



**UPDATE**  
**Neighborhood and Community Development**  
**Standing Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, June 1, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

**Location:**

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Name

Absent

Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Chair

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Commissioner Tom Burroughs

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Commissioner Gayle E. Townsend

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Commissioner Harold Johnson

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Commissioner James Walters

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**I.**        **Call to Order/Roll Call**

**II.**        **Revisions to June 1, 2020 Agenda**

Delete Item No. 2 – 20173...An ordinance temporarily lifting certain zoning restrictions due to COVID-19

New Item No. 3 – 20179...Three MARC Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) Grants

**III.**        **Approval of standing committee minutes from April 6, 2020.**

**IV.**        **Committee Agenda**

**Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: STORIES ON STORIES PROJECT**

**Synopsis:** Presentation on the Stories on Stories Project by the SOAR team, with partners from MOCSA and the Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, submitted by Logan Masenthin, SOAR Coordinator; and Jenna Hillyer, Delinquent Real Estate Manager. This project aims to connect communities and prevent crime by engaging residents and installing art onto boarded up, vacant buildings.

*For information only.*

**Tracking #: 20170**

**Item No. 2 - ORDINANCE: TEMPORARILY LIFT CERTAIN ZONING**

## **RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19**

**Synopsis:** An emergency ordinance designed to support the economic recovery of local businesses from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by temporarily lifting certain zoning restrictions as it relates to allowing the public right-of-way, on-street and off-street parking for sidewalk cafes and open air markets, and permitting farmer's markets and mobile vending operations in additional zoning districts with specific limitations in compliance with social distancing and accessibility standards between the date of adoption and December 31, 2020 with the option for continuation by a vote of the Board of Commissioners, submitted by Gunnar Hand, Director of Planning.

*Information forthcoming.*

**Tracking #: 20173**

**V.            Public Agenda**

**VI.          Adjourn**

**AGENDA UPDATE  
NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020**

**IV. COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**DELETE ITEM**

**Item No. 2 – 20173...ORDINANCE: TEMPORARILY LIFT CERTAIN ZONING RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19**

**Synopsis:** An emergency ordinance designed to support the economic recovery of local businesses from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by temporarily lifting certain zoning restrictions as it relates to allowing the public right-of-way, on-street and off-street parking for sidewalk cafes and open air markets, and permitting farmer's markets and mobile vending operations in additional zoning districts with specific limitations in compliance with social distancing and accessibility standards between the date of adoption and December 31, 2020 with the option for continuation by a vote of the Board of Commissioners, submitted by Gunnar Hand, Director of Planning.

**NEW ITEM**

**Item No. 3 – 20179...THREE GRANTS: MARC PLANNING SUSTAINABLE PLACES (PSP)**

**Synopsis:** Request to apply for, and accept if awarded, the following MARC Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) grants for the following, submitted by Gunnar Hand, Director of Planning.

- Countywide Mobility and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy – proposed \$300,000 grant (\$150,000 local match).
- Northeast Heritage Trail – proposed \$100,000 grant (\$20,000 local match with the potential for Groundworks NRG to provide part or all of said match).
- Merriam Lane Corridor Plan – proposed \$150,000 grant (\$30,000 local match split four equal ways between four municipalities; \$7,500 local match from the UG).



# Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 20179

**Full Commission Meeting Date:** 6/11/20

**Committee:** Neighborhood & Community Development

Date of Standing Committee Action: 6/1/20

(If none, please explain):

**Publication Required:** No

| Date:     | Contact Name: | Contact Phone: | Contact Email:    | Department/Division:      |
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| 5/28/2020 | Gunnar Hand   | 5751           | ghand@wycokck.org | Urban Planning & Land Use |

Item Description:

Below is the list of MARC Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) grants that we would like to pursue this summer. Applications due June 19, 2020.

1. Countywide Mobility and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy: In collaboration with the (...Cities of Bonner Spring and Edwardsville and the...) Unified Government's Public Works, Transit and Public Health Departments, the Urban Planning and Land Use Department will facilitate a countywide, data-driven, and long-rang planning effort that identifies supportive transportation and land use strategies. This multi-modal (ped, bike, transit, auto, freight) strategic plan will assist with the prioritization of the capital improvement program, support active lifestyles through greater transportation options, and generally understand how, where and why people travel in Wyandotte County so that we can make more informed land use development decisions.

a. Urban Planning proposes a 50/50 match, which is far and above the required 80/20, that will max out the \$150,000 MARC contribution for a grand total of \$300,000 (\$150,000 local match).

