

## Hyde Park General Meeting Minutes June 19, 2018

### Board Members Present:

- Derek Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Troy Batson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Rosalyn Wilson, Recording Secretary
- Maggie Priesmeyer, North Hyde Park Representative
- Mike Shepherd, Central Hyde Park Representative
- Katy Lineberry, Central Hyde Park Representative
- Christine Lucero, South Hyde Park Representative

The meeting opened with a brief presentation by Matthew Merryman who is a candidate for the position of Jackson County Executive.

Maggie Priesmeyer was the lead for the main focus of the meeting and introduced Sherri McIntyre, Public Works Director and Kerry Kanatzar, Assistant City Engineer-Neighborhoods, who provided a summary and status report about the City Sidewalk Repair Program. Passage of the 2018 \$600 million bond program includes the following:

- Allocation of 7.5 million each year for sidewalk repairs for 20 years, or until bond funds are exhausted
- All pre-existing assessments not residing in the courts were forgiven
- Curb evaluations at the time of sidewalk inspection based on functionality
- Citizens can still repair the sidewalk by obtaining minor infrastructure permit from City Planning and Development

Goals include establishing a walking community/walkability, access from home to destination, utilization of a state of the art systematic program, assessment/coverage of city twice in 20 years, and creation of an inventory of sidewalks including corners and ADA compliance. Currently there are 4,000 mile of sidewalks in K.C., MO,

With the passage of the bond issuance, the Kansas City Council worked with and approved a Demand Analysis Matrix that identifies priority sidewalk inspections. There is a back-log of 311 sidewalk cases that is being addressed by the GO Bonds. The citywide wait - list has been divided into four areas that align with the current inventory demand analysis and 311 requests:

- North of the Missouri River - 232 locations
- Missouri River to 39<sup>th</sup> Street - 502 locations
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Street - 653 locations
- 85<sup>th</sup> Street south - 84 locations

The City is no longer accepting 311 requests for sidewalk repairs. Sidewalk repairs that are not a part of the 311 backlog consists of 2 components: Systematic Sidewalk Repair Program and Systemic Inspection Prioritization Point System. If considered a priority area where sidewalks do not exist, projects can still be funded. Spot repairs are being done in some areas. Depending on the breadth of the disrepair - entire blocks would be done at a time. The repair program applies to existing businesses as well as homes.

Public works is considering a number of creative solutions in making repairs, i.e. mud jacking, fine grinding, use of small retaining walls, etc. They are also cognizant of sidewalks that have inset street name tiles. These will be replaced as a part of the repair work. There is a Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice that require construction of barrier curb ramps - an ADA compliance issue. Part of the first 7.5 million in funding will be used for this purpose.

Public Works will provide a list of contractors who can do small concrete repair jobs for homeowners who wish to do their own sidewalk repairs. The City is prohibited from making recommendations for these contractors.

Collaboration is being done with the City Arborists to address tree issues i.e., roots that caused sidewalk heaving. If it is determined that trees should be removed from a property the homeowner will be provided with a notice. There will also be a meeting scheduled with the home owners for the purpose of discussing options for replacement of the identified trees.

Additional information re: the Sidewalk Program can be found at [www.kcmo.gov/sidewalks](http://www.kcmo.gov/sidewalks)