



KCStat Follow-Up Memo
Neighborhoods and Healthy
Communities KCStat Meeting
August 1, 2017 9 am

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The August KCStat meeting on Neighborhoods and Healthy Communities focused on reporting progress toward the objectives outlined in the Adopted 2017 - 2022 Citywide Business Plan (see Section 5 below). Major discussion points, follow-up items, and data questions that arose at the meeting are summarized below. For questions on these items, please contact Julie Steenson (julie.steenon@kcmo.org).

1. Major Discussion Points

- a. Under the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), there is a goal of improving third grade reading levels. One strategy identified to address this is preventing avoidable absences from school. The City and school partners will hold a School Discipline Summit in September. Please contact Turn the Page or Julie Holland for more information.
- b. Health Department has trained over 100,000 food handlers since 2006. They have begun offering online training in multiple languages and in-person trainings in Spanish. They continue to work to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses through communication efforts. They have begun geo-fencing social media data to identify potential incidents.
- c. New 2016 data on life expectancy shows that the life expectancy in two zips (64109 and 64126) has moved out of the lowest life expectancy range. In addition, the top boundary for the highest life expectancy range has gone up three years.
 - i. One example of how life expectancy is being addressed is through a partnership between the Health Department and Parks and Recreation. Two hundred residents of six zip codes will receive free community center passes along with support services. The impacts will be measured over time.
- d. Despite growth in attendance at community centers and in youth programming, citizen satisfaction has waned around community centers. There was discussion around programming at community centers and how Parks and Recreation meeting the demands of both existing customers and attracting new customers.
- e. Office of Culture and Creative Services continues to pursue a cultural asset inventory through a partnership with Social Impact of the Arts Project and the Reinvestment Fund. This will include a study to gauge the correlation between cultural assets and social well-being.
- f. The Dangerous Building program is on track, with 52% of properties in the beginning inventory of the two-year dangerous building bond, being demolished or removed from the list in year one. All public-owned buildings have been addressed and privately-owned demolitions have begun. Dangerous buildings continue to be added to the city's inventory.
- g. Donated demolitions from Kissick Construction and Industrial Wrecking companies are estimated to have saved the city \$389,262.

- h. Missouri HB493, which requires limited liability corporations to file an affidavit with the name and address of at least one person with management responsibilities, has been signed into law and will take effect on August 28, 2017.
- i. Properties sold by the Land Bank in the last year have now exceeded the number of properties taken in. The Land Bank has also begun an option agreement program, allowing customers to make improvements to and maintain properties for up to a year before closing.
- j. The Land Bank and Solid Waste Division partnered with Code 4 KC to develop a software that provides a clear communication channel for mowing and debris cleanup contractors.
- k. Overall caseload, incoming cases and number of violations for code enforcement are down between FY16 and FY17. This is partially due to operational changes made in the Neighborhood Preservation Division. Particularly notable is that the timeframe to reinspect a property has dropped dramatically.
- l. There has been a successful partnership between Neighborhood Preservation Division (NPD) and Northland Neighborhood Inc (NNI), where NNI is now investigating initial property code and nuisance complaints before they are sent to NPD. This prevents unfounded or already resolved issues from entering the caseload of code enforcement officers.
- m. The Love Thy Neighbor and Municipal Court Fund programs continue to be implemented. Demand is high for these programs, but available resources do not currently meet demand.
- n. Resident satisfaction with trash and recycling collection are down dramatically, especially concentrated in the south area of the city (Sixth District). Solid Waste is planning to work with contractors to help alleviate imbalances in routes by day. There will be trash day changes coming in September.

2. Follow-Ups for Departments (to report back at a future KCStat Meeting)

- a. Provide update on progress in standardizing count methodology at community centers. (Parks and Rec)
- b. Report back on how community centers are collecting and using customer feedback to create new programs and evaluate existing (Parks and Rec)
- c. Update on efforts to improve cost recovery at community centers; re-evaluate targets for FY18 and future (Parks and Rec)
- d. Provide update on strategy from the Arts Convergence report on arts education; provide data that is identified during cultural asset mapping initiative (Office of Culture and Creative Services)
- e. Connect with new principal at Paseo Academy for the Arts (Office of Culture and Creative Services)
- f. Provide update on number of properties approved by not yet closed (Land Bank)
- g. Provide update on MARC solid waste district survey (Solid Waste)

3. Data Questions (to report back at a future KCStat Meeting)

- a. Overlay life expectancy and homicide data to understand the impact. Also, perform the same analysis for infant mortality (Health Department)

4. Next Meeting for Neighborhoods and Healthy Communities KCStat: TBD

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 Clean and Well Maintained Neighborhoods	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 Community and Cultural Resources	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 Healthy Community	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