

KCI Area Development Team

May 4, 2017 Minutes

In attendance: Darren Hennen, Mike Kellam, Pat Contreras, Michael Reardon, Lauren Kepler, Garry Linn, Derek Espeer, Lynn McClure, Laura Tyson, Mike Reik, Lisa Minardi, Ed Bradley, Leslie Johnson, Roger Lewis, Ruth Nelson, Ryan Robertshaw, Alicia Stephens, Stephanie Neppi

KCI Airport Presentation and strategy

- Darren Hennen provided a presentation on 'A Better KCI'.
- The KCI Advisory team consists of PCEDC, KC Chamber, Northland Regional Chamber, KC Area Development, and Civic Council. The conceptual drawings of the terminal show 35 gates, expandable to 42, with a simple design, focus is curb, bag, TSA, plane, making the airport easily accessible. The new terminal will add 1500 parking spaces, with underground walkway to parking, separate drop off and pick up areas. The airport is the city's first impression, and a new terminal is an attractor to new businesses. Construction of a new terminal will not impact current access to the existing terminals.
- Passenger numbers in 1972 was 3.8 million, and 11 million passengers used the same facilities in 2016.
- Financing – No city tax increase. 88% of the people who will pay for the airport don't live in KCMO; they fly in and out of KCI. This construction would be the single largest economic impact project, KCMO has seen. KCI would also be a convenient mid-country stop for flights, increasing our direct flight access.
- Alicia Stephens noted, the KCMO Aviation Department has 122 Platte County resident employees; Southwest has 80 Platte County resident employees. She also noted that KCI concession revenue is very low, and that the Northland KCI group has spoken with Congressman Sam Graves about KCI. Congressman Graves recently met with Consultant Brad Scott as well. So far he has not sent out anything related to KCI.
- Two items to take away: 1. No new taxes, 2. 17,000 jobs. This is a grassroots effort to make sure people know the issue.
- Ed Bradley made a few additional comments: he advised that the airlines do not want a renovation, and their offer has a deadline. He emphasized that we need non-flying KCMO residents to vote, and noted that any delay on the timing of the vote would be huge if it doesn't take place in November 2017.
- Platte County EDC is writing a letter of support which will be put on the website and companies who wish to use it as a guide are welcome to do so.
- Lynn McClure asked about ballot language, and Alicia confirmed it needs to be finalized in August. He also enquired about neighborhood associations, and Alicia said Pat Klein has begun those 'listening sessions' with such groups.
- Darren noted that there are six people available to present to companies or whoever would benefit from the "A Better KCI" presentation. We need more supporters and will add those logos to the presentation to show companies and organizations who are onboard.

Development Updates

- The new I-29 bridge, which is the next KCI TIF project, is held up in easement
- Main Event has its ribbon cutting on May 9th.
- Draftcade is now open in Zona Rosa.
- Costco has moved up its opening to May 18.
- Major Lewis said the KCPD North Patrol ribbon cutting was about 5 weeks away.
- CVS grading is going strong.

Next meeting – 7:30am, Thursday, June 1 2017