

RESOLUTION NO. 4623

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS, FORMALLY ESTABLISHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is aware of the importance of vibrant and healthy neighborhoods to the quality of life in Overland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City's Neighborhood Conservation Program was created in 1988 to help sustain aging neighborhoods in the northern part of Overland Park that did not have homeowner associations; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Neighborhood Conservation Program the City subsequently created the Neighborhood Conservation Program Executive Committee (often referred to as the Neighborhood Executive Committee or the NEC) in the early 1990's as a means to include representatives of neighborhood groups as well as to provide a forum for discussion with and to receive input from said groups; and

WHEREAS, since then, individual residents have organized into neighborhood organizations and groups under the Neighborhood Conservation Program as a means to connect with neighborhoods and neighborhood leaders to form partnerships that enrich and sustain the livability of Overland Park; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing success and benefit of the Neighborhood Conservation Program and the Neighborhood Conservation Program Executive Committee, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood groups and homeowner associations further south in Overland Park subsequently requested membership and were admitted into the Neighborhood Conservation Program Executive Committee in order to also benefit from the scope of its programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that a committee comprising of neighborhood leaders providing leadership, support and information on neighborhood affairs and issues is a benefit to the neighborhoods of Overland Park, City staff, the Community Development Committee and the Governing Body in their consideration of such matters; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds that it is appropriate to formally establish all Board and Commissions of the City through passage of a City Ordinance or Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds that formally changing the name of the Neighborhood Conservation Program Executive Committee to the Neighborhood Executive Committee will help clarify the purpose and scope of said committee and its function under the overall scope of the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the Neighborhood Executive Committee is hereby established by the Governing Body.

SECTION 2. The membership of the Neighborhood Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- (A) Active neighborhood organizations, active homeowners associations and active neighborhood groups may become members by a majority vote of the Neighborhood Executive Committee. The membership of each said neighbor entity shall continue as long as said entity remains active and in good standing with the committee. Each said entity shall annually designate, by a method of the entity's choosing, a representative to act on its behalf.
- (B) The Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, shall appoint the following to serve as members for terms of two years each:
 - (1) Two representatives of the Governing Body, provided that one representative should be a member of the City Council's Community Development Committee; and
 - (2) One representative of the Planning Commission.

Members appointed by the Mayor and entity representatives shall remain in office until their successor takes office. Vacancies shall be filled by similar appointment for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3. The officers of the Neighborhood Executive Committee shall include a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. The City Manager shall assign a staff coordinator who shall be responsible for assisting the Chair with the duties necessary to support the business of the Neighborhood Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. The Neighborhood Executive Committee shall adopt by-laws to govern its organization and operation, and shall adhere to the Governing Body's Rules, Procedures and Protocol for Subordinate Bodies and Other Plural Authorities of the City.

SECTION 5. There shall be meetings of the Neighborhood Executive Committee on at least a quarterly basis.

SECTION 6. In order to strive to make Overland Park the very best, most family-friendly, livable city possible, the Neighborhood Executive Committee is charged with the mission to:

- A. Promote a leadership role for and within neighborhood organizations and neighborhoods groups;
- B. Provide a link between the neighborhoods, community partners, city government and city staff;
- C. Assist in the development of community leadership; and

D. Advocate for the needs of neighborhood organizations and neighborhood groups.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2020.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

(SEAL)

Carl Gerlach, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elizabeth Kelley
City Clerk

(s) Stephen B. Horner
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Senior Assistant City Attorney