

# WESTSIDE

## Neighborhood Assessment Report

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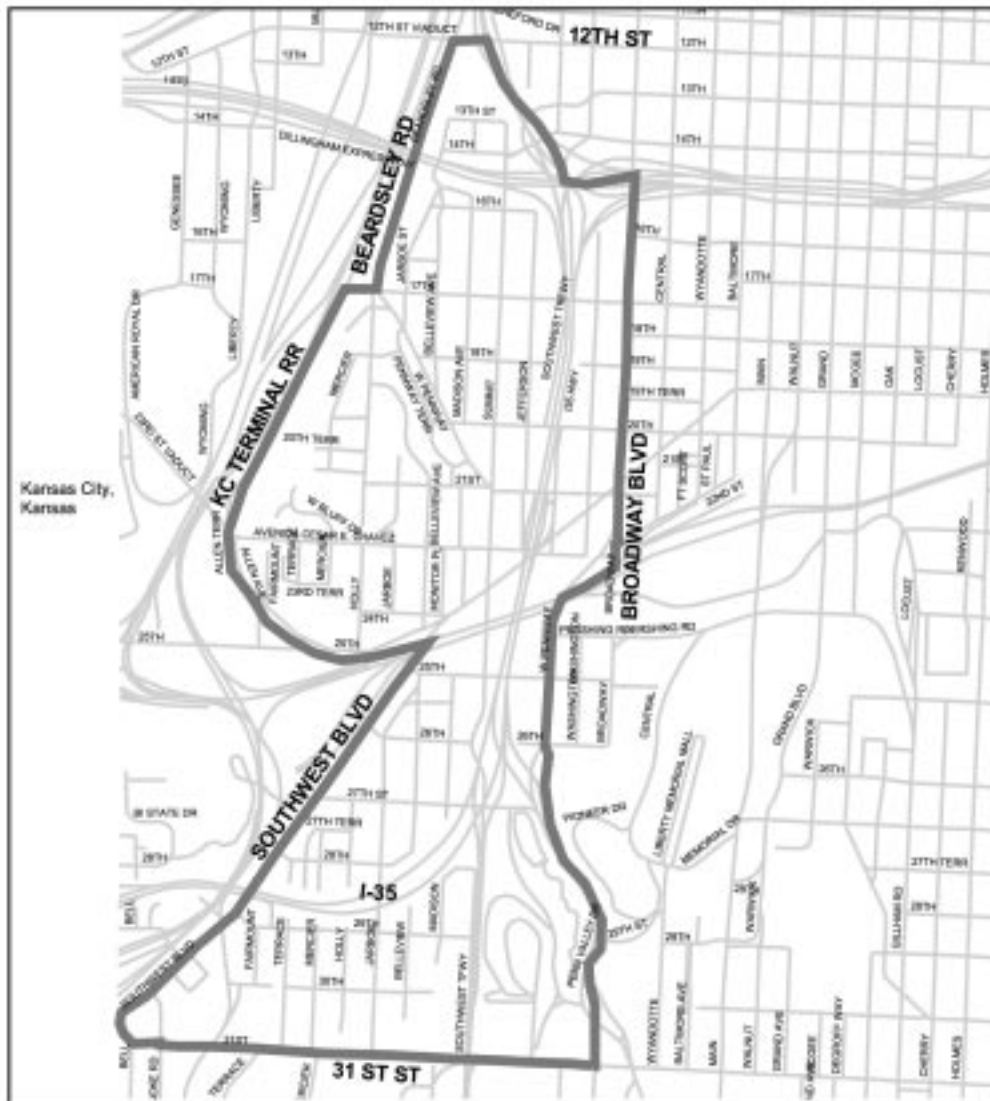
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# NEIGHBORHOOD

# ASSESSMENTS

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**FOCUS Kansas City**, Kansas City's strategic and comprehensive plan, recognizes that neighborhoods understand best how to direct their own futures. The first initiative in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* is a strategic assessment / evaluation that enables a neighborhood to evaluate its strengths and needs. Through the assessment process, a neighborhood can direct its assets towards its most critical needs. The *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* identifies the assessment format.

There were two objectives for these neighborhoods during the self-evaluation:

1. To self-identify its **neighborhood type** from the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*.
2. To develop **improvement strategies** that will direct neighborhood improvement, a "To Do" list/Action Steps incorporating participation by the neighborhood, community partners, and the City.

The Westside neighborhood conducted the neighborhood assessment workshop with assistance from City staff. Residents, business people and people who work in local institutions provided input. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.



A Westside resident locates his home on a map of the neighborhood

# NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE

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The FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Kansas City are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. FOCUS developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Kansas City neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

## Developing      Conservation      Stabilization      Redeveloping

The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood Description / Types."

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Kansas City communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.



