

**Community Health Council
Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting
06/17/16 Meeting Agenda**

1. **Announcements/Updates?**
2. **Sidewalk Regulation Advocacy:**
 - a. **Ellen will talk about the research of Gene Fitzhugh from UT's Kinesiology Dept.**
 - b. **Internal advocacy request – What are our specific recommendation to the CHC? Plans for submitting comments to MPC and county commissioners; speaking at public meetings**
3. **Policy and Advocacy Committee Leadership**

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Committee members present: Joe Miles, Amanda Weber, Ellen Zavisca (by phone)

KCHD staff present: Fiona McAnally, Erin Read

Committee members absent: Kindall Aaron, Caroline Cooley

1. **No Announcements**
2. **Ellen shared information about the research of Gene Fitzhugh from UT's Kinesiology Dept.**
 - a. **Dr. Fitzhugh's research is on the connections between health and the build environment. He has recently completed a local research project in which he did phone polling of the neighborhood surrounding the Bearden Village Greenway on Sutherland, and control neighborhoods, before and after the greenway was built. Dr. Fitzhugh found that people in the neighborhood where the greenway was constructed had increased perceptions of walkability and increased reported activity. The Committee discussed how this research could inform our work. We decided that we would extend an invitation to Dr. Fitzhugh to the August 4th CHC meeting (and we discussed also inviting Caroline Cooley to participate).**
 - b. **We reviewed the internal advocacy request form completed by Ellen Zavisca requesting the the CHC's advocacy on proposed changes to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivisions relating to sidewalks. We determined that this advocacy would be consistent with the CHC's health priority of increasing access to safe parks, greenways and sidewalks. Joe Miles will present this advocacy request to the Executive Committee on June 23, 2016 and recommend that we draft letters to the MPC and County Commissioners. We also discussed preparing CHC members to speak at public meetings to highlight the connection between sidewalks and health.**
3. **Discussion of Committee leadership was tabled until the next meeting.**

