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## MINUTES

### Central Wichita Falls Neighborhood Revitalization Committee

July 22, 2025

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#### PRESENT:

Ann Arnold-Ogden	◆ Member
Wendy Browder	◆ Vice Chair
Whitney Flack	◆ Councilor
Jose Garcia	◆ Member
Jacob Harrell	◆ Member
Selena Hurtado	◆ Member
Fabian Medellin, Planning Manager	◆ City Staff
Christal Cates, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator	◆ City Staff

#### ABSENT:

Robert Brooks	◆ Councilor
Mike Mitchell	◆ Chairman

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairwoman, Mrs. Wendy Browder, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Browder asked if any members of the public wished to speak. There were no members of the public present.

#### III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Ann Arnold-Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Councilor, Councilwomen, Mrs. Whitney Flack seconded. No members of the public were present. Vice Chair Browder called for a vote regarding the minutes. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

#### IV. REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. Discussion and Possible Change of Meeting Days and Times

Mrs. Christal Cates discussed an email she had previously sent to the Committee asking about the change of meeting days and times and the feedback received. Mrs. Cates stated at this time staff felt meetings could be moved to be held monthly instead of the previous schedule of every two weeks. Mrs. Cates asked the Committee if they wanted to keep the same day with the consensus confirming Tuesdays were the best days. Councilwoman Flack advised she preferred to keep the same Tuesday as City Council meetings for her work schedule. This was agreed upon by all Committee members present. After more discussion it was

unanimously agreed upon by the Committee to move all future meetings to the first Tuesday of the month, keeping the same time of 1:30 pm.

## **2. Discussion of Tree Abatement Program**

Staff discussed the need for a tree removal program to reduce dead and hazardous trees in the neighborhood and briefly recapped what had been discussed in previous meetings. Staff stated as part of the initiative the City would be requesting funding during the FY 25-26 budget process to provide assistance to eligible properties.

Staff presented various questions to the Committee to help build the foundation of the program, beginning with eligibility. The following questions were presented the Committee for discussion:

- Residential? Residential & Commercial?
- Own and/or live on the property?
- Qualify as low income? Use HUD income standards?
- Must not be delinquent on any funds owed to the City?

After lengthy discussions the Committee advised staff they wanted the applications open to both residential and commercial properties. Applications will be required to have the property owners' signature and for the first year will be on a first come, first serve basis until funding is exhausted. Applicants cannot be delinquent on any funds owed to the City to be eligible for the program.

The Committee states after the first year of the program they would like to revisit the eligibility requirements and possibly add income restrictions at that time. Staff advised they would have a draft outline of the program as well as a draft application for their review at the next scheduled meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Updates**

#### **A. Bridwell Park Futsal Court Mural Update – Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts & Culture**

Photos from the dedication held Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> were shown for those members not able to attend.

#### **B. Proposed Zoning Amendment Updates**

Updates were given to the Committee regarding the informational meeting held Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wichita Falls Public Library from 6 pm to 8 pm. Staff stated ten zoning input forms had been received, all in favor of the proposed zoning amendments.

#### **C. Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) Application Update 1603 Kemp Boulevard**

Staff gave an update on the first NEZ application received on July 10<sup>th</sup> and approved on July 16<sup>th</sup> for permit waivers. The property owner, MGREC LLC, has proposed to rehabilitate the existing duplex and invest \$50,000 into the project.

## VI. ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting was set for Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm at the Travel Center Conference Room.

Vice Chair Browder adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.



Michael Mitchell, Chairman

9/2/25

Date



Fabian Medellin, AICP, Planning Manager

9-3-25

Date