A participant expresses her opinion during the workshop

# THE WESTSIDE PERSPECTIVE

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Kansas City's Westside neighborhood has been an important part of the City's physical and cultural infrastructure for more than one hundred years. Early in the City's history the area became a natural focal point of residential development because of its location between the meat-packing and railroad industries in the West Bottoms and jobs in the downtown business district.

Some of the first neighborhood residents included Irish, German and Swedish immigrants and African-Americans. Over time the area became the primary settlement area in Kansas City for families who migrated from Mexico and other Latin American countries. Hispanic residents created a community strongly influenced by their language, customs and even architecture.

Today people of Latino heritage are more widely dispersed throughout the metro area, but the Westside is still the traditional center of Hispanic culture in Kansas City. Southwest Boulevard is home to many great Mexican restaurants and businesses including Dos Mundos, a bi-lingual newspaper that has served the community for twenty years. One of the Westside's long time social service agencies, the Guadalupe Centers, Inc., is located along the Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, and it continues to expand programs to serve the metropolitan Latino community.

According to year 2000 United States census data, 69.5% of people who live on the Westside identify themselves as Hispanic. However, the area also holds a broad appeal to many other Kansas Citians. Attractive features of the community include affordable housing opportunities, proximity to downtown, and interesting architectural assets. The topography of the area offers spectacular views, particularly from the bluffs at the north end of the neighborhood.

Physically, the Westside has bounced back from a low point in the early 1970's. During the preceding decade the construction of Southwest Trafficway, Interstate 35 and the downtown loop disconnected neighborhood streets and erased large sections of homes and other structures. Many of the remaining houses badly needed repair and or renovation.

At this critical juncture local activists and institutions started to organize and act to preserve and rebuild the community. In 1973 a group of residents created the Westside Housing Organization (WHO), an agency dedicated to expanding decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities on the Westside. Twenty-eight years later WHO has facilitated the construction and rehabilitation of dozens of single family homes in the community. WHO has also built new multi-family housing, including the Villa Del Sol complex along West Pennway.





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Housing re-development has spurred additional community investments such as the streetscape improvements along the Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, a new community center and a new public library. The Tony Aguirre Community Center is named after a community activist who spent his life serving Westside youth. The Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca De Las Americas is dedicated to a local librarian whose efforts expanded educational resources for residents and helped preserve neighborhood history.

Workshop participants voted the Westside as a Stabilization neighborhood. This designation suggests that although there has been a lot of progress in the neighborhood, there is still a lot of work to be done. For example, since the neighborhood has been developed for so long re-investment is needed in critical infrastructure areas such as sanitary and storm sewers, and the maintenance of aging structures.

The Westside is also a very accessible, densely populated and multi-use neighborhood. In some cases residential, commercial and industrial functions are located in close proximity to each other. The mix of uses adds to the neighborhood energy and vitality and it also creates challenges. For example, residents and businesses owners are struggling to find effective ways to deal with zoning issues, traffic and litter. There is also a population of homeless people who tend to congregate near the Royal Liquors store on Southwest Boulevard.

In response to these issues the team of people at the Westside Community Action Network (CAN Center) attempts to keep residents and other community stakeholders informed through the distribution of a monthly bi-lingual newsletter. They have also focused attention on neighborhood clean-ups and requests for infrastructure upgrades.

In addition, many Westside residents have participated in several public planning and visioning sessions over the years. Neighbors recently collaborated with the Metropolitan Energy Center on a project called the Westside Sustainable Community Partnership. One theme that emerged from this initiative was "Re-connecting the Westside." There have already been two tangible results from this visioning exercise: a new bus route that serves residents more effectively, and a proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail that will connect to the Riverfront Heritage Trail System.

The FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment provided another opportunity for Westside residents and stakeholders to speak about the kind of neighborhood they want to create. The pages of this report document the goals and actions steps that workshop participants named, as well as the complete set of chart notes from the meeting. The goals are contained in the following page titled Priorities. The report also contains a brief listing of neighborhood contacts and a list of frequently called phone numbers for City and other agency services.

# PRIORITIES

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## Create a Safer Neighborhood

One of the themes that emerged during the assessment workshop dealt with fostering a more secure environment. Participants mentioned the following issues:

- Address the problem of public consumption of alcohol by the transient population in the neighborhood. These individuals include day workers who do not have permanent jobs and homeless people.
- Reduce Neighborhood Crime
- Improve pedestrian safety and reduce traffic accidents by targeting streets where frequent speeding occurs and analyzing traffic patterns in the neighborhood. The KCMO Public Works Department is currently in the process of selecting a consultant to identify steps that can be taken to improve traffic flow.

