



serving the area from 31st to 47th Streets from Paseo to Prospect

# Ivanhoe Neighborhood News

Special Edition

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## ***Dear Friends and Neighbors:***

This is a brief summation of draft Community Changes proposed for the Ivanhoe area for implementation by us, the city, and our many partners to improve our community. This listing, which evolved from our work over the past several years, was furthered by our focused work session, held last May 13, 2000 at the Kauffman Foundation. Since that date, many additional committee and steering committee meetings have been held to finalize our work-to-date. Board members of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council sincerely appreciate all those who have worked so hard to get us to this point.

Now we are sending you our draft plan outline to get input from you and others in the community regarding the plan and the proposed Community Changes. They are grouped under our four initiatives

1. Crime and Safety
2. Family/Youth and Adult Development/Education
3. Economic Development/Housing
4. Beautification

A fifth grouping addresses our plan for Operations and Coordination.

You will also find a tally sheet enclosed to assist you in giving us input regarding specific points included in the plan as well as a place to give us your general comments. Please mail it back or drop it off at the Linwood Multi-Purpose Center, 3200 Wayne, Room W-100.

Your continued support, involvement and input are valued and appreciated!

Sincerely,

***Alan A. Young, President  
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council***

***Please fill out the survey and return it to us!***

## PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHANGES - CRIME & SAFETY PLANNING INITIA- TIVE

Crime and Safety includes Partnerships with: Crime and Safety Committee, Block Captains, Residents, MOVE-UP, KCMO Police Department - Central Patrol, CAT Team,, Traffic Control and Narcotics Unit, CAT Team, DART, National Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (NCADD), Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Abuse (MOCSA), KCMO Health Dept, Legal Aid/KCMO Liquor Control, KCMO - Animal Control, Municipal and County Court Systems/Prosecutors

- CS-1 Improve communications between residents and police officers.
- CS-2 Reduce area crime.
- CS-3 Close area drug houses.
- CS-4 Demonstrate civic actions that reduce area crime.
- CS-5 Provide information to residents/youth about risky behaviors.
- CS-6 Promote crime prevention programs at the block level.
- CS-7 Provide information regarding date rape and other forms of abuse.
- CS-8 Expand and enhance police outreach in Ivanhoe.
- CS-9 Implement a Walkers on Watch program.
- CS-10 Use church networks to distribute police reporting forms.
- CS-11 Increase & enhance community/police public relations.
- CS-12 Reduce speeding, especially residential streets.
- CS-13 Examine existing area community crime prevention programs.
- CS-14 Review applications for new/renewed liquor licenses.
- CS-15 Increase patrol of stray/abandoned animals/better enforcement of pet laws.
- CS-16 Improve court systems/manner of addressing crime and supporting victims.
- CS-17 Stronger enforcement against prostitution.

## FAMILY/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/ EDUCATION PLANNING INITIATIVE

Family/Youth Development/Education includes Partnerships with: Youth Committee, Block Captains, Residents, Communications Committee, Youth Committee, MOVE-UP, KCMO Police Department - Central Patrol, and Athletic League, LISC Building Blocks, National Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (NCADD), MARC Commission on Aging, Share-A-Fare, churches, schools, Front Porch Alliance, Area & Nearby Businesses, MU Extension 4-H and Project AIM, and Others

- FY-1 Develop youth sports leagues in partnership with police
- FY-2 Increases opportunities for positive interaction between youth and police.
- FY-3 Block level support to residents.
- FY-4 Set up "Safe Homes" for children to go to in emergency situations.
- FY-5 Involve youth solving neighborhood needs.
- FY-6 Recruit/train youth block leaders for neighborhood planning initiatives.
- FY-7 Increase parent activity in area schools.
- FY-8 Invite youth to identify community assets.
- FY-9 Increase services to the elderly and home bound.
- FY-10 Expand transportation services for elderly and physically-impaired.
- FY-11 Create/distribute information on area services
- FY-12 Increase churches' roles in community outreach and services delivery.
- FY-13 Provide referrals to families and individuals to needed services
- FY-14 Develop intergenerational activities
- FY-15 Offer incentives to promote youth involvement.
- FY-16 Increase internship opportunities for area youth.
- FY-17 Develop youth leadership skills.
- FY-18 Create a Youth Section in Ivanhoe Newsletter.
- FY-19 Address attendance problems at area schools.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING PLANNING INITIATIVE

Economic Development & Housing includes Partnerships with: Economic Development & Housing Committee, Block Captains, Residents, Area Educational and Training Institutions, Front Porch Alliance, KC Metro and MARC, Kansas City Housing and Community Development, K C Brownfields' Initiative, Area businesses, Landmarks Commission, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, KCMO Police Department, KCMO Codes Division, Kauffman Foundation, Small Business Assn, Heart of America Family Services, LISC Building Blocks, KCMO- PIAC, Others

- ED-1 Draft a neighborhood-focused land use plan.
- ED-2 Provide training/retraining to maximize residents' job potential.
- ED-3 Promote transportation service to jobs/ services.
- ED-4 Remove chemicals and contaminated soil/products from in the area.
- ED-5 Provide gardening & home improvement services/ tools.
- ED-6 Promote area housing preservation/restoration.
- ED-7 Examine incentives for constructing new housing.
- ED-8 Promote and support area homeownership.
- ED-9 Involve youth in the area's economic development.
- ED-10 Promote financial literacy skills.
- ED-11 Create process for residents to purchase/use vacant lots.
- ED-12 Assist in purchase /renovation of abandoned homes.
- ED-13 Promote opportunities for entrepreneurial ventures/mentoring programs for residents.
- ED-14 Provide needed job skills, higher income jobs and support services for residents.
- ED-15 Establish more, higher quality area retail outlets (i.e. grocery stores/gas stations).
- ED-16 Publicize area after-school programs and licensed daycare providers.
- ED-17 Match up individuals with available housing, needed services and screened contractors.

ED-18 Promote economic development opportunities to support organized block activities.

ED-19 Advocate for improved and expanded usage of economic development funds.

## BEAUTIFICATION PLANNING INITIATIVE

Beautification includes partnerships with: Beautification Committee, Residents, Block Captains, KCMO-Codes, L.I.S.C. Building Block program, Private Sector, KCMO-PIAC, Kansas City Power & Light, Mo. Dept of Conservation, Bridging the Gap, Churches, Area Schools, Block Captains, Front Porch Alliance, Move Up, Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Assn, KC Parks and Rec., UMKC, KCMO Environmental Mgt, KCMO Police Department, KC Metro, MO Highway Dept, others.

- B-1 Set up 4 quadrants to work on beautification.
- B-2 Quadrant leaders work with residents to correct code violations.
- B-3 Improve the area's infrastructure (i.e. curbs, sidewalks, catch basins, etc.).
- B-4 Create and post neighborhood banners.
- B-5 Plant new trees.
- B-6 Initiate a litter-free community campaign.
- B-7 Tool sharing program.
- B-8 Target attention on key property owners with code violations.\*
- B-9 Promote area parks and related services.
- B-10 Pilot a model area bulky-item pickup system/tire pick up.
- B-11 Recognize property owners who appropriately care for their properties.
- B-12 Enforce no dumping laws; post signs and emphasize "No More Tires!"
- B-13 Get rid of disabled, unlicensed cars.
- B-14 Enforce conformance of businesses/other activities to existing zoning.
- B-15 Restore the area's housing stock.
- B-16 Increase the number of area trash barrels

### Beautification, cont.

- B-17 Plant and maintain new gardens in each quadrant
- B-18 Improve area landscaping along Bruce Watkins Drive.
- B-19 Promote area beautification projects.
- B-20 Make improvements to Sanford-Brown Park areas.
- B-21 Schedule regular neighborhood cleanups and involve area youth.
- B-22 Participate in city's bi-annual (2001 & 2003) Clean Sweep Campaigns

### PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHANGES - OPERATIONS AND COORDINATION INITIATIVE

Operations and Coordination includes Partnerships with: Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, Residents, Partners, KCMO, Kauffman Foundation, MOVE-UP, KU Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development, MO Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), Front Porch Alliance, KCMO Police Department, LISC Building Blocks program, UMKC, All funders, KCMO-FOCUS, KCNA, Others

- O-1 Set up the Boxing Center (37th and Woodland) as a neighborhood service center.

- O-2 Identify resources needed to implement the Ivanhoe Area Action Plan.
- O-3 Write proposals/ request funding to implement portions of the Ivanhoe Area Action Plan.
- O-4 Hire, plan implementation staff; outline staff/ volunteer responsibilities and related tasks.
- O-5 Establish agreements with Ivanhoe's partners to support Plan implementation.
- O-6 Document Action Plan implementation.
- O-7 Continue leadership skills development of area residents/leaders.
- O-8 Recruit/train Block Captains to support block-level involvement/services delivery.
- O-9 Use the quarterly newsletter to communicate to residents/others.
- O-10 Emphasize community outreach to support community change initiatives.
- O-11 Report to funders targeting information to specific awards.
- O-12 Align area Action Plan work to the City's FOCUS Plan.
- O-13 Develop an Ivanhoe Area Internet Home Page.

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