Volker Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Notes October 20, 2010  

Attendance: Terry Rodeghier, Sandra Petersburg, Donna Strode, Les Cline, Ken Spare, Stancia Jenkins, Dennis Cesari, Bob Simmons, Keith Spare, Kimberly Johnson, Eric Grospitch, Rick Anderson, Beth Burbaker, Jim Wanser, Jason Pryor and Chancellor Leo Morton  

Ken Spare, President opened the meeting with introductions. Review of the July 21, 2010 meeting notes; Keith Spare motioned to approved, Beth Burbaker seconded, notes were approved.  

Chancellor Morton was introduced and given the University of Missouri, Volker Neighborhood Council and Rockhill Crest Association Partnership Executive Order for signature. It was applauded that the Executive Order was signed. (copy attached)  

Dialogue was open to discuss the progress made over the last year. Mr. Morton emphasized his satisfaction in the progress of the VNC and its partnership with the university.  

The VNC Executive committee reviewed the progress and outcome of the strategic plan also emphasizing the great job done in completing some of the long-term goals. Jim Wanser expressed the fact that the Chancellor was instrumental in his commitment and setting the layout for the council and university.  

Other issues were mention:  

Keith Spare informed the Chancellor of the watershed problem on Brookside & 51st which creates flooding in the 51st shops when it rains. It is moldy and muddy dirty ground water runoff and sewage backup. A major plan with the city is currently not being funded to correct the problem. Mr. Morton was not aware of the problem.  

Jason Pryor mentioned his concern with the parking on Oak Street, where vehicles were extended into the street. It was suggested that this street parking be stripped.  

Dennis informed VNC that the agreement with KCATA and Trustee for the Colonial Shop parking. UMKC has started enforcement 7 -9 pm. It was noted that parking issues would be on the agenda for the next PPL committee.  

It was announced that Rick Anderson would be leaving the university October 31, 2010.  

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Real Estate report/Service Level – Dennis Cesari presented Residential Property Maintenance Service Level Standards Report for July - September 2010. The report defined Summary of Service Responses and repairs. For Type I –Type II-Type III and Type IV repairs. The report also included a work summary of UMKC homes for FY 2010 and planned projects. Dennis pointed out that some lag time in response were due to resident’s availability. They have also received several thank notes. The annual property grounds survey occurred this spring.  

According to Jeff Martin with the city 5400 block of Charlotte eastside curbs and sidewalk repairs should be completed end of next week. Beth mentioned that the oak tree was not saved, however they were able to save the tree at 54th Harrison.  

UMKC Facilities Update – Bob Simmons reported that houses on Troost had been demolished and the stone was salvaged. It is currently sitting in the lot and can be used as a community resource in the neighborhood for landscaping. The goal to temporarily put in a community garden will be discussion in the Property, Parking and Landscape Committee meeting.  

Bob updated the council on several projects: Student Union, MNL and the 51st Street opening within next 10 days depending on the weather. Cherry street hall is under renovation and will houses the psychology and social work
department starting January 2011. Bob encouraged everyone to tour the New Student Union, Swinney Recreation Center and MN Library Robot.

The 3 year Master Plan review is scheduled for October 2011. Parking structures will be reviewed in this next cycle.

Committee Reports:

Property Maintenance, Parking and Landscape - Meeting to be scheduled

Crime/Security – No report

Greek Housing Task Force – Eric reported that a fit study was in progress and a broader conversation will follow during the master planning process.

New Business
Kimberly Johnson reported that the Neighborhood 101 networking event for residents and students was a success at the Chancellor’s Residents, 5106 Cherry. It was perceived that this was a great location and will review the possibility for next year. Efforts will be made to get more neighborhood residents to attend.

It was also suggested that the word get communicated to the neighborhood when the serenades will occur to avoid calling the police.

Announcements:

November 6th Electronic Recycle parking lot on 51st Oak, Dee has sent notice to VNC

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday January 19, 2011 5:00 pm Administrative Center 2nd Fl - Rm. -TBD
Executive Order: University of Missouri –Kansas City
Volker Neighborhood Council and Rockhill Crest Association Partnership
Issued by the Chancellor of the
University of Missouri-Kansas City

By executive order of the Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the following guidelines are issued on this date, to support the vision of the neighborhood residents, the University, and the city in maintaining a vibrant and engaged community surrounding UMKC.

Our vision reflects the desire to retain the current single-family housing character of the surrounding neighborhoods and well-maintained homes comprised of residents who will participate in making this neighborhood a peaceful, safe, clean, and collaborative place.

UMKC will continue ongoing communication and collaboration with the Volker Neighborhood Council (VNC) regarding issues impacting neighborhoods surrounding the Volker campus. As per by-laws adopted in 2009 UMKC and the VNC will continue to work together to establish action plans and policies to accomplish mutually agreed goals and objectives as outlined in the VNC Strategic Plan.

All commitments will be reviewed annually with the current Master Plan being reviewed on a three-year cycle. As a collaborative process in developing the current campus master plan, the city, the VNC and UMKC have developed a set of commitments to guide the on-going partnerships within the neighborhoods. UMKC’s commitments are outlined below.

UMKC will:

1) Maintain current character and density of existing single-family housing stock in Rockhill Crest Neighborhood and work with VNC to make decisions on how housing is utilized. This collaboration includes but is not limited to: student organizations, Greek housing and/or student athletes.

2) Maintain the quality of residential property using the city property maintenance codes as a standard and working with the VNC Property Maintenance, Parking and Landscape Committee.

3) Continue transition of non-residential functions (i.e. academic offices) to residential uses.

4) The VNC will be apprised of intent to buy or sell property in this area.

5) Any revisions to this agreement shall be negotiated by the UMKC, VNC and Rockhill Crest Association.

[Signature]
Leo Morton, Chancellor
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Date: 10/20/10

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