## Make the Neighborhood Shine

The people who attended the workshop said that keeping the neighborhood clean and well maintained is an important aspect of neighborhood health. They identified the following action items:

- Keep private and public property free of litter and well maintained
- Create a multi-lingual booklet for homeowners that explains the basic elements of home and property maintenance and distribute it throughout the community
- Link people with information and resources to support them in keeping their property well maintained

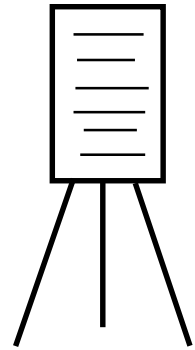
## Seek Infrastructure Improvements and Economic Development

There has been a great deal of new investment in the Westside in recent years. Workshop participants wanted to continue that progress in the following ways:

- Work with the City to pave alleyways, repair and /or replace broken storm drains and upgrade park facilities
- Create a retaining wall restoration project
- Attract a grocery store and bank to the community

# CHART NOTES

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The boundaries for the Westside Neighborhood Assessment were 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, 31<sup>st</sup> Street on the south, Southwest Boulevard/KC Terminal Railroad on the west and Broadway on the east (see map on pages 10 and 11).

## Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees brainstormed several slogans to describe their neighborhood. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community.

The selected slogan:

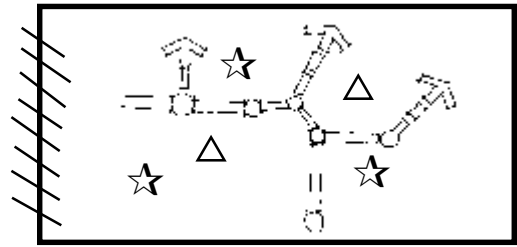
**The Westside is the Best Side**

Other suggested slogans:

- C.R.O.P. (Concerned Residents of Observation Park)
- A Friendly Place to Go
- Mi Casa es Su Casa
- Viva La Raza



A view of Southwest Boulevard



## STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

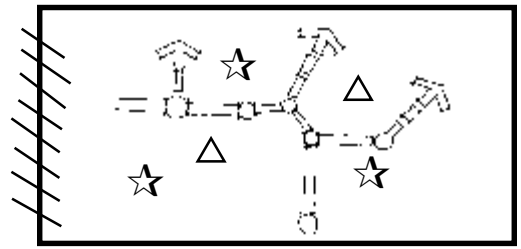
Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- △ **Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- ⦶ **Paths** — routes people use to get places
- **Activity Centers** — gathering places to do some activity
- **Districts** — areas of recognizable character
- ▨ **Edges or Barriers** — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ☆ **Features** — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance



The Tony Aguirre Community Center is a Westside landmark.





## Landmarks

- Channel 4 (WDAF TV)
- The murals along Avenida Cesar E. Chavez

## Paths

- Railway on Westside
- Interstate 35
- Avenida Cesar E. Chavez
- West Pennway

## Activity Centers

- Casa de Cultura
- Mattie Rhodes Counseling and Art Center
- Heart of America Family Focus Center
- Guadalupe Centers, Inc.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School

## Districts

- Output Technologies complex
- The commercial/industrial area near Boulevard Brewing Co.
- Southwest Boulevard restaurant district