2. Northeast Heritage Trail: In partnership with Groundworks NRG, the Urban Planning and Land Use Department will support a community-driven long-range planning effort to identify the route and strategy for the phased development of a new multi-use path from Kaw Point to the Quindaro Townsite. The planning process will conduct an alternatives analysis that leverages the existing transportation system (i.e. existing trails and sidewalk network) and Land Bank property to identify a preferred alternative route that connects various historical sites, returns currently vacant property back into the community's use, and has a positive stormwater management impact.

a. Urban Planning proposes an 80/20 match for a total \$100,000 grant (\$20,000 local match with the potential for Groundworks NRG to provide part or all of said match).

3. Merriam Lane Corridor Plan: In collaboration with the Cities of Merriam, Overland Park and Mission, the Urban Planning and Land Use Department will participate in the development of a corridor plan along Merriam Lane from Downtown Merriam to Rosedale. This strategy will look to connect this historic transportation route to the adjacent neighborhoods, Turkey Creek Trail, and other development opportunities.

a. The consortium of Cities propose an 80/20 match for a total of \$150,000 grant (\$30,000 local match split 4 equal parts between the four municipalities; \$7,500 local match from the UG).

Again, our approach is to apply for everything that we can now, and if we succeed in this first round Call for Projects, we can make the decision on if and which projects we can provide a local match too before the process moves on to the Request for Proposals stage. We have been frank with both the Northeast Community about the Heritage Trail and the Cities of Overland Park, Mission and Merriam regarding the Merriam Lane Corridor Plan that if we have to choose between the three, that our preference will be to fund the Mobility Plan. If this is what comes to pass, both the trail and corridor efforts will be included within said Mobility Plan, albeit with less scope.

You can find more information about MARC's PSP grants and their criteria here: [http://marc2.org/tr\\_psp/](http://marc2.org/tr_psp/); and you can find more information about the MARC PSP program overall here: <https://www.marc.org/Regional-Planning/Creating-Sustainable-Places/Planning-sustainable-Places/Background.html>. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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| <u>Action Requested:</u>                                                                               |
| <u>Budget Impact: (if applicable)</u><br>Amount:<br>Source:<br>Included In Budget:<br>Other (explain): |
| <u>Attachments List:</u><br>Blue Sheet                                                                 |

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday, April 6, 2020**

The meeting of the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2020, at 5:09 p.m., remotely via conference call. The following members were present: Commissioner McKiernan, Chairman; Commissioners Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, and Walters. The following officials were also in attendance via conference call: Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator; and Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager.

**Chairman McKiernan** said we are going to have the meetings of the Neighborhood & Community Development and Economic Development & Finance Standing Committees in just a moment. Before I call the first meeting to order, I want to announce that due to COVID-19, we do have some, or most individuals attending on conference call as well as those who are present in person.

All the participants joining by phone should mute their phones when they're not speaking so that we can avoid background noise and any feedback that may occur. During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and by title every time that you speak so that the public, who is observing the meeting tonight, knows who is speaking.

For my benefit, if you would wish to speak during this first meeting, if you would simply go to your participant list and raise your hand. I'll be able to see it on my list here. I'll acknowledge you and then you can announce yourself then and begin speaking. It is critical that we announce ourselves by both name and by title. So, I am Brian McKiernan, Commissioner of the Second District of the Unified Government. Given the number of people who are participating remotely tonight, that's the current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

Due to COVID-19 requirements, public comments have been suspended unless otherwise required by law. The public has been allowed to comment on items on tonight's agendas by email prior to these meetings. If received, those comments will be read into the record of the respective meetings.

**Chairman McKiernan** called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken and members were present as shown above.

**Chairman McKiernan** said there were no revisions to this agenda after it was originally published.

Approval of standing committee minutes from February 10, 2020. **On motion of Commissioner Townsend, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, the minutes were approved.** Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Walters, Johnson, Townsend, Burroughs, McKiernan.

Committee Agenda:

**Chairman McKiernan** said we only have one item. That item is Land Bank business, so at this point, I’ll turn the floor over to Chris Slaughter, our Land Bank Manager.

#### **ITEM NO. 1 – 2083...LAND BANK BUSINESS: TRANSFERS FROM LAND BANK**

**Synopsis:** Request consideration of the following Land Bank applications, submitted by Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager.

Transfers from Land Bank

5540 N. 94th St. - Unified Government

5544 N. 94th St. - Unified Government

5545 N. 95th St. - Unified Government

5551 N. 95th St. - Unified Government

5550 Walnut St. - Unified Government

5601 Walnut St. - Unified Government

5621 Walnut St. - Unified Government

(These properties are necessary for the expansion of the Wolcott Treatment Plant.)

**Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager,** said we do only have one item tonight, that is seven properties being requested to transfer from the Land Bank to the Unified Government. These are the remaining properties that deal with the Wolcott Water Treatment Project. We discussed some of these back in January. These are the remainders that are still in the Land Bank’s name.

With approval tonight, we’ll take them to the Board for final approval. With that final approval, we’ll transfer them into the Unified Government’s name.

**Chairman McKiernan** asked, does anyone on the committee have any questions or any comments for Mr. Slaughter? **Commissioner Burroughs** said no comments, Mr. Chairman. Do you need a motion? **Chairman McKiernan** said we do need a motion, yes.

**Action:** **Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, to approve. Chairman McKiernan** said roll call, please. Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Walters, Johnson, Townsend, Burroughs, McKiernan.

**Chairman McKiernan** said I realize that I didn’t ask before we took a vote on this, but I assume there was no public comment received regarding these items on the Neighborhood & Community Development agenda. **Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk,** said no public comments were submitted.

Public Agenda:

No items

Adjourn

**Chairman McKiernan** adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

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# Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 20170

**Full Commission Meeting Date:** NA

**Committee:** Neighborhood & Community Development

Date of Standing Committee Action: 6/1/20

(If none, please explain):

**Publication Required:** No

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| <u>Date:</u><br>5/20/2020 | <u>Contact Name:</u><br>Logan Masenthin, Jenna<br>Hillyer | <u>Contact Phone:</u><br>x5356, x8844 | <u>Contact Email:</u><br>lmasenthin@wycokck.org,<br>jhillyer@wycokck.org | <u>Department/Division:</u><br>General Services |
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Item Description:

The SOAR team, with partners from MOCSA and the Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, will present the Stories on Stories project. This project aims to connect communities and prevent crime by engaging residents and installing art onto boarded up, vacant buildings.

Action Requested:

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

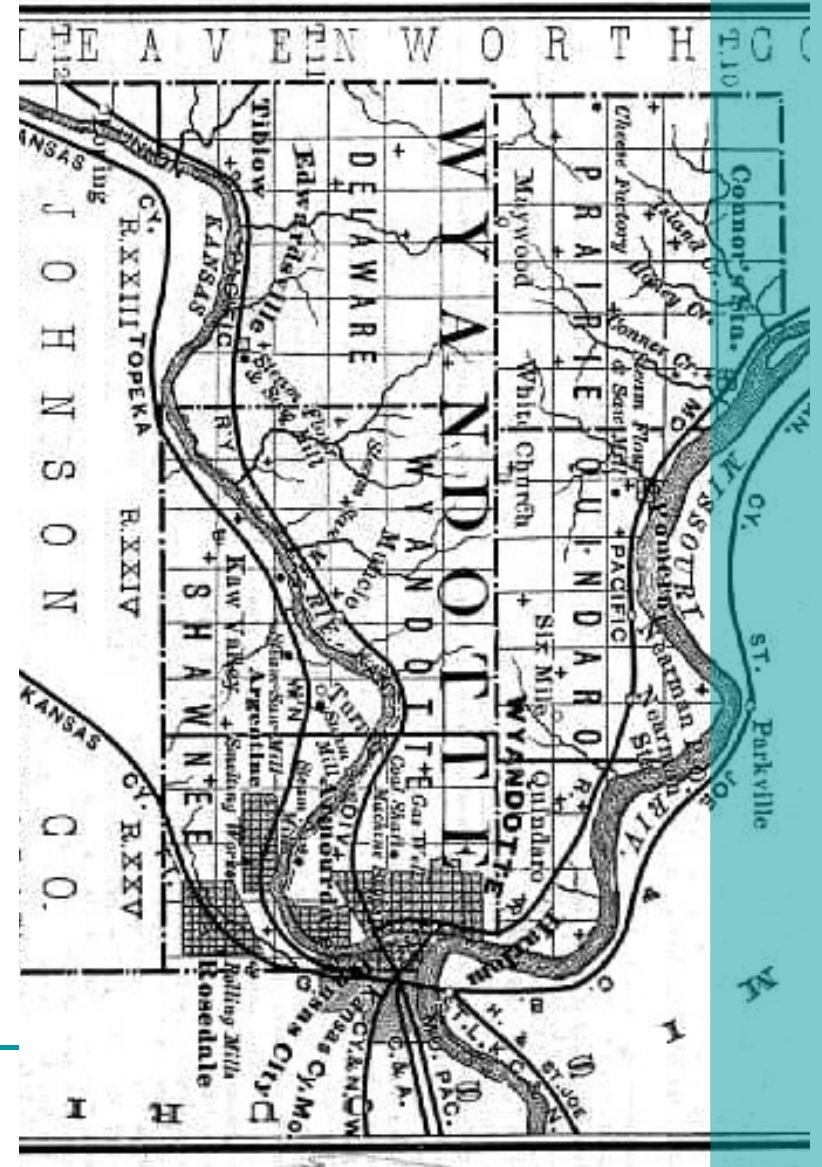
Stories on Stories Presentation, Stories on Stories Process Map, Stories on Stories Handout

