

- Weekday Service
- Miles – 275.65/day
 - Kansas Ave. loop
 - Metropolitan loop
- Hours – 13.92/ day
- 60 minute headway
- \$237,800/ yr.

Justus Welker, Transportation Director, said we’ve been looking at a route for 18th Street for a while now, about a year and a half, looking at different ways to design a route to design a route—**Chairman Markley** said he’s doing a happy dance over here. Did you see that? **Mr. Welker** said that would travel from north to south in our community. We’re looking at—these are just the minimal parameters we’re looking at for the beginning of the route. We’re looking at a weekday service, which would be Monday-Friday. We’re looking at a little bit over 275 miles a day.

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18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

- Over 5K jobs within ¼ mile of proposed route
- Over 14K people reside within ¼ mile of proposed route
- Proposed route would connect to 11 other RideKC fixed transit routes (101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 401, 402, 403, 405, 435, 519)
- 1st all-day connection from KCK to Johnson County
- Access to grocery providers (Fast Fred's Market, Sun Fresh, Price Chopper, Sav-A-Lot, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market)

We'd do a loop on the route for Kansas Avenue, serve the businesses and residents in that location. We'd do a similar loop around Metropolitan to serve the Sav-A-Lot there and the Walmart Neighborhood Market and all the residents in close proximity.

18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

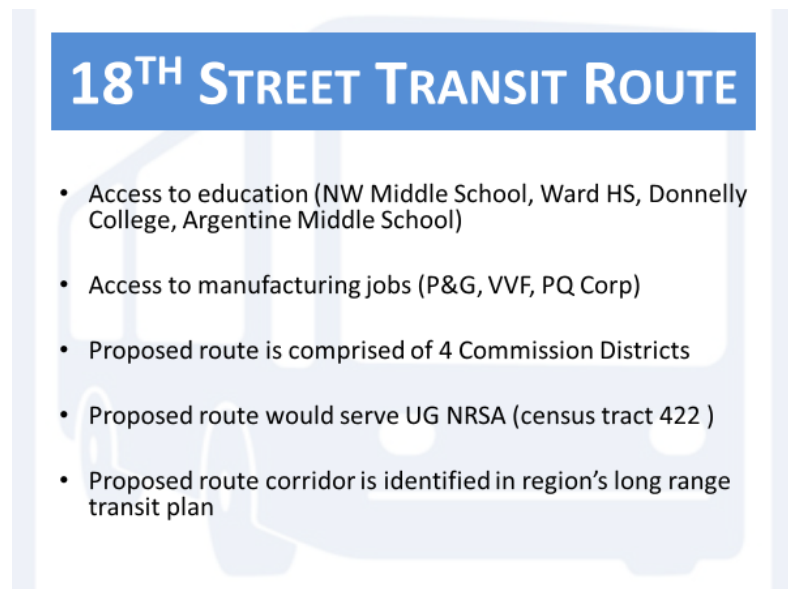
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Seeking approval to use the Amazon route savings to fund the 18th Street transit route. Route would start on Jan. 1, 2018.

It'd run almost 14 hours a day. We're looking at 60-minute headways. The bus would come every 60 minutes, depending on where you are along that route. We estimate we can do this route for almost \$238,000 a year. We would like to use the savings that we're going to recover from the Amazon route and apply them toward the 18th Street Route.

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Some little highlights about the route and what we're looking at, the route from north to south. There's over 5,000 jobs within a quarter mile of the proposed route, over 14,000 people reside within a quarter mile. The proposed route would connect to 11 other Ride KC routes. This would be the first, all day connection from KCK to Johnson County and access to numerous grocery providers: Fast Fred's Sunfresh, Price Chopper, Save-A-Lot and Walmart Neighborhood Market.



18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

- Access to education (NW Middle School, Ward HS, Donnelly College, Argentine Middle School)
- Access to manufacturing jobs (P&G, VVF, PQ Corp)
- Proposed route is comprised of 4 Commission Districts
- Proposed route would serve UG NRSA (census tract 422)
- Proposed route corridor is identified in region's long range transit plan

There would be access to education by way of Northwest Middle School, Ward High School, Donnelly College and Argentine Middle School, and access to manufacturing jobs really along the 18th & Kansas Avenue area there. Proposed routes comprised of four commission districts. The route would serve the UG NRSA. The proposed route corridor is identified in the region's long-range transit plan. There are a lot of positives with regard to this route.

