

Tennessee Town NIA General Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2017; Buchanan Center Conference Room, 1195 SW Buchanan

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- I. Welcome
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of January 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes (pgs. 2 - 4)
- IV. Reading and Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports (pgs. 5 - 7)
- V. Reports of Officers (pg. 8 - 9)
- VI. Community Policing Report (Ofc. Diehl Phone: 368-1657; E-mail: mdiehl@topeka.org)
- VII. Property Maintenance Report: Dennis Boyles (Phone: 368-3166)
- VIII. Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Report: Donald Fortin
- IX. City Council Report: Karen Hiller
- X. Old Business:
 - A. District One Crime Summit Follow-Up Report
 - B. GraceMed Press Conference on Former Huntoon Dillon's (pg. 10)
 - C. Demolitions of 1194 SW Lane and 1129 SW Lincoln
 - D. International Academy Update: Sandy Lassiter
 - E. Topeka JUMP Update: Joyce Revely
 - F. 2017 NIA Goals (separate page; please complete and return to the HCCI front window, Buchanan Center)
- XI. New Business:
 - A. NIA SORT Committee Meeting with Topeka Planning Department; SORT Kickoff & Spring Celebration
 - B. Kansas Legislature and Abandoned Housing Bill: Pat DeLapp
 - C. New NIA Grant to Stage Neighborhood Events
 - D. NIA Bylaws and Review Process
 - E. "See, Click, Fix" SmartPhone Reporting of Potholes, Graffiti (see page being passed around)
- XII. Kudos: Recognizing the Good News and Deeds of Our Neighbors and Friends:
 - A. NIA Members and City Employees Who Support and Improve the Neighborhood
 - B. Recognitions from Meeting Attendees
- XIII. Announcements:
 - A. "Curb Your Clutter," is the city's annual neighborhood clean-up event. Tennessee Town is scheduled for Sat., April 22. More details to come from the City's Department of Neighborhood Relations via mail
 - B. Neighborhood Relations Programs: (1) *Emergency Program*: Intended to help homeowners make repairs to immediate health or safety hazards, (2) *Accessibility Program*: Provides modifications to residential homes for owners or tenants with disabilities. For more info. on both programs or to apply, please call 785-368-3711 and ask for Tony Salazar
 - C. Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Mon., May 8, 2017, Buchanan Center, 1195 SW Buchanan
- XIV. Adjournment

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Nextdoor Tennessee Town: https://tennesseetown.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
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Minutes of January 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting:

Attendees: President Michael Bell, Vice President Patrick DeLapp, Secretary-Treasurer Sandra Lassiter, Barbara Scott, Zachary Scott, Donald Fortin, Joyce Revely, TPD Officer Michael Diehl, Phyllis Phelps, Emma Ray, Karen Hiller, Philicia McKee, Pedro Concepcion, Alice Weingartner, James Frager, Zachery Tague, Rachelle Stuecker, Daniel W., Aaron DeCaurle, Pastor Harry Christian, and Eric E.

Bell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Presentation by Philicia McKee on Keep America Beautiful. Her emphasis was on “Curb the Litter,” the city-wide neighborhood clean up, on April 1 and 15. Also, She also spoke on the Festivals of Tulips at Shawnee Lake, cleaning up grave stones, and the monthly park clean up is a priority with a 40th celebration in 2017. McKee suggested honoring Marge Heeney at Lane Garden, SW 12th and Lane Sts.

Zachery Tague spoke for Working Men of Christ Ministries. He announced the “adopt-a-room” program in which individuals and/or groups can help remodel a room of the discipleship house at 1175 SW Clay. Tague said it would cost about \$50,000 to renovate the house and the program would defray that cost.

Election of NIA Officers: Pastor Harry Christian moved to close nominations and retain Michael Bell as president, Patrick DeLapp as Vice President and Sandra Lassiter as Secretary-Treasurer. Emma Ray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election of CAC Representatives: Pastor Christian moved to close nominations and retain Donald Fortin and Donna Rae Pearson as CAC representative and alternate, respectively. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Alice Weingartner presented on GraceMed’s plans for the former Huntoon Dillon’s. She said GraceMed will need to raise money to remodel the former Huntoon Dillon’s building. A capital campaign will begin in a few weeks to do that. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on GraceMed: it’s a nonprofit that provides certain services primarily to those who traditionally have problems accessing/affording health care, including Medicare patients. She said GraceMed wants to make impacts that strengthen the community.

