

PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Special Meeting Date  
September 4, 2008

Members Present: Gene Bruns  
Ryan Tull  
Karen Todd  
Tom Farr  
Mark Conarroe  
Jim Martino  
David Katz

Also Present: Mike Smith, Assistant to City Administrator  
Rhonda Farris, Staff Secretary  
Pam Windsor, City Administrator  
Tom Barzee, City Legal Council  
David Harris, Chief Building Inspector  
Pat Hawver, Director of Public Works  
Jeff Samborski, Economic Development Director  
Bettie Miller  
Chris Hertling  
Bill Biggerstaff  
David Silvers  
Lisa Ronning  
Amy Rutledge  
Delores Curry  
Sam Scarfino  
Richard Lanning  
Steve McDowell, BNIM  
Jim Schuessler, BNIM  
Racheal Wedel, BNIM  
Chris Kinzel, HDR Engineering  
Mark Shapiro, BNIM  
Jeff Salem, Sun Tribune  
Meagan O'Donnell, Sun Tribune  
Cheryl Melton, NKC Business Council  
Ron Ball  
John Miller  
Ray Adraham  
Willaim Salyer  
Brad Hakes  
Don Lueders  
Rick Simon  
Dick Cull  
Bill Fry  
Brooks Brown

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Farr opened the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

## **2. BURLINGTON CORRIDOR STUDY KICK-OFF MEETING**

Mike Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jim Schuessler from BNIM Architect Firm.

Jim Schuessler welcomed everyone to the Burlington Corridor Study Kick-off meeting and introduced the BNIM project team.

City Council, Planning Commission, Business Owners and interested parties introduced themselves to the group, so they could get to know each other.

Jim Schuessler explained to those present the project is a land use, environmental issue and a natural elements project. Tonight's meeting is the kick-off starting the vision. BNIM has just started the data collection, gathering documents, site visits, ramping up their education as to understand who North Kansas City is and where it has been and where do you want to be. Tonight's meeting is about understanding the corridor.

Racheal Wedel from BNIM explained the break out group questions (please see attached) and informed the group that this is a process of gathering data and is designed to help BNIM understand the facts.

Those present broke into three groups and discussed each question and provided ideas and facts and recorded them for BNIM to utilize.

After the groups met they presented their ideas during the final group discussion. Some ideas discussed were lighting, landscaping, making Burlington walkable, off street parking, making NKC a destination location, making Burlington a continual parkway and making the intersection of Armour & Burlington the gateway to the city.

Jim Schuessler informed those present the information that was gathered will be taken back and documented and analyzed. In a month the collection process will be over and they will be walking corridor with those that are interested, and will provide a 101 class for zoning regulations that will allow the city to understand what components they have to encourage revitalization, improvements and try to respond to some of the ideas that were presented tonight.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

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James Martino, Commission Secretary

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Tom Farr, Planning Commission Chairman