18TH STREET TRANSIT ROUTE

118 - 18th Street											
Southbound						Northbound					
18th & Quindaro	18th & Pankratz	Quindaro College	18th & Central	18th & Kansas	18th & Midtown	18th & Midtown	18th & Kansas	18th & Central	Quindaro College	18th & Pankratz	18th & Quindaro
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Here's just kind of a draft look at the schedule. You can't really see it on this screen but it kind of shows the hours of operation there and some of the time points we'd be looking at along that route. I am seeking approval to use the Amazon route savings to fund this route. We would anticipate that the route start January 1st of next year. We looked at perhaps—**Commissioner Philbrook** said January 18th, 19th. **Mr. Welker** said right. We looked at this year. We were going to try and do it in July or October, but with the construction on 18th Street, we would have to reroute it immediately so we're just going to wait until next year.

Commissioner Philbrook said the south end, is this right there by city hall in Mission. **Mr. Welker** said yes, we're still looking at where we can turn around on the southside. We're looking at potentially the Roland Park area with the Walmart and the other businesses there. We talked about going all the way to the Mission Transit Center. They only operate peak service from that facility, so it doesn't really make sense for us to provide all day service there. There would be just a lot of dead-end trips and people wouldn't be able to catch our service coming back. On the north side, we've looked at the area around 18th & Quindaro. They'll do a loop there to head south again.

We've also been approached by the ATA about looking even further north across the highway there at the New Horizons Industrial area, potentially catching some additional job

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access at that location. We feel like if we're strategic about how we formulate that route, maybe we do a north loop on one run and a south loop on the next run, I think we can make it work.

Action: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 4 – 18244...REQUEST: TURNER VISTA REZONING

Synopsis: A request from Steve Wood for the UG to initiate the rezoning process for property on the west side of College Parkway/Turner Diagonal, south of State Avenue, which includes the Redwood Gardens Townhomes, submitted by Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director.

Commissioner Philbrook said I need to step forward and say I, Commissioner Philbrook, need to recuse myself from the conversation and/or voting on this. I'll say why, because my property is on the northwest end of it; therefore, it would be monetarily beneficial for me.



By State Statute, the only entities that may authorize zoning actions are:

1. Property Owner;
2. Planning Commission; or
3. Governing Body

The action requested will allow the development process forward while the applicant continues to assemble properties.

Typically in the past, the Board of Commissioners has authorized similar requests.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE REZONING

Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director, said by state statute, only the property owner, the Planning Commission or the governing body can initiate a rezoning request. The action requested will allow the development to move forward while they are finishing property acquisition in the area. They've got a couple of properties left to assemble to get the whole track. In the past when we've had actions like this, typically the Board of Commissioners has taken this action.

- ▶ Request to rezone approximately 12.6 Acres to RP-5 for apartments
- ▶ Request to rezone approximately 18.6 acres to CP-2 for commercial development
- ▶ The applicant has more than 95 percent of the property under control
- ▶ The applicant is pursuing development incentives thru the typical Unified Government Process

DETAILS

The details of this, on the southern end of the property, they want to rezone 12.6 acres to RP-5 for an apartment project, on the north 18.6 acres to CP-2 for commercial development. The applicant has about 95% of the properties in this area. It's mostly comprised of the Redwood

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Gardens and the area to the north of that, and the applicant is pursuing development incentives through the typical Unified Government processes; but that's not part of the topic tonight, but just a matter of information.



This is the site plan for the area. You have College Parkway here, State Avenue here, the apartment project is down here and the commercial project is up here. I'm going to blow those up for you here.

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COMMERCIAL AREA



This is the commercial area. Again, State Avenue and College Parkway. This is an existing apartment project right there that is contained within the area.

RESIDENTIAL AREA



Here's the southern part of the project. They're showing it right in, right out on College Parkway that would serve both of those.

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Then finally, this is just an example of what the potential architecture might be for the new apartment projects. With that, I would ask for your authorization/recommendation to move this forward to the full Board of Commissioners to vote to allow the staff to process this rezoning application.

Commissioner Bynum said just a quick question. If we give our approval, it still goes to Planning & Zoning? **Mr. Richardson** said that's correct. You're only authorizing the application. We'll go through the full notification process, the publication, neighborhood meetings, the rezoning signs, the Planning Commission hearing and then finally back to you for the final vote.

Action: **Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 5 – 18253...GRANTS: PROPOSED PLANNING SUSTAINABLE PLACES

Synopsis: Request approval to submit the following Sustainable Places grant applications to the Mid-America Regional Council, submitted by Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director. There is a potential future match of up to \$65,000.

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- Autonomous Vehicle Transit Study
- KCK Greenway Urban Trail System
- 47th and Georgia Complete Street Study

Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director, said you might be familiar with a couple of the other projects we did, probably one of the most notable was the K-32 Corridor Project. The three projects we have proposed this time, there's only \$330,000ish available to the Kansas side at this point in time so we're proposing three projects that might take almost all of that.