WYCO-SAP COMMUNITY VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION COALITION

# Stories on Stories:

Building neighborhood connections through  
art and storytelling

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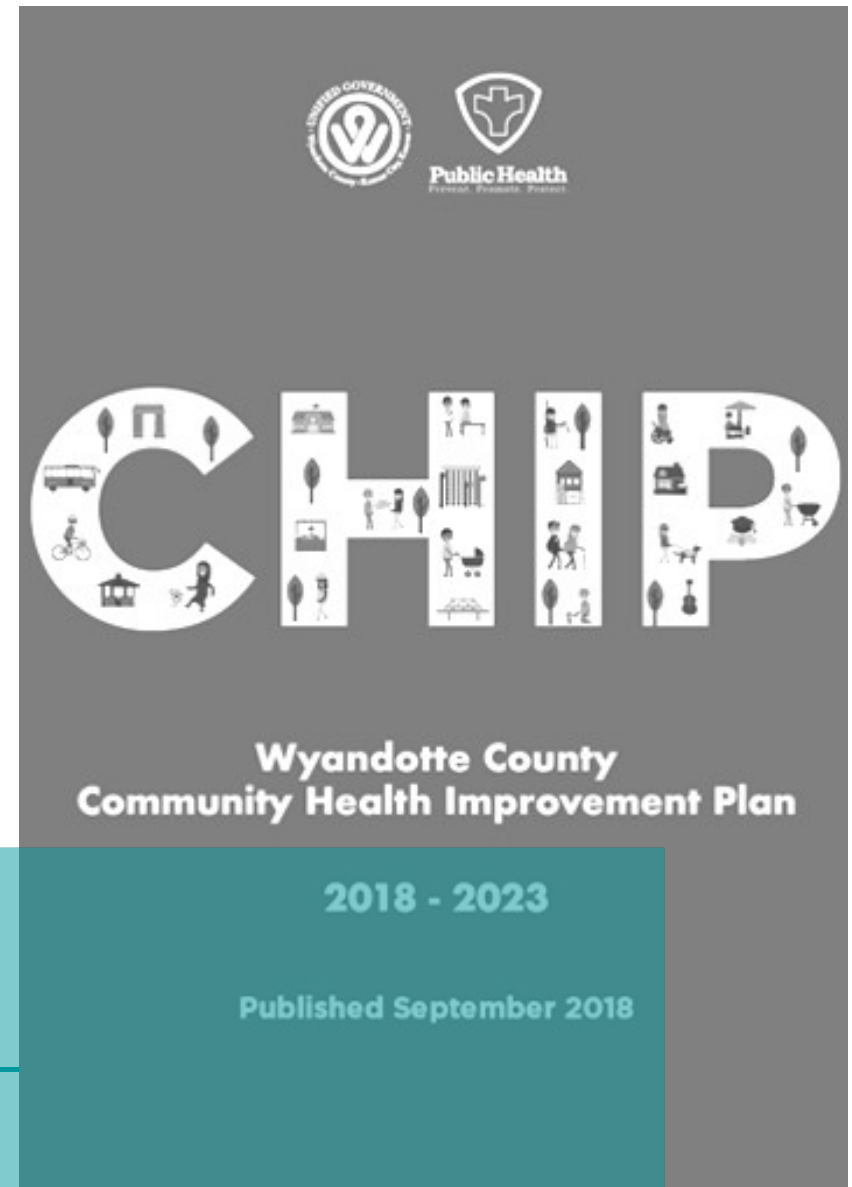
# Background

## WYCO-SAP & COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WyCo-SAP, a community-based coalition of MOCSA, is made up of community organizations, UG agencies, and activists,

Focuses:

- improving neighborhood connectedness
  - improving environmental factors that make neighborhoods less safe
  - addressing harmful norms about violence
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# What is Stories on Stories?