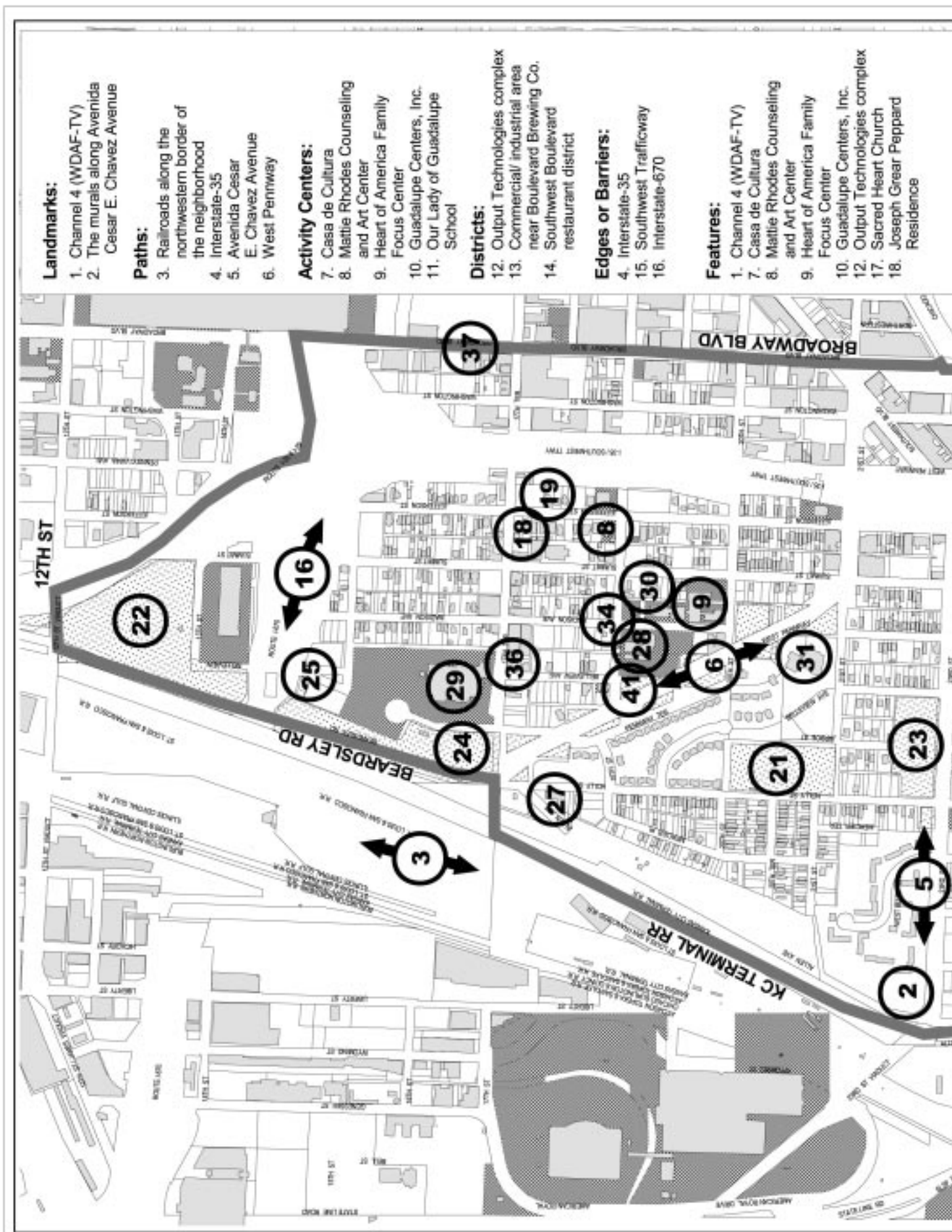
## Edges or Barriers

- Southwest Trafficway
- Interstate 670
- Interstate 35

## Features

- Channel 4

- Three properties on the National Register of Historic Places: Sacred Heart Church, Joseph Gear Peppard Residence and Frank M. Howe Residence
- Westside Housing Organization
- Output Technologies
- Observation Park
- Mulkey Park
- Gage Park
- Jarboe Park
- Drips Park
- Douglas School
- Alta Vista School
- Switzer School
- Primitivo Garcia School
- Richard Cabot Clinic
- Tony Aguirre Community Center
- Westside C.A.N. Center
- Legal Aid
- The stone wall at 18<sup>th</sup> and Madison
- The stone wall at Mulkey Park
- The Roasterie Coffee Co.
- Mattie Rhodes Counseling and Art Center
- Heart of America Family Focus Center
- Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery
- Plaza De Ninos
- Salud Center
- Casa Feliz
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
- Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca De Las Americas
- Sacred Heart Hall



**Landmarks:**

1. Channel 4 (WDAF-TV)
2. The murals along Avenida Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

**Paths:**

3. Railroads along the northwestern border of the neighborhood
4. Interstate-35
5. Avenida Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
6. West Pennyway

**Activity Centers:**

7. Casa de Cultura
8. Mattie Rhodes Counseling and Art Center
9. Heart of America Family Focus Center
10. Guadalupe Centers, Inc.
11. Our Lady of Guadalupe School

