

**Tennessee Town NIA General Membership Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2016, Buchanan Center Conference Room, 1195 SW Buchanan**

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- I. Welcome
- II. Election of 2016 Officers
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Approval of November 9, 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes (pgs. 2 - 3 of meeting packet)
- V. Reading and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report (pg. 4)
- VI. Reports of Officers, Committees (pg. 5)
- VII. Community Policing Report: TPD Officer Michael Diehl
- VIII. Property Maintenance Report: Dennis Boyles
- IX. Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Report: Donald Fortin
- X. City Council Report: Karen Hiller (info. on Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan under "New Business" and at pg. 8)
- XI. Old Business:
  - A. Working Men of Christ Ministries, Inc. Zoning Update, Requested Information, Vote to Endorse (pg. 6)
  - B. Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable: Next Meeting Jan. 23 on Property Maintenance
    - 1. 10 Tennessee Town Addresses to Put on City's Demolition List
  - C. Lane Garden, Habitat Housing Updates
  - D. International Academy Update: Sandy Lassiter
  - E. Emergency Preparedness Workshop Report: Sandy Lassiter
  - F. 2016 NIA Goals Discussion
- XII. New Business:
  - A. Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan (see adopted Tennessee Town submission, Hiller's comments at pgs. 7 - 8)
    - 1. Community Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Wed., Jan. 20, 2016, 1st Floor Conference Room, Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison.
    - 2. Two additional opportunities for comment will occur at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 21 and 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 25. before the MTPO Policy Board.
    - 3. To see the proposal, go to [http://www.topeka.org/pdfs/planning/FinalPedPlannoappendix\\_C.pdf](http://www.topeka.org/pdfs/planning/FinalPedPlannoappendix_C.pdf).
    - 4. For more info., contact the City's Planning Department at 368-3728. To offer written comment, e-mail Planning Director Bill Fiander at [bfiander@topeka.org](mailto:bfiander@topeka.org) or City Councilmember Karen Hiller at [khiller@topeka.org](mailto:khiller@topeka.org)
  - B. Minor Exterior Housing Rehabilitation Project (pg. 9): Vote to Endorse
  - C. Kansas City, KS "Livable Neighborhoods" Initiative Report: Pat DeLapp
- XIII. Kudos: Recognizing the Good News and Deeds of Our Neighbors and Friends:
  - A. Sandy Lassiter and Faith Temple Church Staging Another Great NIA Holiday Party
- XIV. Announcements:
  - A. The Second District 1 Crime Summit to be held on March 12, 2016. Details to come.
  - 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. or to apply, please call 785-368-3711
  - C. Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Mon., March 14, 2016, Buchanan Center, 1195 SW Buchanan
- XV. Adjournment

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Minutes of November 9, 2015 General Membership Meeting:

Attendees: President Michael Bell, Vice President Pat DeLapp, Secretary-Treasurer Sandra Lassiter, Bob Smith, Spencer Lindsay, Les Wedel, Marge Heeney, Rachelle Tamm, Striecher Jones, TPD Officer Michael Diehl, Karen Hiller, North Topeka West NIA President Teresa Miller, Leroy Wedeking, Joyce Revely, Emma Ray, Pastor Harry Christian.

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

Marge Heeney addressed the group and congratulated the NIA for its efforts at Lane Garden, discussed people knocking down and taking signs like the Lane Garden sign.

Working Men of Christ Ministries, Inc. (WMOC) gave a presentation. Spencer Lindsay, Bob Smith and Les Wedel spoke for the group. WMOC bought the house at 1175 SW Clay in Tennessee Town to renovate for a “discipleship home” (not a halfway house) that would facilitate the transition of inmates back into the community. WMOC already has two houses in Topeka that include one in North Topeka and the House of Joshua at 1025 SW Western, and houses in Wichita. WMOC has houses for men and women. WMOC has a working relationship with the Kansas Department of Corrections and parole and police officers and never have had a tenant commit another crime. There are zoning issues present with WMOC being able to proceed with renovations at 1175 SW Clay that will need to be worked out with the City’s planning department. Discussion occurred about when Tennessee Town was faced with the establishment of halfway houses without notification. Attendees wanted more information regarding the zoning and the number of halfway/Oxford Houses in and around Tennessee Town. WMOC requested the NIA’s endorsement of its efforts at 1175 SW Clay. Bell said he would follow up on getting more information and would place the topic on the agenda for the Jan. 11, 2016 NIA meeting.