Proposed Food Market in 1300 block of SW Huntoon: James Frager presented. He wants to establish a grocery store in the strip mall on the south side of SW Huntoon called the Land of Oz market. He said he has an architect working on plans for the space where he wants to provide cooking classes and community space. Frager said he’d need to raise about \$65,000 to acquire the space and a fund-raising campaign is ongoing. He said he’s researching grants that might help to raise the money and is learning about grant writing. He said the store would recognize WIC and should provide financial services. Washburn University may come on board, Frager said. Frager can be reached at 380-8880.

Pedro Concepcion presented about his plans for an upcoming Community Garden in Central Park. Tennessee Town borders on the area as well.

Bell spoke on the NIA’s designation as a SORT (Stages of Resource Targeting) neighborhood by the Citizens Advisory Council on Dec. 7 and past NIA SORT accomplishments. He also provided a copy of the NIA’s SORT application for review.

Adoption of Agenda: Additions/changes to agenda: WMOC announcement after McKee's presentation, James Frager's presentation on the Land of Oz market after Weingartner's GraceMed presentation, Pedro Concepcion's presentation on community garden after Frager's presentation. Asbury-Mt. Olive Blessing Box as 1st item under New Business. Motion was made and seconded for approval as amended. The motion was approved.

Approval of November 14, 2016 meeting minutes: Donald Fortin moved approval of the minutes as presented. Phyllis Phelps seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports: The NIA's operations and communications budget report was incomplete. The free-will donations Envista report was provided. *Ray moved acceptance of the Envista report. Phyllis Phelps seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

Reports of Officers: Bell and Fortin discussed the Dec. 7, 2016 Citizens Advisory Council meeting where Tennessee Town was recommended as one of the two SORT neighborhoods was discussed. City Council vote on Jan. 10.

Officer Diehl – reports only 11 crimes reported .Not a bad report considering this was over the holiday season. Christmas is usually a busier time. Call or email to speak with Officer Diehl at 368-1657 or mdiehl@topeka.org. District One Crime Summit Follow Up is scheduled for Feb. 1.

Property Maintenance Report: No report.

Citizens Advisory Council Report: Fortin gave the report. He expressed his happiness at the NIA being named a SORT neighborhood. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Mar. 1.

City Council Report: Hiller gave congratulations on the NIA's designation as a SORT neighborhood. She said the City Council next will focus on the 2017 budget. Hiller said the city has saved a little extra money and is now focused on hiring a Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City Manager. Crime Summit Follow Up on Feb. 1 at the LEC. She said the next big Crime Summit would be held in March 2018.

Old Business - Demolition of 1194 SW Lane. Bell said the demolition didn't happen in 2016 because there wasn't any demolition money left. The City's Renee Criqui asked the NIA to submit paperwork for the demolition after Jan. 1. Vice-President DeLapp completed the paperwork. Bell said he would follow up with Criqui to find out when the demolition would occur.

Old Business - Habitat House in 1st 1200 block of SW Buchanan. Bell said the foundation had been installed and work was occurring on the structure. He said the NIA will continue to broker a deal with the property owner of the lots directly south of the new Habitat house to enable the construction of a 2nd Habitat house.

Old Business - International Academy Update - Lassiter said the school now features students pre-K through 8th grade.

Old Business - Topeka JUMP Update - Revely said 3 steering committees had been established in Topeka: transportation, supportive employment, and affordable housing.

New Business - Blessing Box - Pastor Christian and Joyce Revely, from Asbury-Mt. Olive Church, announced the placement of a Blessing Box behind the church. Anyone can stop by and give or get nonperishable food items or personal hygiene products they may need.