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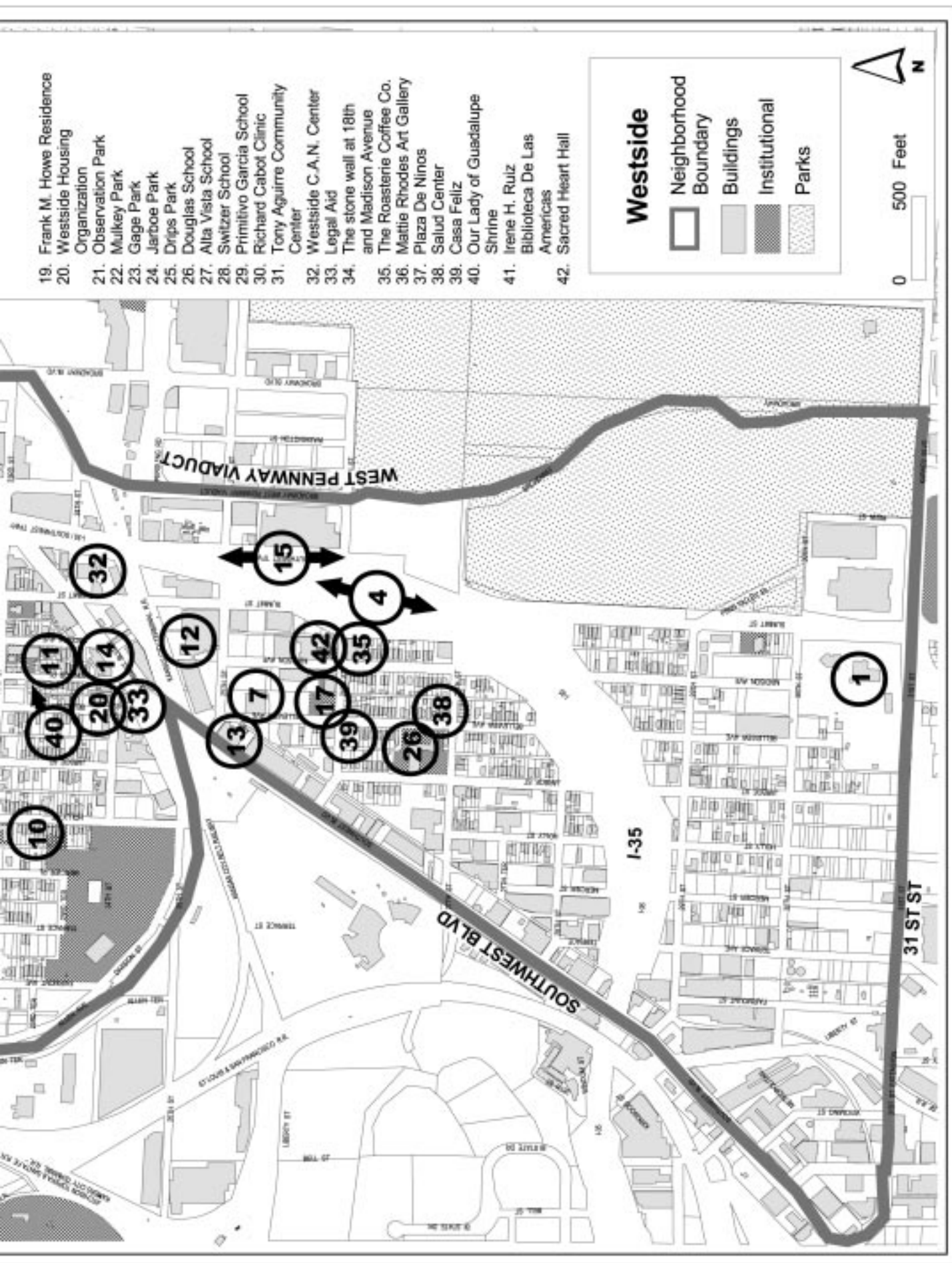
12. Output Technologies complex
13. Commercial/ industrial area near Boulevard Brewing Co.
14. Southwest Boulevard restaurant district

**Edges or Barriers:**

4. Interstate-35
15. Southwest Trafficway
16. Interstate-670

**Features:**

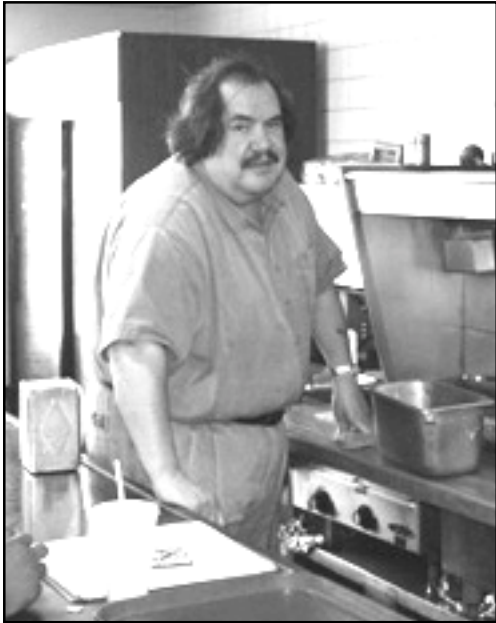
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17. Sacred Heart Church
18. Joseph Grear Peppard Residence





## WESTSIDE AREA IMAGES

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Richard Herrera is the owner of the Tenderloin Grill on Southwest Boulevard



The Villa Del Sol multi-family housing community on West Pennway



### **Feature:**

Primitivo Garcia Elementary is an important part of the educational infrastructure for the Westside



# WESTSIDE AREA IMAGES

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## **Activity Center:**

These seniors are sharing a meal at the Casa Feliz Center, one of the programs administered by Guadalupe Center, Inc.

The Irene H. Ruiz  
Biblioteca De Las  
Americas is the new  
public library on the  
Westside



The First Baptist Church Westside is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



## STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can inhibit residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Westside.