The first one would be a study for Autonomous Vehicle Transit. They're circulator loops, so it would be a circulator loop downtown, Village West or in the KU Med area. They are starting a couple of these routes this year in other cities. I got to see the vehicles at the National Planning Conference. It seems like it was something that could work, maybe especially in the KU Med area where they have so much shuttling that they do. Obviously, they're working on all the technology and other things related to this. This is just a study to see if it would be effective in this area and to further possibly move that forward. It would be a chance to be kind of a first in the metro area and maybe some of the cool factor that the streetcar has.

The second project would be a study on the eastern portion of the community for bikeway connections. We have the Riverfront Heritage Trail, we have the 10th & 12th Street Bike Trail and we have the 5th Street Bike Trail. This would work with Fairfax to connect the bike trail and sidewalk that ends there at Peregrine Falcon and it would connect up to the Missouri River Bridge where the bike trail goes over into Riverside. It would also study how to get folks east and west across that area in Armourdale and in other areas so that we could have those connections.

Then finally, we would be looking at a complete street study near 47th & Georgia by West Middle School and William Allen White. There are some really interesting street configurations there, lack of sidewalks and we don't think it's one that we can just say we're going to put sidewalks in here and make that work. We think it's going to take a little bit more than that. That's the third project that we would propose.

Once the Board of Commissioners would approve any of these, we would then do the final applications, apply and go through the Mid-America Regional Council process over the next few months. The maximum match is about \$65,000 if we were to be successful on all three.

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Chairman Markley said \$65,000 each or all three total. **Mr. Richardson** said all three together. **Chairman Markley** said Legal, we can vote on this as a packaged deal for the three applications. **Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney**, said I believe so.

Commissioner Bynum said on the West Middle School Complete Streets item. West Middle is combining with Coronado and will be Gloria Willis and that will be on the Coronado site. West is, I think, going to be used though. I'm asking this as a question, so you confirm—**Mr. Richardson** said I'm not sure what the future use is, but they will both still be used as schools. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay. **Mr. Richardson** said that's my understanding. **Chairman Markley** asked Commissioner Philbrook did you have something. **Commissioner Philbrook** said no, that's exactly the question I was going to ask so thank you very much. **Mr. Richardson** said if that's not the case, I'll let you know. I'll make a note for the full Commission meeting, but I will check that.

Action: **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 6 – 18257...MOU/GRANT: CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING & ACTION GRANT

Synopsis: Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority regarding submission of an application for a \$1.3M Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Action Grant for Juniper Gardens, submitted by Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director; Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator; and Wilba Miller, Community Development Director. Additionally, staff is requesting authorization of \$20,000 for grant preparation fees for Camiros from existing budget.

Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator, said well, I'll probably turn it over to my two counterparts, but I do want to say that we have been before you before in my tenure on one of these grants; however, the last time, we were not in a position that we are in today with the Northeast Master Plan process underway. We feel very confident in bringing this forward to you

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that we will have a strong application. We are excited to be working once again with the Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority who is taking this same type of presentation before their board as well to get approval to move forward.

As you did note, there is \$20,000 and Rob can kind of talk a little bit briefly about who will be helping us with that, and Wilba can talk maybe a little bit more about what the planning and action grant looks like.

Rob Richardson, Urban Planning and Land Use Director, said when we did the RFP for the Northeast Area Master Plan, we wanted someone with experience with choice neighborhoods because we had been unsuccessful in our previous grant. When we selected Camiros to help with that, they have been successful on numerous grants. We actually get points for having them help us because they have experience with the Choice Neighborhood Program. We've been very happy with their work so far in the North East Area Masterplan, and I think they'll be a great team member for us to help us put the application together.

There is a fee for it. I don't think they'll look at this. I was shocked the fee was only \$20,000 to put together such an extensive application. They won't watch this I'm sure. I think, with their help, we have a good chance at this. They've given us some advice on how to craft the application, what parts of the community to focus on for the application, and have given us some tasks to do in the meantime to make sure that it's strong. They think there may not be a lot of communities able to get the application together because it's a real short turnaround from the notice to the due date, and so we're trying to get on this as quickly as we can.

Ms. Sieben said I will say the amount of pages we submitted the last time were over 400 just for this grant. So, when Rob said we're getting a good value for the grant writing support, he would be correct. **Chairman Markley** asked has this already been before the Housing Authority or are we first in line. **Ms. Sieben** said we are first in line.

