



KCStat Follow-Up Memo  
 Neighborhoods and Health  
 Community KCStat Meeting  
 February 7, 2017, 9 AM

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<http://kcmo.gov/kcstat/meetings>  
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**Objectives:** The following objectives from the Adopted 2017-2021 Citywide Business Plan were discussed at the 2/7/17 KCStat on Neighborhoods and Healthy Communities.

#	Objectives relating to <b>Clean and Well Maintained Neighborhoods</b>	Target Timeframe
1	Demolish, salvage, or rehab the City's current dangerous buildings inventory	2019
4	Enact state legislation to provide the City and local neighborhoods better control over the future of vacant properties	Ongoing
5	Strengthen blight reduction efforts through ordinance changes, collaborating with community partners, reducing illegal dumping and litter, promoting clean neighborhoods, and aggressively marketing Land Bank and KC Homesteading Authority properties	May 2018
8	Increase the waste diversion rate as recommended by the City's 2007 Climate Protection Plan through policies and programs that promote recycling and re-use	2021
	Objectives relating to <b>Community and Cultural Resources</b>	Target Timeframe
6	Implement services, programs, and activities outlined in community centers' business plans that have been targeted to the specific needs of each community to enhance revenue and attendance	Ongoing
7	Develop a cultural mapping inventory to increase access to arts and cultural activities while promoting community development	2019
	Objectives relating to <b>Healthy Community</b>	Target Timeframe
2	Increase overall life expectancy and reduce health inequities in the zip codes with the lowest life expectancy: 64109, 64126, 64127, 64128, 64130, and 64132; and the additional zip codes with the least improvement in life expectancy: 64134, 64131, 64117, 64138, 64114, and 64133	2020
3	Implement the Community Health Improvement Plan (KC-CHIP)	Feb 2017
9	Identify and mitigate community health hazards by monitoring and responding to communicable diseases and environmental threats	Ongoing

## **Major Discussion Points from Meeting**

1. Discussion around several programs highlighted the intersection between different city programs and priorities. A major question emerged on how to support more than one area within the following programs:
  - a. Mayor James recommended promoting and providing information on energy efficiency building and renovation practices and products to purchasers of Land Bank properties.
  - b. The Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department has partnered with the Full Employment Council on a program that provides temporary jobs to FEC sponsored individuals in the deconstructing of structures deemed to be dangerous buildings.
  - c. The Health Department recently convened a cross-departmental summit, called LifeX, to look across city services and determine how life expectancy can be addressed through structural, policy and procedural changes in city programs and services.
  - d. Several partnerships are currently under way for repurposing vacant lots
2. In two areas discussed, further improvement to goals will require significant new resources or education:
  - a. Though the city has made significant progress in diverting more waste from landfills, further momentum will require investments in such things as citywide trash carts, waste-to-energy measures and mandatory recycling and enforcement.
  - b. Preventing illegal dumping requires an education campaign and potential of enforcement for littering.
3. In several programs discussed, the theme emerged that the city will need to think creatively about barriers that exist within state law:
  - a. Diverting plastic bags from waste stream
  - b. Missouri Senate Bill 572 changed the city's code violation requirement to provide property owners a minimum of ten days for abatement after receiving notice of a code violation. The city's previous policy allotted property owners only 48 hours for abatement. This impacts how illegal dumping and trash and debris in the city right of way can be handled.
  - c. For the last three years, the city has advocated for a bill that would require limited liability corporations (LLC) to file an affidavit with the name and address of at least one person with management of city properties owned by LLCs. This would allow the city to have a direct contact when property violation issues arise. As it stands, it is often difficult to locate a direct contact when a property is held by an LLC.
4. Department staff highlighted several successes in partnering with the community, universities and the private sector for the provision of better service delivery. Examples are:
  - a. Dangerous building demolitions that were donated by private demolition companies
  - b. Though not a direct partnership, the emergence of the private sector market for recyclables has contributed greatly to the reduction in waste going to the land fill (Ripple Glass as prime example)
  - c. Partnership with Northland Neighborhood Inc to provide initial inspections on reports of property code violations in three neighborhoods north of the river
  - d. Kansas City's Code for America Brigade partnered with the Land Bank to identify properties that were potential buyers for small lots adjacent to their property.

**Follow-Ups for Departments (to report back at August KCStat Meeting):**

1. Follow up on the NACA loan implementation with info/data **(Land Bank)**
2. Analyze geographic location of owners who rehab or demo their own property to check for patterns that might inform future investment **(Neighborhood Preservation Division)**
3. Creating marketing and communication plan for official opening of Red Bridget recycling drop off center **(Solid Waste Division)**
4. For next KCStat, explore opportunities for turning vacant lots to pocket parks, primarily focusing on downtown area **(Land Bank, Neighborhoods, Housing Services and Parks and Recreation)**
5. Health Department will bring data on divergent discipline by race (suspensions at preschool level, etc.) to next KCStat **(Health Department)**
6. Next KCStat, Objective 9 will focus on environmental threats **(Health Department)**
7. Provide information about sustainable building/renovation products and tactics for purchasers of Land Bank properties and determine ways to include energy savings into intended investment calculation **(Land Bank and Office of Environmental Quality)**

**Data Questions (to report back at August KCStat Meeting)**

1. Are there specific geographic clusters within the city where private investment has taken a home off of the dangerous building list?

**Next Meeting for Neighborhoods and Healthy Communities KCStat**

**August 1, 2017, 9 AM, 10<sup>th</sup> floor Committee Room, City Hall**