Stories on Stories is a community project to place resident-created art on boarded, vacant buildings. This is a collaborative effort with residents and neighborhood groups; each neighborhood produces art that tells their individual story.



# How does art on boarded-up buildings reduce violence?

## CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

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1.

Reduces vandalism, break-ins, and dumping on vacant and surrounding properties.

2.

Shows that neighbors care and are paying attention to what happens around them.

3.

Using art this way has been shown to reduce violence in other communities.

Anytime neighbors get together, get to know each other, and do something for the neighborhood, it makes the neighborhood safer!





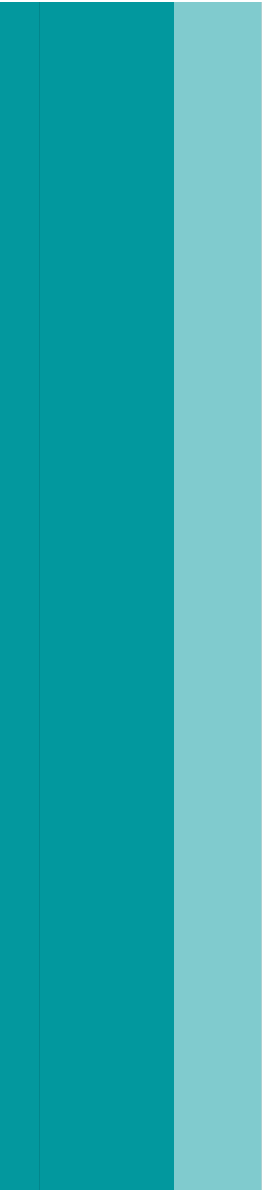
## PILOT SITE

The project piloted in the Rosedale area, along Southwest Blvd.

With support from the Rosedale Development Association, volunteers canvassed the surrounding neighborhoods to inform and engage residents.

Students in RDA's Rainbow Summer Youth program designed art for this and future sites in the area.

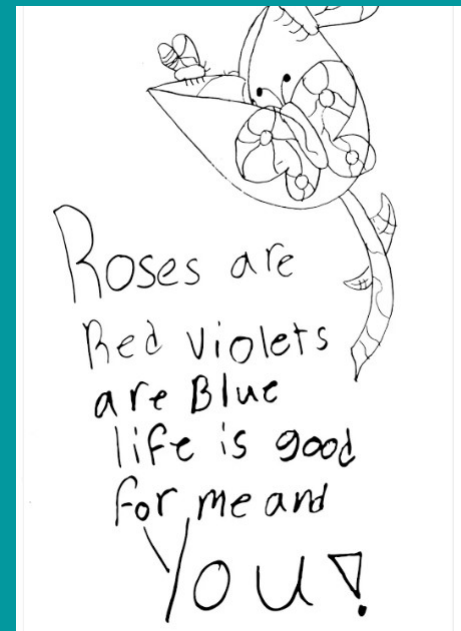
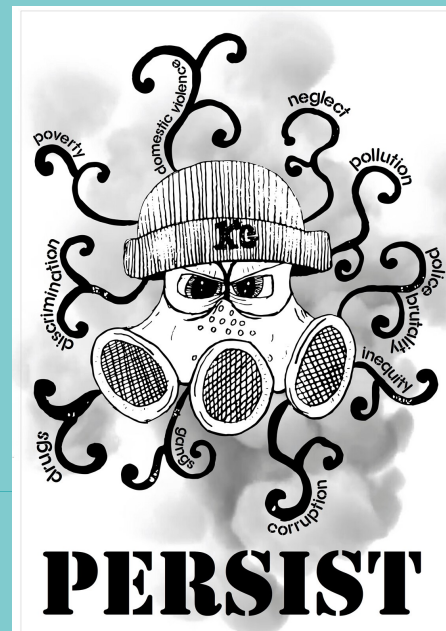
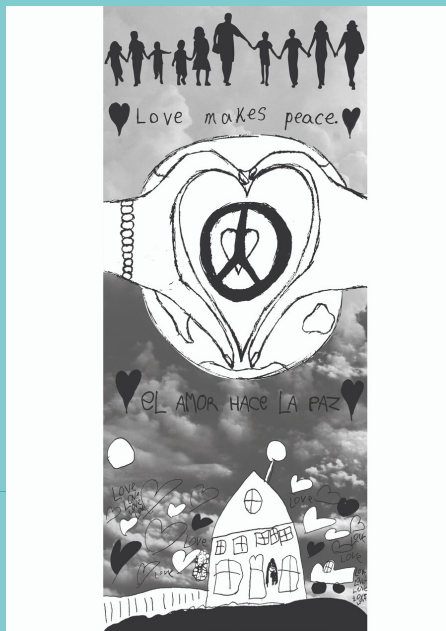
In September 2019, volunteers completed the installation.