Commissioner Philbrook said just so you can clear it up for me. For some reason, it seems a little mottled in my mind where this money's going. This money is to go toward planning, to figure out what to do with the Juniper Gardens area. Is that the bottom line on this? Or is it? **Mr. Richardson** said it's multifaceted. That may be why it's mottled because there's planning

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money and there's early action money. The early action projects we're doing with the Northeast Area Master Plan are kind of modeled on this type of format. Where we have \$20,000 or \$25,000 with the grant, we get \$900,000 to do things with. It can be one project. It can be multiple projects. There's match money and there are a lot of other things that go along with it, but it is to help relocate, maybe not relocate but to better house, I think is the best way to say that, better house the folks that live at Juniper Gardens currently.

Commissioner Philbrook said so I'll make a comment. It's been reported to me that Juniper Gardens could definitely stand a major happening to it for it to be in much better condition or razed and have other types of housing. I can understand why this might be the center of attraction.

Having said that, that means that would open up opportunity for us to develop possible housing of similar with the Housing Authority and HUD at maybe a different location or spread it out more or whatever because it goes along with the Northeast Master Plan. Is that what I'm hearing? **Mr. Richardson** said that's correct. They don't have to be rehoused onsite. We would do public participation with them to figure out what the residents want and how that would fit with the rest of the planning process. **Commissioner Philbrook** said okay, thank you. I just wanted to make sure I heard and understood. **Ms. Sieben** said Wilba might just address a little bit about how the replacement goes with this grant when they're looking at it.

Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said we did meet with Milton Scott who is the executive director of the Housing Authority. One of the things that he did tell us is that there are some units already vacant and they plan on, through attrition, finding a number of as people move away, they will leave those vacant. We haven't really talked about where they would be relocated to. They would be given options for single-family and/or multi-family in another area that's not necessarily what we call a recap area, which is racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty. HUD wants us to allow people to live where they want to live and not necessarily in a box. This is a three-year planning grant, I believe. **Ms. Sieben** said and it's a one for one replacement of housing unit, so if we do move them, it is one for one so those folks would be relocated. It's not like some of the other programs that didn't do one for one. **Commissioner Philbrook** said thanks for that clarification. I appreciate it.

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Commissioner Johnson said we applied, was it a year or two ago for something similar with regard to the Wyandotte Towers and we didn't—**Ms. Miller** said that is correct, we did but we were not successful. **Ms. Sieben** said we actually have the experience from what happened there that we're able to apply here. Again, a lot of it was the advanced prep with the engagement side of things. We're also learning some stuff from Camiros as we were in our conversations with them about exactly why we needed this level of engagement in the community to be successful in applying for these types of grants.

Commissioner Johnson said the reason why we picked Juniper versus the other. **Ms. Miller** said because it's so many units and it's distressed in the area that its at. **Mr. Richardson** said and Camiros suggested that. When they looked at our options, that would have the best chance of funding. **Commissioner Johnson** said okay.

Ms. Sieben said also, our region is very interested in us doing something with that property. When we were looking at it the last time, we were looking at it in tandem with what was going on with the Healthy Campus. We are changing our focus on that a little bit. We will be studying the Wyandotte Towers area as part of this planning grant, so it will get captured, but we'll be specifically looking at Juniper Gardens this time.

Commissioner Johnson said I guess I have a thought. My thought is that we should try to, and I'm sure you all will, marry this to a broader vision for development of that area where we would have mixed income or however—housing, or if we're looking at low-income housing, that it would be part of a broader, strategic plan for that which is part of Northeast Master Plan anyway, but maybe something that is specific to that.

Ms. Sieben said I think the reason staff brought this forward two years ago and is bringing it forward again is because it actually does provide us the opportunity to do exactly what you are saying. It affords the community the ability to not continue to create what Wilba referred to as recap areas and give these folks that opportunity to live in a place that provides different opportunities than they've had say living in Juniper Gardens. **Commissioner Johnson** said and, of course, you already have said it, but I think it should be said again, the community

involvement/engagement piece is major that we hear their voice. **Ms. Sieben** said and that's why we weren't successful last time. These come out with very limited timeframes. In fact, this one had less than 45 days from the time it was distributed to the public in an official statement until it's due the middle of June. Therefore, we didn't have the opportunity to do what was necessary when we applied the first time. We are in the middle of this engagement and have been doing a lot of this work already. **Commissioner Johnson** said the timeline on this one. **Ms. Sieben** said it's due the 15th of June. **Ms. Miller** said the 12th. **Ms. Sieben** said the 12th. I'm sorry. I gave myself three extra days just now that I don't have. It's due the 12th of June.

Ms. Miller said if I could say, this was not expected at all. I believe they thought they were going to close out the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants. I just got a note today that the implementation grants that after a 3-year planning study, you can go after competitive implementation money. That RFP is out now and it won't be due until September. If we're successful in getting this grant, we have the 3-year grant, we can go after that. I think it's upwards of \$30M that you can apply for.

Action: **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, McKiernan, Bynum, Markley.

Chairman Markley adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Adjourn

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