

Tennessee Town NIA General Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m., Monday; July 13, 2020
Buchanan Center Conference Room, 1195 SW Buchanan

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- I. Welcome
- II. Guest: Kristen O'Shea, District 18 Kansas State Senate Candidate
- III. Adoption of Agenda (vote)
- IV. Approval of March 9, 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes (vote; pgs. 2-3)
- V. Treasurer's Reports (no reports for this meeting)
- VI. Fall Neighborhood Cleanup (have locations; vote on those and date)
- VII. Future of Neighborhood Relations, Property Maintenance Departments; 2021 SORT, 2020 Neighborhood Empowerment Grants; 2020 Coronavirus/COVID-19 Funds Updates; SORT Celebration Funds
- VIII. Cornerstone of Topeka, Stormont Vail, Habitat for Humanity Housing Project Update
- IX. 1016, 1109/1111 SW Lincoln Reports (demolitions set)
- X. City Council, Property Maintenance (Code Compliance), Citizens Advisory Council (Ass'n of City's NIAs) Reports; International Academy, Topeka JUMP, Momentum 2022 Updates
- XI. Old Business:
 - A. Lane Garden Update
 - B. Grocery Oasis Update
 - C. 12th Street Update
 - D. Topeka Housing Study Update (governing body vote on July 21)
- XII. New Business:
- XIII. Kudos:
 - A. Our Collective Perseverance in the Midst of a Global Pandemic and Inequality
 - B. Kudos from Attendees
- XIV. Announcements:
 - A. 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. or to apply, please call 785-368-3711.
 - B. TOTO first-time homebuyers' assistance program: The program helps low-income families purchase their first home through HUD funding. The program helps Topeka residents become homeowners by providing education, financing, and home rehabilitation by partnering with Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. For more info., please call 785-234-0217, ext. 317.
 - C. Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Mon., September 14, 2020, Location to be Announced
- XV. Adjournment

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Minutes of March 9, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Attendees: Pres. Michael Bell, Sec. Sandy Lassiter, Don Fortin, Joyce Revely, Desiree Lyons, Emma Ray, Tracy Horacek, Rachelle Strecher, Carlos Hernandez, Philicia McKee, Karen Hiller, Rev. Andrew Patty

Bell called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Carlos Hernandez - Spoke about a Tennessee Town "sweep" to clean up neighborhood by April 1. Sweep to include alleys, housing sanitation, vehicle violations. Property Rehab Grant available for code violations. Contact 368-0194.

Philicia McKee - Spoke on "Get Down-Get Dirty" Gage Park cleanup, 50th anniversary of Earth Day, April 25th – Free yard clippings and tire recycling, May 16th – Topeka Cemetery beautification, June 13th -Landfill day.

SORT – we can apply for the upcoming round of application

12th St. Reality Coalition meeting with Brent Scout -with Desiree Lyons a s and Emma Ray. Set for Mon., March 16th.

Lane Garden – may be able to coordinate work in concert Philicia McKee-Keep America Beautiful. Shawnee County Parks & Rec Director Tim Laurent is in support of county maintenance of the property.

Pastor Andrew Patty- working in concert with the Lutheran Church, Old Town NIA and 4-H club. Presentation on a new program for youth (4th -8th grade) 4h Club. A new way a 4-H club can come together. The Church, community, NIAs and 4-H club create a SPIN club. Focus on a theme twice a month.

Spring Neighborhood Clean up – *Desiree Lyons moved holding the cleanup from April 17-19 with dumpster locations at 1153 SW Lane and SW 12th and Clay. Emma Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

Don Fortin moved approval of the agenda as amended. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Fortin moved approval of the January 13, 2020 NIA general membership meeting minutes. Rachelle Strecher seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ray moved acceptance of the treasurer's reports. Fortin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Grocery Store - Discussion continue on a location and the mayor is willing to support the efforts.

City Council - Karen Hiller is chairing Social Services Grant, Public Health and Safety Committees. Also, the homeless situation being addressed so that there are choices to be housed.

CAC - Prep and planning happening for NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) conference. Taking vans, not flying (coronavirus).

JUMP - March 30 rally scheduled at church just off SW 29th and Oakley, Nehemiah Action for April 27 at Lee Arena.

East Topeka Senior Center: Ray said a fundraiser was happening to keep it afloat. Dinner at 5 p.m. on April 4, \$15 tickets.

New Business - There was no new business.

Kudos - The Central Topeka Grocery Oasis's efforts to open a new, full-service grocery store.

Announcements - Neighborhood Relations programs, TOTO first-time homebuyers' program.

Next Meeting - The next NIA general membership meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Mon., May 11, 2020, at the Buchanan Center.

Adjournment - *Fortin moved adjournment. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.