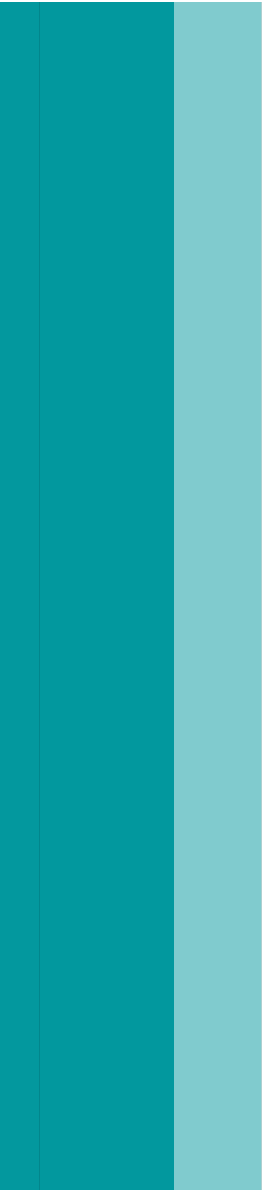


# Process

- The CHIP subcommittee, UG SOAR and UG Parks and Recreation identify a neighborhood with a high rate of violent crimes and blighted properties.
- The committee communicates with the residents to receive their input and artwork is submitted through youth-serving organizations in the area.
- The community centered art is submitted and printed then installed through wheat pasting which is a weather friendly and easy to use medium.
- A post installation survey is conducted to determine any change in the residents' perception of safety.

# Examples of art for Stories on Stories





# Future Expansion

- We will analyze the stability of the art, how much maintenance might be required, and how much the neighborhood likes the project.
- Based on the analysis, we will determine if the project should expand to non UG-owned buildings.
- If it is determined that we should, we will create an Authorization form similar to the one used by Operation Brightside, to allow vacant property owners to authorize this project on their vacant home.
- The form and information about Stories on Stories will be included as part of the private boarding permit process from NRC. The project will be continued with privately owned structures that are authorized by the owner.

# Potential Stories on Stories Site



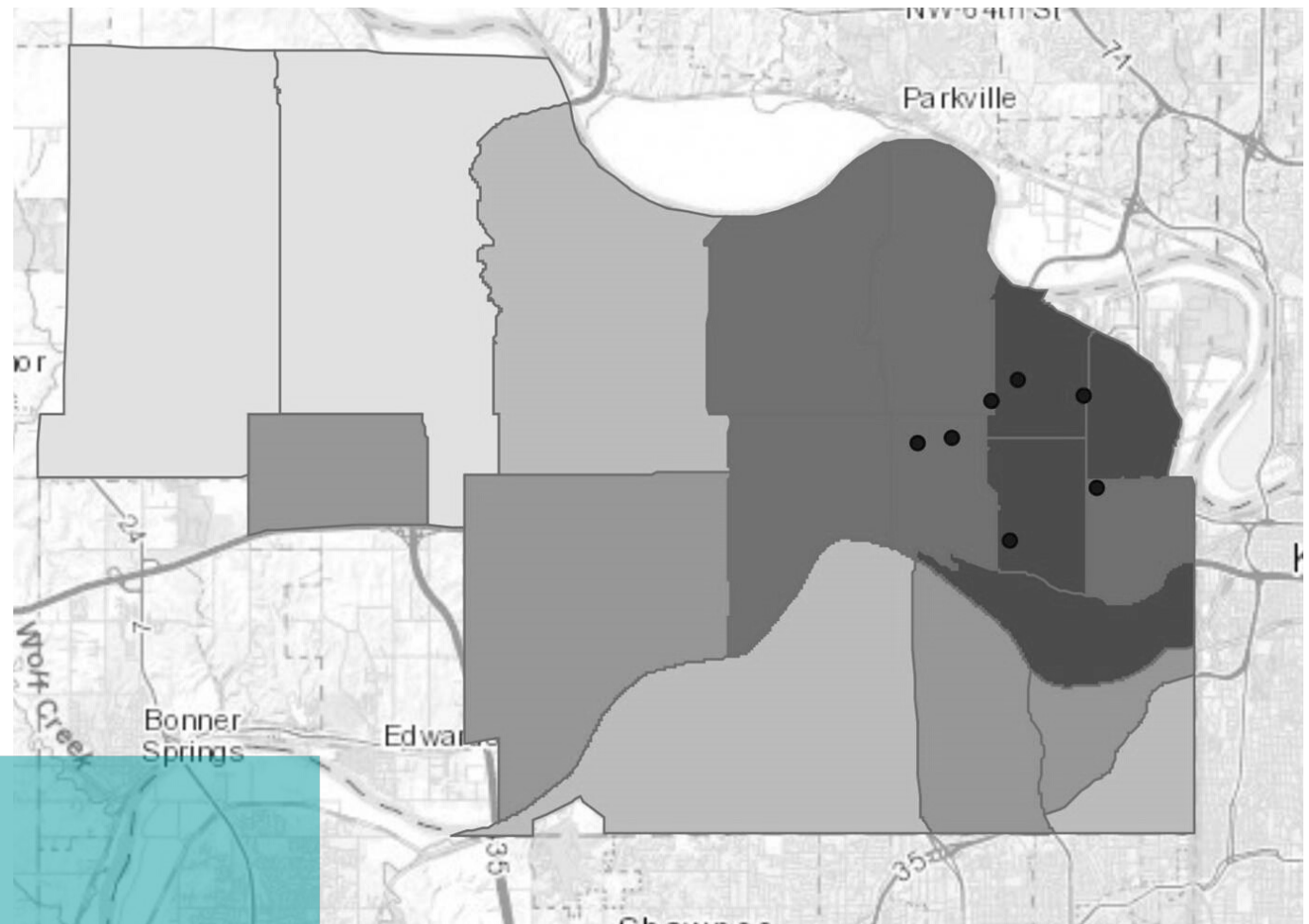
The historic Parks and Rec building in Clifton Park