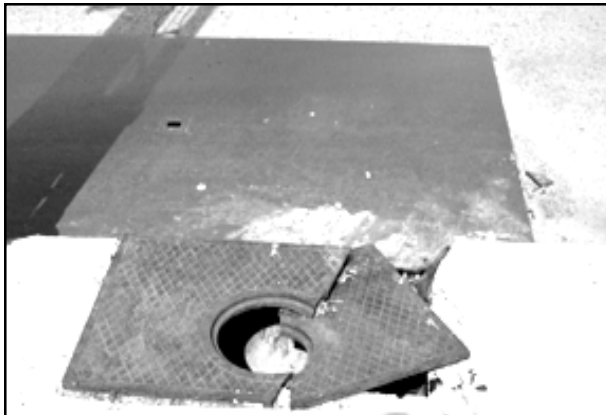
- Install a "No Truck Traffic" sign on 20<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson
- Eliminate the 20<sup>th</sup> street exit off of Interstate 35
- Install a flashing light at the pedestrian cross walk on West Pennway in front of the new library
- Improve the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and the exit ramp for I-35 and install a directional sign
- Convene a meeting with residents, City representatives, and the owner of Royal Liquors to address problems like the sale of single serving alcoholic beverages and people relieving themselves in public
- Install restrooms and water fountains in the neighborhood parks
- Prohibit the dumping in wooded areas
- Limit trucks on neighborhood streets
- Prohibit cars from speeding in the neighborhood
- Provide information and assistance to residents who want to fix-up their homes
- Replace the 15 mph sign on the bridge at 28<sup>th</sup> and Jarboe
- Clean the graffiti and broken glass from the pedestrian bridge over Southwest Trafficway

This pedestrian bridge over Southwest Trafficway connects the neighborhood to Penn Valley Park. The bridge has been painted with graffiti and strewn with broken glass and litter. The bridge is unsightly and feels like it is not a safe place to be.





- Repair the sewer system so sewage does not back up into basements
- Expedite the conversion of all Metro signs into a bi-lingual format
- Increase the number of police patrols in the neighborhood
- Hire unemployed people to pick up trash in the neighborhood
- Repair all the catch basins in the neighborhood
- Implement more effective traffic calming measures in the neighborhood
- Ensure that all Westside alleys are paved and well maintained
- Limit parking on 27<sup>th</sup> Street
- Create a neighborhood shelter and/or resource center for the homeless
- Attract a new grocery store and bank to the neighborhood
- Repair the stone stairway near Richard Cabot Clinic



This catch basin at the N.E. corner of Summit and West Pennway is one of many drainage inlets in the neighborhood that need repair.



This stone stairway is a historic piece of neighborhood infrastructure and an important pathway to Richard Cabot Clinic. Staff at the Westside CAN Center submitted a PIAC application to have the stairway repaired.



## STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets in their neighborhood. These qualities include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other feature that adds value to the neighborhood.

- The bluffs that overlook the West Bottoms
- Primitivo Garcia School
- Switzer School
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School
- Plaza De Ninos Day Care
- Alta Vista Charter School
- Richard Cabot Clinic
- Westside Housing Organization
- The neighborhood parks provide a lot of green space
- Cheap beer
- Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca De Las Americas
- Tenderloin Grill (since 1932)
- Taqueria Mexico
- La Posada Restaurant
- El Pequeno Guadalajara
- La Bodega Restaurant
- Shiraz Restaurant
- California Taqueria
- El Miramar Restaurant
- Westside Area Plan
- Westside C.A.N. Center



Mirka and April Holguin are two neighborhood children who helped transform a piece of unused land in the neighborhood into a mini-park. The girls named it Fourth of July Park in honor of the United States' Independence Day.



Sacred Heart Church at 25<sup>th</sup> and Madison is one of three structures on the Westside that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



- Historical character of the neighborhood
- Closeness of people
- Beautiful views
- Variety of age of homeowners
- Neighborhood stability
- Cultural and economic diversity
- Tony Aguirre Community Center
- Guadalupe Center, Inc.
- Mattie Rhodes Art Center
- Outdoor murals
- Churches
- Great food
- Yard art
- Amenities like schools, churches and restaurants are conveniently located in the neighborhood
- Many residents were born and raised in the neighborhood
- C.A.N. Newsletter
- Accessibility to the freeway



This doll is an example of the type of art work displayed at the Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The gallery is an extension of the Mattie Rhodes Counseling and Art Center that has been a Westside institution since 1894.