Emma Ray moved adoption of the agenda. Sandra Lassiter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ray moved adoption of the September 14, 2015 NIA general membership meeting minutes. Joyce Revely seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A treasurer’s report was presented but acceptance was not asked for as there were items in dispute.

Attendees were directed to review the Report of Officers contained in the meeting packet.

Officers Michael Diehl gave the community policing report. He said Dillon’s is a hot spot again and that the city-wide property crime reduction initiative would be in effect until the end of year. City-wide he said property crime is up by 7 percent. To contact Ofc. Diehl, please call his cell phone at 217-8361.

There was no Property Maintenance report.

There was no Citizens Advisory Council report.

Ray moved to extend the meeting through “Kudos.” Pastor Harry Christian seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Councilwoman Karen Hiller spoke on the Aaron Douglas Art Fair's 10th anniversary, which was successful, especially the Sawyer sisters who were present and recognized. She said bikeway markings are in place, the grant for the Blue street signs has been approved, and how the theory for safer streets is used for bikeways. She said having Chari Black on the Parks Committee Advisory Board makes it more diverse. She discussed clarifications on Code Compliance. To contact Hiller, call 232-2917.

Bell shared that paperwork is being drawn up on acquiring the property at 1192 and 1194 Lane to enable the demolition of 1194 and the expansion of Lane Garden.

Bell said Shiloh Church has agreed to donate property south of its parking lot to Habitat for Humanity which has agreed to place 2 houses on the property.

Bell said the Tennessee Town mural was complete and urged attendees to drive by WCW Property Management, 1238 SW Lane, to view it on the business's south wall.

Lassiter gave the International Academy report. The Academy will sponsor an Emergency Preparedness presentation at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, in Faith Temple's multipurpose room. Lunch will be served. RSVP requested. Also, business owner Charlie Dice said Thanksgiving dinners will be given to families as a contribution from students. Lassiter also said that Les Brown was coming to Topeka to speak at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the downtown Ramada.

Tentative NIA Holiday celebration set at Faith Temple from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 19.

Bell reported on the 1st Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable, held on Oct. 24. Groups at the Roundtable were asked to identify 10 residential addresses to put on the City's demolition list. Neighborhood Relations Director Sasha Stiles is responsible for moving this effort forward.

Bell said he and DeLapp attended the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce Expedition Tour on behalf of Tennessee Town. The Tour also included the Oakland and Chesney Park NIAs. He said the Tour provided an opportunity to discuss with the Chamber the challenges present not only in Tennessee Town but in the city's other NIAs, including finding more funding for revitalization activities.

Bell asked attendees to start thinking about what goals the NIA should pursue in 2016.

Kudos to DeLapp for collection and disposal of tires in the NIA.

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Ray moved adjournment. Leroy Wedeking seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Treasurer's Report for November 9, 2015 General Membership Meeting:

<b>Tennessee Town NIA 2015 Operations and Communications Budget:</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Piece Count</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Withdrawal</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1-1-15	▶	▶	▶	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
2-20-15	300	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05 each)	\$22.05	\$1,977.95
2-20-15	300	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$78.97	\$1,898.98
4-8-15	300	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05 each)	\$22.05	\$1,867.93
4-8-15	300	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$78.97	\$1,797.96
4-27-15	300	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05 each)	\$22.05	\$1,775.91
4-27-15	300	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$78.97	\$1,696.94
6-26-15	300 (NIA mtg, T-Town Talks)	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.09 each)	\$27.00	\$1,669.94
6-26-15	300 (NIA mtg, T-Town Talks)	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.43	\$1,589.51
7-7-15	1	KS Sec. of State Incorporation Fee (nonprofit status)	\$40.00	\$1,549.51
8-10-15	1	National Night Out: Carnival Guy (Inflatable)	\$175.00	\$1,374.51
8-10-15	1	Basketball Tourney: Generator	\$46.00	\$1,328.51
8-10-15	1	National Night Out: Darnall's (Face Painting, Clowns, Games, Balloons)	\$200.00	\$1,128.51
8-31-15	300	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05 each)	\$15.00	\$1,113.51
8-31-15	300	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.43	\$1,033.08
9-25-15	300 (Neighborhood Cleanup)	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05)	\$15.00	\$1,018.08
9-25-15	300 (Neighborhood Cleanup)	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.43	\$937.65
10-26-15	301 (Added 1 recipient)	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05)	\$15.05	\$922.60
10-26-15	301 (Added 1 recipient)	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.70	\$841.90
12-4-15	301	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05)	\$15.05	\$826.85
12-4-15	301	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.70	\$746.15
12-22-15	301	Printing of Meeting Notice Cards (\$0.05)	\$15.05	\$731.10
12-22-15	301	Postage for Meeting Notice Cards	\$80.70	\$650.40
12-31-15	1	Holiday Party Expenses	\$500.00	\$150.40
<b>TOTALS:</b>	▶	▶	<b>\$1,849.60</b>	<b>\$150.40</b>