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The darker police districts are areas of focus due to higher rates of crime.

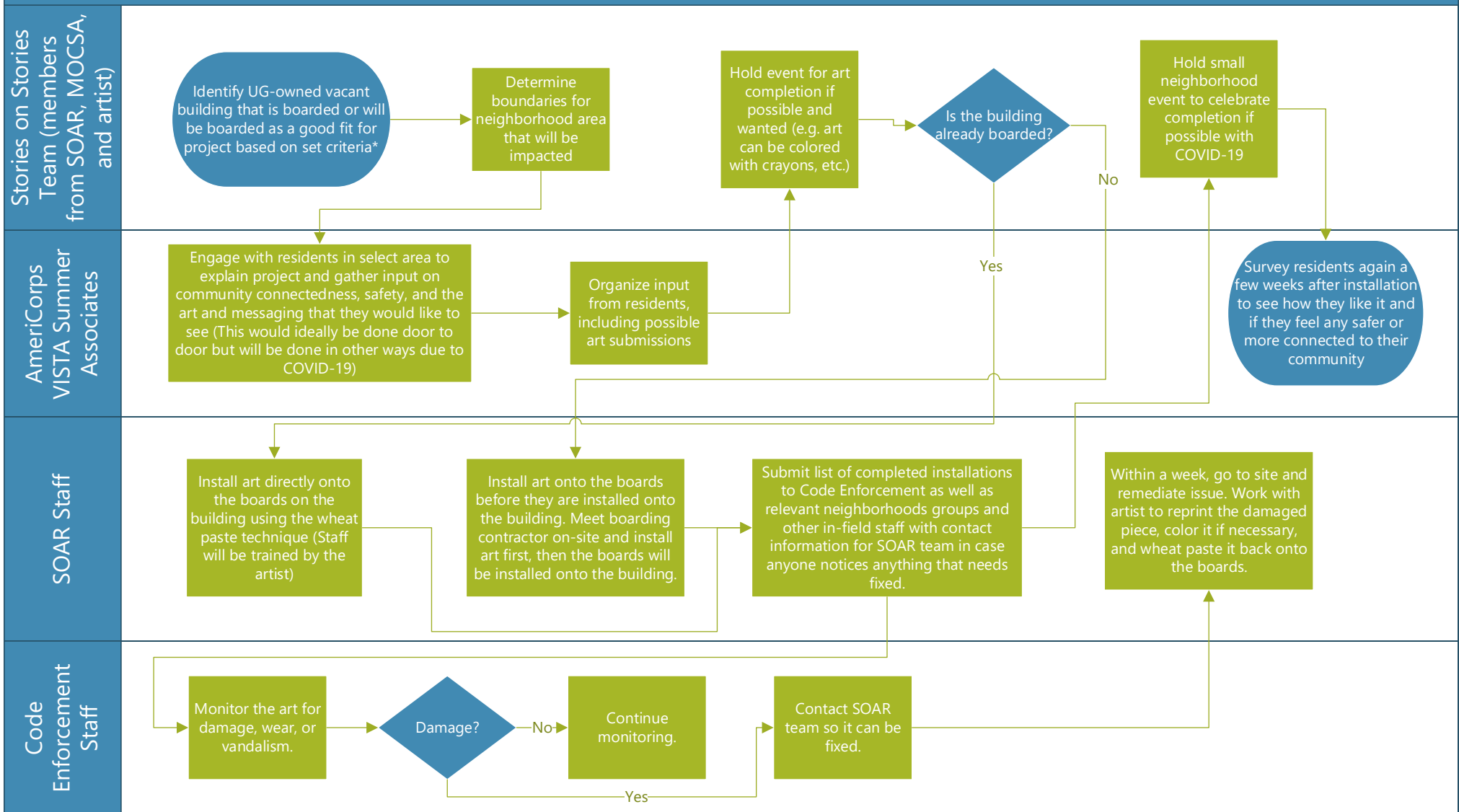
Each dot represents a property in the land bank that will likely stay boarded longer than others.