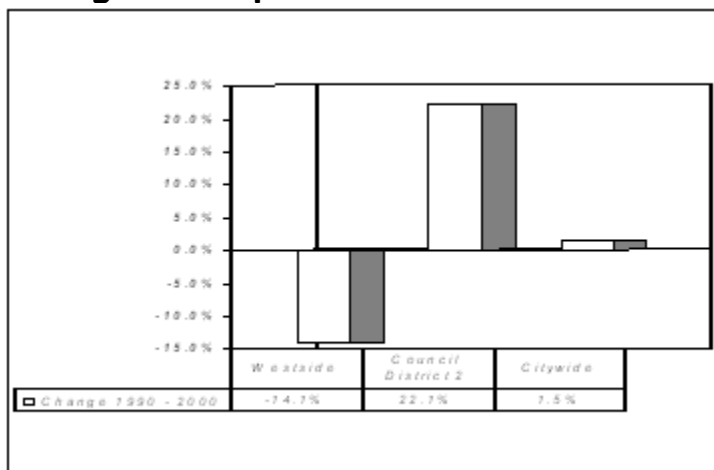
This photo is of a section of one of the large murals on Southwest Boulevard.



## STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

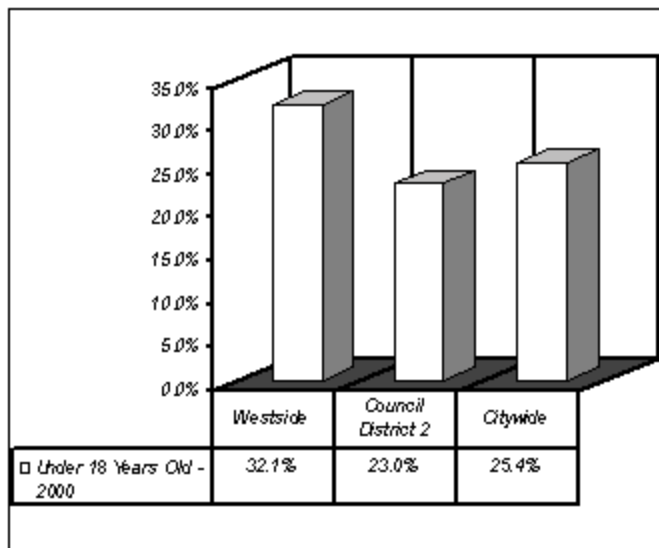
The data presented at the Westside Neighborhood Assessment was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census, from 1999 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and from 1999 and 2000 information from the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more detail.)

### Change in Population 1990-2000



Some workshop participants were surprised that neighborhood population had decreased because new housing has been constructed during the 1990's. The decrease may be due in part because the newer units are less dense than what they replaced.

### Persons Under 18 Years of Age - 2000



Workshop participants noted that there is a higher percentage of young people on the Westside than in Council District 2 and Citywide.

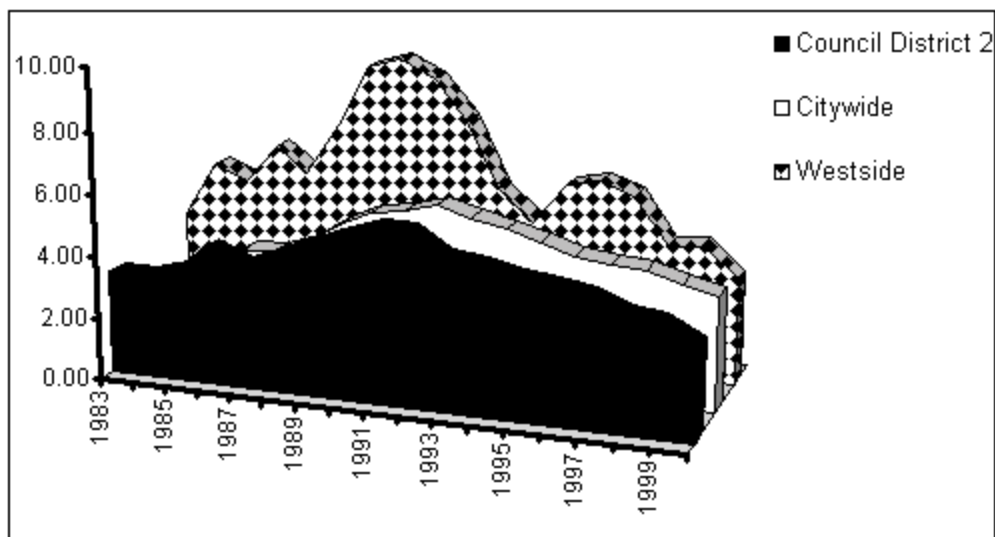


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### Non-Violent Crime Per 100 Persons



### Violent Crime Per 100 Persons



Current statistics show that non-violent crime in the neighborhood is slightly lower than crime for Council District 2 and citywide. Violent crime is relatively level with the same areas of comparison. Workshop participants felt that some neighborhood crime goes unreported.



## STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhoods. The majority chose Stabilization.

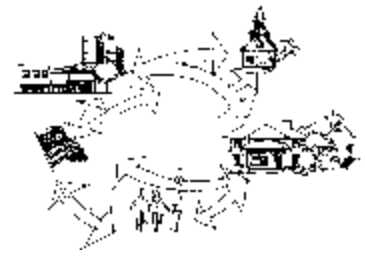
### Stabilization

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Due to age, several of the streets and sidewalks need repair or replacement and the water and sewer services may also need to be upgraded. Many houses, businesses, and public areas appear to lack routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, tree trimming, awning repair, etc.) or are vacant. Such conditions are impacting the value of my property and I don't know if I want to invest more money in the property.

Problems are starting to add up and are becoming harder to fix through our neighborhood association, a call to the City, or neighbors getting together to help one another. There are good aspects to the neighborhood but there are also problems that need to be addressed if the neighborhood is going to continue to be a place I want to live.





## STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

Neighbors talked about specific actions their community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the Assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood. Below is a list of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better.

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Work with Bob Gillis, Neighborhood Specialist with the KCMO Department of Housing and Community Development, for service like crime watch signs
- Work on a solution to get people to turn down the volume of their car stereos
- Dialogue about ways to address the problem of transients who drink and/or loiter in the neighborhood
- Lobby the Parks and Recreation Department for enhanced park maintenance
- Unite residents, businesses and other interests to fight public drinking
- Beautify the neighborhood by asking residents to adopt and care for flower pots along major streets and intersections
- Establish Safe Houses for children who walk alone in the neighborhood
- Report violations of the property maintenance code
- Use the new swimming pool at the Tony Aguirre Community Center
- Encourage restaurant owners to maintain the flower pots in front of their businesses
- Participate in the events and activities at the Tony Aguirre Community Center



Some of the large flower pots placed throughout the neighborhood are very eye catching...

...others await the development of their full potential.





Things we can do with a **Partner:**

- Encourage collaboration between the community and the KCPD to eliminate public drinking
- Partner with Christmas in October on home repair
- Use Habitat Re-Store, call (816) 231-6889 for more information
- Partner with Westside Housing and the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation to develop a grocery store at the old General Tire site
- Partner with businesses to maintain flower pots
- Solicit additional flower pots from businesses to expand neighborhood beautification
- Request more resources for housing repairs from Home Depot, The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and others



This is one of the new homes recently built in the neighborhood by the Westside Housing Organization. WHO also provides a variety of services to existing homeowners including home repair loans, a tool, book and videotape lending library and construction/rehab technical assistance and counseling.



Things the **City** should do:

- Upgrade all the neighborhood alleys
- Request that the City re-examine the liquor license for Royal liquors
- Clean out all the storm drains in the neighborhood
- Create and distribute a multi-lingual booklet that explains the basics of property maintenance
- Ticket people who drink alcohol in parks, alleys and under bridges
- Maintain parkways by regularly emptying trash cans, cutting grass and mulching trees
- Request the Street and Traffic Division of the Public Works Department to collaborate with the Police Department and conduct an intensive ticket writing campaign for areas of the community where drivers frequently exceed the speed limit
- Create a comprehensive status list of all Westside Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) applications
- Install crime watch signs throughout the neighborhood
- Invite Robbie Wolfskill or another specialist to a neighborhood meeting to conduct a presentation about the Crime Watch Program
- Re-instate the park counselor program to lead games, crafts and other activities at individual parks



Alleys are a vital part the neighborhood infrastructure because they provide access and parking for homes and businesses. The City uses money from the half cent sales tax to pay for alley paving. Paved alleys are also easier to maintain and this is important because property owners are responsible for keeping alleys clear of litter and brush from the edge of their property to the center line of the pavement.

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The Honorable Paul Danaher  
*Second District*  
The Honorable Troy Nash  
*Third District-at-Large*  
The Honorable Mary Williams-Neal  
*Third District*

The Honorable Evert Asjes III  
*Fourth District-at-Large*  
The Honorable Jim Rowland  
*Fourth District*  
The Honorable Becky Nace  
*Fifth District-at-Large*  
The Honorable Kelvin Simmons  
*Fifth District*  
The Honorable Alvin Brooks  
*Sixth District-at-Large*  
The Honorable Charles A. Eddy  
*Sixth District*

### City Planning and Development Department

- Vicki Noteis, *AIA, Director*
- Denise Phillips, *FOCUS Manager*
- Diane Charity, Jermaine Alberty, Sharon Cheers, Willie Mae Conway, Lindsey Cook, Suzy Latare, John Pajor, Robert Rutherford, Julie Xiong, *Neighborhood Assessment Team*

### City Support

- Kim Blair, *Parks and Recreation Department*
- Mervin Bye, *Parks and Recreation Department*
- Officer Jason Cooley, *Kansas City, Missouri Police Department*
- Robert Gillis, *Neighborhood Specialist, Neighborhood and Community Services Department*
- Patrick Keens, *Neighborhood Preservation, Neighborhood and Community Services Department*