New Business - 2017 NIA Goals: Bell distributed a sheet that asked NIA residents, churches and businesses to write down neighborhood challenges and opportunities for this year. He said doing this was especially important since this is the planning year for the SORT grant.

Adjournment: Phelps moved adjournment. Barbara Scott second the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Treasurer's Reports for January 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting: 2016 Operations/Communications Budget

Tennessee Town NIA 2016 Operations and Communications Budget:				
Date	Piece Count	Transaction Type	Withdrawal	Balance
1-1-16	▶	▶	▶	\$1,500.00
2-9-16	1	Reimbursement to Emma Ray for NNO	\$50.00	\$1,450.00
2-26-16	301	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.08	\$1,425.92
2-26-16	301	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.77	\$1,345.15
4-28-16	301	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.08	\$1,321.07
4-28-16	301	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$77.44	\$1,243.63
7-22-16	302	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.16	\$1,219.47
7-22-16	302	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$77.44	\$1,142.03
8-29-16	302	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.16	\$1,117.87
8-29-16	302	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$77.44	\$1,040.43
8-5-16	1	KS Rental, Basketball Tournament	\$95.00	\$945.43
8-5-16	1	Your Hometown Inflatable	\$225.00	\$720.43
8-6-16	1	Darnall's Food & Party Events	\$225.00	\$495.43
8-26-16	302	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.16	\$471.27
8-26-16	302	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$77.44	\$393.83
9-12-16	1	State of Kansas Nonprofit Renewal***	\$0.00	\$393.83
10-20-16	302	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.08 ea.)	\$24.16	\$369.67
10-20-16	302	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$77.44	\$292.23
12-22-16	302	Printing (\$0.08 ea.), Postage for Meeting Cards	\$101.60	\$190.63
TOTALS:	▶	▶	\$1,146.17	\$190.63

***Neighborhood Relations did not make payment in Sept. 2016 as it had before. As a result, the NIA's state non-profit status went inactive. Once this was brought to Neighborhood Relations' attention, it agreed to cover the filing fee from another department line-item and restore the NIA's state nonprofit status to active.

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2-24-17	302	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards***	\$?	\$?
TOTALS:	▶	▶	\$?	\$?

***Neighborhood Relations did not have data available as of the morning of Mar. 13, 2017.

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Treasurer's Reports for March 13, 2017 General Membership Meeting: Envista Account

Tennessee Town NIA 2016 Envista Account:			
Date	Transaction Type	Deposit/Withdrawal	Balance
3-27-16	Account opened	Deposit of \$5.00	\$5.00
9-22-16	Check from Working Men of Christ Ministries	Deposit of \$337.00	\$342.00
10-20-16	Payment of Lawyer's Title Closing Costs for 1192, 1194 SW Lane; Reimbursement of Pat DeLapp's Expenses Related to Closing Costs	Withdrawal of \$275.00 (\$200.00 for Lawyer's Title; \$75.00 for DeLapp's Expenses)	\$67.00
12-20-16	Emma Ray Donation	Deposit of \$5.00	\$72.02 (includes interest earned)
12-20-16	Payment of First Half of Property Taxes at 1194 SW Lane	Withdrawal of \$20.79	\$51.23
3-13-17	Account Balance Check	NA	\$51.23 (interest earned only on accounts with \$200+ on hand)

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Reports of Officers:

A. Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable Meeting:

Bell and DeLapp attended the meeting, held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 28, 2017, at the Shunga shelter house.

The following topics were discussed:

1. A new neighborhood grant that provides \$25,000 to stage neighborhood events. The things neighborhoods have to acquire, like street barricades, are costly. The grant will be open to all neighborhoods. Neighborhood events will not be eligible for other Con Plan funding sources. Grant still is being designed; more info. to come.
2. Darrell Stewart gave a presentation on Shawnee County Parks and Recreation.
3. Topeka Metro Bikeshare: Karl Fundenberger presented. He said Bikeshare provides people with transportation who don't have regular car access and also helps people because the city's buses only run 6 days per week and to just 7:30 p.m. Fundenberger said Bikeshare is working on adding more stations with bikes. He said people can sign up online and at the kiosk at the Quincy St. station. Once signed up, a person gets a PIN and a key code to access the bikes. He said there is a \$25 annual fee or \$2.50 per hour and discounts are available for Washburn and Washburn Tech students.
4. "See, Click, Fix" SmartPhone Reporting of Potholes, Graffiti (see page being passed around).
5. "A Constellation of Color." Carol Bradbury presented. Discussed efforts to feature color in public spaces like murals. For more info., contact Bradbury at 785-783-8233 or Carol@BloombergStudios.com. Website: <http://BloomerangStudios.com>.
6. Leadership Training and 2017 Neighborhood Resource Expo. Monique Glaude presented. She said Neighborhood Relations had received a \$35,000 CHAMPS one-year federal grant to prevent child hunger through a summer meals program. She also said Topeka has applied to have AmeriCorps youths return to the city to work on projects.

B. NIA Officers Meeting:

Bell, DeLapp and Lassiter attended the meeting, held from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 0, 2017, at the Holliday Building.

The following topics were discussed: (1) Meetings and Communication/NIA minutes: NIA meeting minutes should be submitted to Neighborhood Relations' LaToya Martinez, (2) NIA budgets and expense reports, (3) Empowerment Project Meetings and Reports, (4) NIA elections; bylaws and bylaws' review process, (5) newsletter deadlines and printing, (6) other business and community programs; and (7) updating officer contact/meeting information, scheduling a one-on-one meeting with Martinez, CHAMPS Grant, AmeriCorps volunteers, and "see, click, fix."

C. SORT Committee Meeting with Topeka Planning Department:

The NIA's SORT Committee (Bell, DeLapp, Joyce Revely, Rev. Branson Roberts, and Donald Fortin) attended the meeting with Planning's Addison Spradlin and Dan Warner at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 10, 2017 at the Planning Department (Pastor Christian, Emma Ray and Sandy Lassiter were unable to attend).

2017 is the planning year for the SORT, which will include the updating of the NIA's neighborhood plan. Discussion then occurred about things that could be included in the NIA's SORT plan: housing and infrastructure improvements, park improvements, street lighting, brick streets, etc.

Discussion also occurred on holding a SORT kickoff meeting for the entire neighborhood to discuss the grant, find committee members, and get input about what the NIA should pursue. Attendees agreed to hold the SORT kickoff at 6 p.m. on Wed., Mar. 9, 2017, at The First Church of the Nazarene, 1001 SW Buchanan.

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GraceMed Press Conference on Former Huntoon Dillon's:

From Alice Weingartner, GraceMed Director of Community Development:

GraceMed will hold a press conference on its plans for the former Huntoon Dillon's, the services it will offer and its capital campaign at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the former Dillon's, 1400 SW Huntoon. We will send a media release to notify the general public.

We appreciate your willingness (to) show your support for this initiative as we *reintroduce* GraceMed to the community and formally announce Project Wellspring, our capital campaign to raise funds for the remodeling of the Dillon's store.

At this time, the following individuals have confirmed (or have offered) to say a few words. We welcome all the support from our partners!

Randy Peterson, CEO, Stormont Vail
Dave Sanford, CEO, GraceMed
Mayor Larry Wolgast, City of Topeka
Matt Pivarnik, CEO, Topeka Chamber
Janet Stanek, Chair, Topeka Chamber Board

Timeline

10:30 am	Opening of Press Conference
10:35 am	GraceMed Introduction Project Wellspring Announcement
11:00 am	Questions
11:15	Adjourn

On this same day, from 4 -6 p.m., we will be holding a "Bare Bones" Open House at the Dillon's location to invite in the community to hear about the plans for the site. You are welcome to return for that event and please also share with your staff, friends and family. Doors will open at 4 p.m. with "tours" of the facility, with a few remarks by GraceMed staff at 5 p.m. Tours will continue until 6pm.

We greatly appreciate the support we have received during this transition and for the exciting things to come. Look forward to seeing you on April 5!

For more information on GraceMed:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gracemedhealth
Twitter: www.twitter.com/gracemedhealth
Website: www.gracemed.org