# Stories on Stories Partners



# Stories on Stories Process for 2020



# STORIES ON STORIES

## CHIP

MOCSA's strategies for the CHIP focus on improving neighborhood connectedness and improving environmental factors that make neighborhoods less safe. The Stories on Stories project improves neighborhood connectedness and community health by engaging residents in a project that improves their environment and promotes collaboration.

## PREVENTION

Using this form of community art as a CPTED strategy, reduces the rate of graffiti and vandalism. Through making positive changes to the environment that reduce violence and help the community feel safer, residents are more likely to utilize parks and build other connections in the community.

## CRITERIA FOR STRUCTURES

- The building is owned by the Unified Government
- It is in an area with high rates of violent crime
- There are more UG-owned vacant structures nearby
- The building seems likely to stay boarded for at least 6 months after installation or it has not been boarded yet
- It is somewhat visible for neighbors
- It is easy enough to access for installation purposes

## PROCESS

1. The CHIP subcommittee, UG SOAR and UG Parks and Recreation identify a neighborhood with a high rate of violent crimes and blighted properties.
2. Committee communicates with the residents to receive their input and artwork is submitted through youth-serving organizations in the area
3. The community centered art is submitted and printed then installed through wheat pasting which is a weather friendly and easy to use medium.
4. A post installation survey is conducted to determine any change in the residents' perception of safety.

# STORIES ON STORIES

## FUTURE EXPANSION

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## CURRENT PARTNERS

Alive and Thrive, BikeWalkKC, Central Avenue Betterment Association, Community Health Council, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, NBC Community Development Corporation, Together Helping Reduce Youth Violence for Equity (ThrYve), Unified Government Parks and Recreation Department, Unified Government Public Health Department, Unified Government SOAR program, United Way of Wyandotte County, University of Kansas Health Systems, Wyandot Behavioral Health Network

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## SOURCES

Charles C. Branas, Eugenia South, Michelle C. Kondo, Bernadette C. Hohl, Philippe Bourgois, Douglas J. Wiebe, John M. MacDonald (2018). Citywide cluster randomized trial to restore blighted vacant land and its effects on violence, crime, and fear. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Mar 2018, 115 (12) 2946-2951; DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1718503115



# Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 20173

**Full Commission Meeting Date:** 6/11/20

**Committee:** Neighborhood & Community Development

Date of Standing Committee Action: 6/1/20

(If none, please explain):

**Publication Required:** Yes 6/18/2020

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| <u>Date:</u><br>5/21/2020 | <u>Contact Name:</u><br>Gunnar Hand | <u>Contact Phone:</u><br>5751 | <u>Contact Email:</u><br>ghand@wycokck.org | <u>Department/Division:</u><br>Urban Planning & Land Use |
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Item Description:

An emergency ordinance designed to support the economic recovery of local businesses from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by temporarily lifting certain zoning restrictions as it relates to allowing the public right-of-way, on-street and off-street parking for sidewalk cafes and open air markets, and permitting farmer's markets and mobile vending operations in additional zoning districts with specific limitations in compliance with social distancing and accessibility standards between the date of adoption and December 31, 2020 with the option for continuation by a vote of the Board of Commissioners.

Action Requested:

Approve ordinance

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List: