

**Community Health Council  
Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting  
08/22/16 Meeting Agenda**

**Present: Kindall Aaron (by phone), Caroline Cooley (by phone), Fiona McAnally, Joe Miles, Erin Read, Ellen Zavisca**

- 1. Announcements/Updates?**
- 2. Sidewalk Regulation Advocacy:**
  - a. Review request form and draft letter
  - b. Decide on next steps
- 3. Proposed Active Transportation Policy for Knox County Schools Advocacy:**
  - a. Review request form
  - b. Decide on next steps
- 4. As the action plans come in, Erin Read has been keeping a record of the advocacy/policy actions that the teams are proposing (see below):**
  - a. Parks/Greenways/Sidewalks:
    - i. Advocate for dedicate funding for parks, greenways, and sidewalks.
    - ii. Advocate for sidewalk requirement in new subdivisions (whether through subdivision regulations or separate ordinances).
    - iii. Advocate for sidewalk/walkability planning the City, the County, and Farragut.
    - iv. Advocate for Knoxville/Knox County Park, Recreation and Greenways Plan to funded and followed (and other plans such as sector plans).
  - b. Mental Health (still in draft form; these may change):
    - i. Advocate for additional support services for homeless and mentally ill people, such as transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.
    - ii. Support the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (formerly the Safety Center).
  - c. Opioid Abuse (still in draft form; these may change):
    - i. Advocate for strengthening guidelines around pregnancy testing and birth control for female patients of child-bearing age on prescription opioids.

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- 1. Announcements/Updates?**
  - a. None
- 2. Sidewalk Regulation Advocacy:**
  - a. Minor edits were made to the letter, and it was approved by the committee. Joe made the edits and sent the letter, with his signature as Chair of the CHC P&A Committee to Fiona, who will put it on letter head and send it to commissioners of the MPC, and to partner organizations.
  - b. Fiona will work to make sure our “sidewalk talking points” are up-to-date, and distribute them to members of our committee and partner organizations.



- c. Kindall and Caroline will coordinate to speak on behalf of the CHC (among other organizations) at the MPC meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Joe will also attend, if the sidewalk regulation discussion is far enough down on the agenda, since he teaches until 2:00 PM. Ellen will attend the MPC Agenda Review session on September 6<sup>th</sup> and will update the committee regarding the agenda for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Erin & Ellen will let the CHC know that we have/will take these actions, and will share the updated sidewalk regulations and the advocacy letter with the full CHC.
- 3. Proposed Active Transportation Policy for Knox County Schools Advocacy:**
- a. The committee reviewed the advocacy request and agreed that advocating in support of the proposed Active Transportation policy for the Knox County Schools.
  - b. Ellen will share information related to safe routes to schools with Joe, and he will draft an advocacy letter and share it with the committee.
  - c. Ellen will keep us posted on the schedule of KCS and when this will come before the board (September or October).
- 4. As the action plans come in, Erin Read has been keeping a record of the advocacy/policy actions that the teams are proposing (see below):**
- a. Fiona will check to make sure that our advocacy request form is up-to-date (e.g., that it does not still have MAPP language in it), and we will share it with the Action Teams to let them know that we are standing by for advocacy requests if and when they have them.

