

City of Topeka
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 08, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In Person; and via Zoom

Citizen Advisory Council Vision Statement: “A community of neighborhoods illuminating collaborative models to foster harmonious and balanced neighborhood communities.”

Citizen Advisory Council Mission Statement: “The Citizen Advisory Council is a community of neighborhoods organized to forge available resources to empower, rebuild, and revitalize areas within the city of Topeka.”

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTIONS OR DECISIONS	PRESENTER/RESPONSIBLE
I. CALL TO ORDER, MINUTES & AGENDA	Dane Stephenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. December 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Jim Edwards ▪ Second: Cole Mosier January 2025 meeting agenda motion to adopt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Cole Mosier ▪ Second: Jim Edwards 	December 2024 minutes approved. January 2025 agenda approved.	Dane Stephenson, <i>Citizen Advisory Council Vice-Chair</i>
II. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION	A. Duplex Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Commissions’ Special Committee for Housing presented information regarding the need for more housing. ▪ See recording for further details. B. Topeka Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2022-2024 Accomplishments & Future Goals & Objectives. ▪ Secured an additional \$200,000 in funds to help address property code violations in LMI neighborhoods. ▪ Land Bank program launch, and first successful affordable housing agreement has been secured. ▪ Policy changes and code updates. ▪ Continued new development utilizing RHID Program. 	NONE	Dan Warner, <i>Division Director of Planning Manager</i> Michael Hall, <i>Senior Planner for Planning & Development</i> Rhiannon Friedman, <i>Planning & Development Director</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were 221 new build residential permits issued from 2022-2024. 		
III. STAFF UPDATES	<p>A. Community Engagement Division Status & Program Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reached out to the 8 agencies the CAC choose to donate remaining CDBG funds in the amount of 23,151.14 ▪ As per a directive from the City Manager, we are asking all departments to halt spending on non-business-critical items within their 2024 budgets. This request is being made in light of the projected budget deficits, with the goal of carrying over as much cash as possible into 2025 and 2026. ▪ A packet will be mailed to CAC members regarding the DREAMS Program to be used in helping you make a decision in the DREAMS projects. 		<i>Monique Glaudé, Division Director of Community Engagement</i>
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>A. Requesting volunteers to pick a month and write about a health topic that can be shared with your neighbors.</p>	NONE	<i>Open to all CAC members & Guests</i>
VIII. ADJOURN	<p>Motion to adjourn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: ▪ Second: <p>NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2024 - HOLLIDAY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR – 620 MADISON, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.</p>	The chair brought the meeting to a close, marking its adjournment.	<i>Dane Stephenson, Citizen Advisory Council Vice-Chair</i>