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Reports of Officers:

A. Emergency Preparedness Workshop:

Lassiter attended and sponsored the event, held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 23, at Faith Temple Church. More details on the workshop are provided at the agenda item for this meeting.

B. NIA Holiday Party:

Bell, DeLapp and Lassiter attended the NIA's Holiday Party, held from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 19, in the Faith Temple Church multipurpose room. A great time was had by all!

# Halfway Houses, Oxford Houses in Tennessee Town, Central Topeka

(List compiled on Friday, January 8, 2016)

<http://www.halfwayhouses.us/city.php?city=Topeka&st=KS>

Tennessee Town:

None listed.

Central Topeka:

1. House of Joshua, Working Men of Christ Ministries - Historic Holliday Park NIA  
1025 SW Western  
Topeka, KS 66604  
785-246-6493
2. Oxford House Lane - Chesney Park NIA  
1730 SW Washburn  
Topeka, KS 66604-3178  
785-783-8574
3. Oxford House Unity - Central Park NIA  
1531 SW Topeka Boulevard  
Topeka, KS 66606-1838  
785-357-4919
4. Oxford House Willow Park - Historic Old Town NIA  
804 SW Lindenwood Ave  
Topeka, KS - 66606-1619  
785-235-6916
5. Oxford House Crossroads - College Hill NA  
1600 SW College Ave  
Topeka, KS - 66604  
785-408-5633

<http://soberliving.interventionamerica.org/citydirectory.cfm?State=KS&city=Topeka>

Tennessee Town:

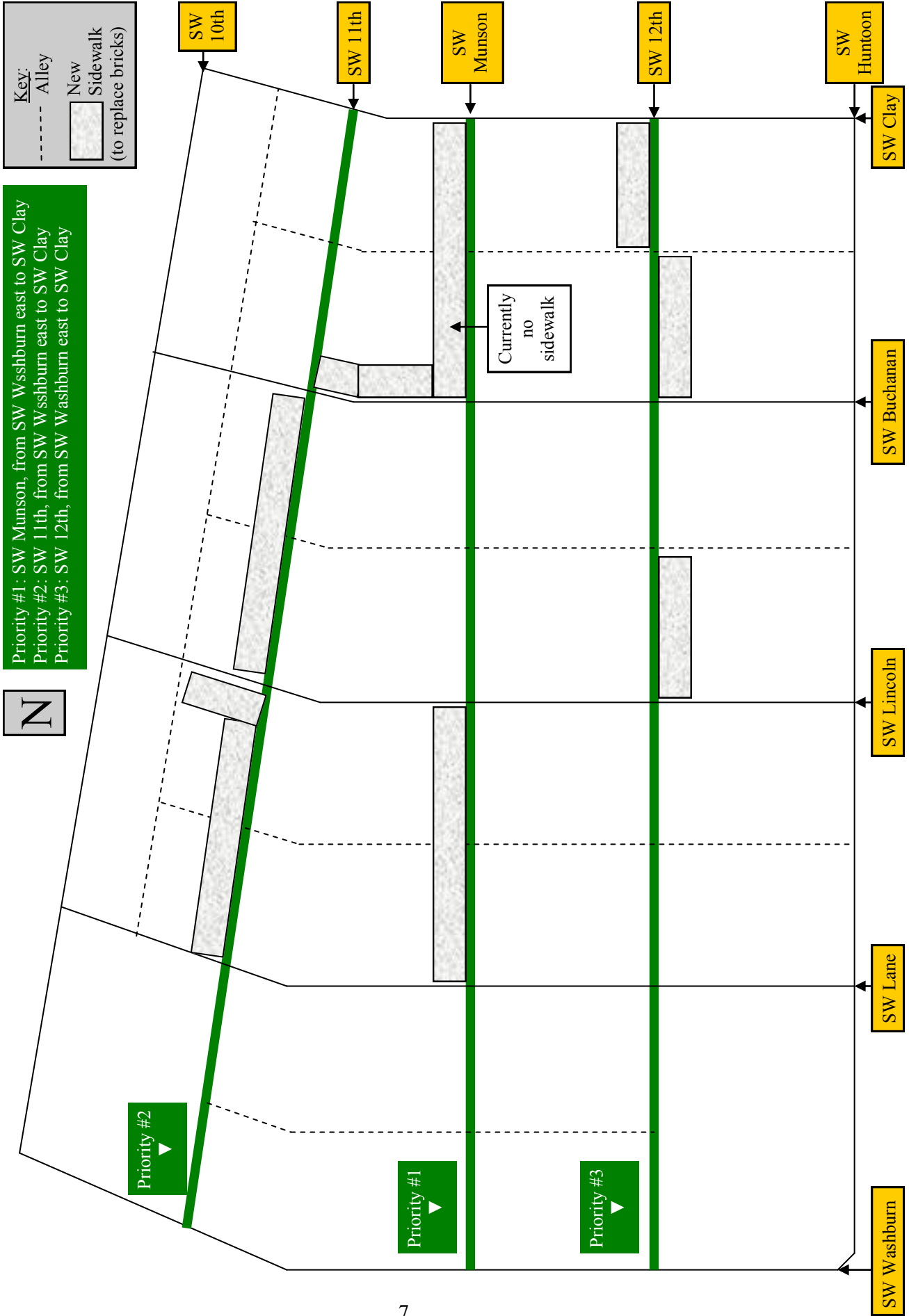
None listed.

Central Topeka:

1. Oxford House Roosevelt House - Potwin or Greater Auburndale NA  
431 SW Roosevelt  
Topeka KS 66606
2. Willow Park House - Historic Old Town NIA  
728 SW College Avenue  
Topeka KS 66604
3. Oxford House Elmhurst House - Historic Old Town NIA  
921 SW College Avenue  
Topeka KS 66606

# Tennessee Town NIA Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan - Sidewalks Recommendations

September 10, 2015



**Draft Pedestrian Plan** - The City’s new Pedestrian Plan is now in final draft form. In short, they are proposing to put sidewalks in all over the City where there are not any and are proposing to repair those that exist, mostly at public expense.

The issues are: some of District 1’s neighborhoods are not considered high priority, they are proposing to do the free sidewalks possibly based on income, and they are saying that they do not want to include brick sidewalks in the “50-50” program. Those choices could eliminate quite a number of District 1 residents from getting City assistance in this comprehensive program. **Please look at the maps that show the neighborhoods and the plan (see link [www.topeka.org/pedplan](http://www.topeka.org/pedplan) or pages 30-32 in the PedPlan...) and let me know what you think.** A hearing for final input is scheduled for January 20, 6-8 PM at the Holliday Building meeting room.

People who live in District 1 really need to go to the hearing and/or communicate directly to Planning if you think, for instance, that brick sidewalks should be eligible for the 50-50 plan and that neighborhoods that are not marked as high priority (Greater Auburndale, which is mixed income and has a lot of walkers, for example) should get their rankings changed. If anyone has recent bids or bills for installing brick sidewalks, I would be happy to have them to show that bricks are not that much more expensive than concrete. **I am happy to represent the best interests of our neighborhoods, but I MUST hear from you to be sure!!!**

**From the draft Pedestrian Master Plan, pgs. 66 and 67 (all priority areas depend on available funding):**

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“Minor” housing rehabilitation activities completed with Topeka housing providers, home improvement stores and others:

- Projects done in “high visibility areas” like between Washburn and Lane from 11th to 12th (east side of Washburn, both sides of Lane; also 1000 block and first 1200 block of SW Lane) and/or between 12th and Huntoon from Lane to Clay (both sides of 12th, south side of Huntoon)
- Painting
- Porch repairs/porch lights
- Yard work
- Activities would involve tenant- and owner-occupied housing and occupied and vacant housing
- Activities would be similar to what Christmas in Action does<sup>1</sup> and to what the city’s old “Model Block” program used to do<sup>2</sup>
- To the greatest extent possible activities done through donated materials acquired through and volunteer labor recruited by the Tennessee Town NIA and Stormont Vail HealthCare

<sup>1</sup>Christmas in Action is a nationwide program that makes basic exterior repairs to the homes of qualified senior homeowners.

<sup>2</sup>The “Model Block” program identified a block within a qualified neighborhood for exterior rehab, yard work, and sidewalk repairs.