



WELLNESS COMMISSION LEE'S SUMMIT

ACTION LETTER

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chair Craig officially called the meeting of the Wellness Commission to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Strother Conference Room at City Hall, 220 SE Green St.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Chair Craig
Vice Chair Hubbard
Commissioner Brandhorst
Commissioner Cantrell
Commissioner Denny
Commissioner Evans (late)
Commissioner Kraemer
Commissioner Salanski
Commissioner Severt-Culbertson
Commissioner Silvers
Commissioner Wichman

Staff Present

Susan Barry
Cynthia DeShazo
Christal Kliewer Weber

Absent

Commissioner Evans arrived a few minutes late. Commissioners Cygan and Nolke were absent.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Brandhorst, seconded by Commissioner Silvers, to approve the agenda as posted. The motion carried by a unanimous 11-0 vote (Commissioners Cygan and Nolke absent).

5. Approval of the March 12, 2025 Action Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Nolke, to approve the March 12, 2025, Action Letter. The motion carried by a unanimous 11-0 (Commissioners Cygan and Nolke absent).

6. Health Indicator Identification Discussion

a. Review Landscape (data sets and narratives)

Discussion centered on the Eight Dimensions of Wellness and Commissioner Wichman suggested we take a community poll for a more personable insight. Ms. Weber suggested that the City does

have companies this commission could use for community polls. A suggestion was made that we could use Jackson County Health for a survey, too. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) keeps data too on such topics.

More discussion centered on what are the affordable, attainable housing situations in Lee's Summit, under the Financial dimension. Ms. Weber suggested the commission put this topic in their work plan. There will now be more support from Jackson County Public Health and the community health improvement project.

b. Identify Gaps and Needs

Positive indicators of where the community is doing well was discussed. Chair Craig thought the health of community. Real estate sales reflect that folks are still moving into Lee's Summit plus the environment, the Parks, superior water quality, and the cultural aspect were all mentioned as positives. Suggestions were made to focus on the positives and then fill in gaps/or needs where the City needs to work on.

7. Committee Task Force Reports

Commissioner Kraemer gave a presentation on the Livable Streets sub-committee. Connectivity within the City such as sidewalks, trees, and a Unified Development Ordinance can all be part of a livable streets policy. Mental health awareness month, as well as Bike & Walk month are themes during the month of May. Farmer's Market on May 17 will be a booth for Livable Streets and on the 31st at Legacy Park will be a community bike ride and safety demonstrations, other bike events from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers are welcome from this committee. The Public Engagement subcommittee has not met yet.

8. Roundtable

Commissioner Silvers mentioned Baccalaureate services at Lee's Summit Christian Church will be this Sunday. Commissioner Hubbard mentioned that the Parents As Teachers organization sent out to citizens a summer resource guide for summer camps. Commissioner Kraemer mentioned the Tobacco 21 bill ordinances and a bill for healthy housing pre-empts local jurisdictions.

Mental Health event in KC May 29 & 30, two day conference. More information can be found at Mentalhealthkc.org

A Photography contest sponsored by the Cultural Commission was advertised, citizens can follow the City on Facebook and find information there. The theme is "What makes LS Lee's Summit."

Asset mapping opportunity to take our provider list with the commission's permission to make a directory tool. Consensus to do so by the commission would be required, according to Ms. Kliever Weber. A brief mention about the healthiest cities in America, more information can be found by visiting the website <https://fortune.com/well/article/berkeley-americas-healthiest-city-2025/>

9. Adjourn

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting of the Wellness Commission at 7:41 p.m.