

Senior Advisory Council, July 7, 2025  
Plaza Library Branch

In Attendance :Berry, Bradshaw, Forrest, Hilt, Kabiser, Howard Rice, City Clerk Office  
Guests: Vicki Glenn, Mariam Hennosy, Margaret Juhnke  
Speakers: Peter Sloan, HOK Architecture; Caroline Schopp, Intern, Kansas City City Council;  
Lara Schopp, Parson & Associates

Lara Schopp of Parson & Associates Public Relations Firm introduced our guest speaker, Peter Sloan, Senior Principal Design of HOK Architecture, Kansas City. Mr. Sloan discussed the ongoing project of redesign of the Barney-Allis Plaza, a \$12,000,000 project in downtown Kansas City which will create new green and park space open to a variety of usage for Kansas Citians and visitors. The space will be designed for connectivity with other amenities in the region and will include space for events such as concerts, weddings, amenities such as an ice skating area, walking area, a place space for children and dogs, food trucks, a pavilion with a seating area, etc. The area was designed with open space with safety in mind, and will have multiple elevators from the two-level, 575-space parking garage below to help accommodate senior accessibility. The Plaza (or Park; name yet to be determined) location two blocks from the streetcar line will ensure further accessibility with the possibility of use of an EZ Pedi cab for those with limited mobility.

Mr. Sloan also explained that the area will include art projects deemed appropriate for public spaces. The Project received 250 respondents worldwide from artists interested in proposals, from which the projects of seven semi-finalists are now being reviewed for possible inclusion. The city of Kansas City budget dedicates 1% of total funding for art projects.

Questions followed, with further discussion of senior accessibility and the possibility of senior discount parking.

Caroline Schopp, 6th District City Council Intern, spoke about the city projects in which she is involved during her internship. She is one of a group of 85 interns dedicated to aiding City Council members in completion of projects. Caroline's specific projects have included working on a draft ordinance to be presented to City Council which would begin the implementation of a new economic development policy and strategy; doing research into the possible renaming of Troost Avenue by contacting businesses and residents and preparation of a final report; providing information about the city and the 6th Districting; preparing dashboards for accessing information; etc. A question and discussion period followed her presentation in which she explained that the Healthy Homes Association is concerned with residential and tenants' rights, as well as the KC Tenants organization.

Chairperson Forrest spoke about the need to follow up on issues concerning us.

Member Kaviser presented information announcing a 5th District meeting on July 19 on the subject of Senior and Caregiver Welfare. The meeting is from 10:-2:00 at Memorial Church International, 11424 Hickman Drive, Kansas City, MO 64134

Guest Hennosy informed us that many of our terms have expired, so each member who wishes to continue serving must contact her council member to be reappointed. The City Council newsletter is available at [kcmo.gov](http://kcmo.gov). Click on the individual council person to reach your representative.

Discussion ensued suggesting possible speakers for a future meeting: The Director of Finance to explain priority-based budgeting;, the Health Department to talk about the current measles outbreak; Neighborhood Preservation for discussion of property maintenance; and our personal review of our Senior Advisory Council ordinance duties. An email containing Marilyn Sanders' reply has been forwarded to you which includes the link to the new legislative ordinance #240261 outlining the duties, membership qualifications and terms, and annual election of chairperson. Please read through before our next meeting.

Howard demonstrated how each city committee meeting can be accessed by going to [KCMO.gov](http://KCMO.gov) and clicking on "video on demand" to see our assigned committees' actions.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Bradshaw