

Green Team Meeting Notes

7/9/2009

Rodney Knott discussed the current initiatives taking place in Manheim Park that included being completely within the GIZMO, the URA for southern Manheim Park, the Green Team initiative, and Mark Stalsworth of NHS included NSP1 funds which are also available for this project. Also there was mention of the proposed Climate & Sustainability Center. What was not discussed were the other rehabilitation projects occurring either in Manheim Park or near it, they include the Troost Bridge replacement, the completion of Brush Creek from Troost to Prospect, and the rapid transit coming to Troost.

David Dowell of El Dorado, Inc. presented a studio being offered this coming fall at the University of Kansas (Rock Chalk Jayhawk!) that will be beginning August 21st thru December 15th. The design studio will involve 15-20 students that will work on developing sustainable, affordable housing for Manheim Park. The students will also learn through neighborhood interaction the practical as well as the theoretical aspects of neighborhood redevelopment.

Janet Baker of the USGBC discussed the work being done by Historic Green a spin-off group of USGBC in New Orleans and their desire to begin a project here in Kansas City in Historic Manheim Park.

The vision statement was discussed and tabled until the URA process for Southern Manheim Park is completed.

The following committees were formed and chairpersons selected through volunteering in most cases (sorry Carol).

Planning: Rachel Stroer – BNIM - rstroer@bnim.com

Funding: David Dowell – El Dorado - ddowell@eldoradoarchitects.com

Redevelopment: Carol Grimaldi – BCCP - carolg@bccp.org

Housing: Mark Stalsworth – NHS - mstalsworth@nhsofkcmo.org

It was also decided that we would include at least one member from the neighborhood on each committee with a goal of increasing the diversity and neighborhood involvement in the group's activities. It was also decided that we would also have vice-chairs of each committee.

Once the committee members have been identified we will forward that list. If you did not but would like to join a committee please contact the chairpersons.

I hope this covers the gist of the meeting. If anyone has any corrections or comments please feel free to include them. I want to thank everyone who participated in the meeting today and I am very encouraged and excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie in front of us.

Rodney Knott