



*"Building a community
through unity."
Since 1974*



Membership

All Beacon Hill residents are welcome to join the Beacon Hill-McFeters Community Council. Household dues in the amount of \$25.00 are due annually in January. Dues assist the council with administrative operations.

Meetings are held quarterly and subject to change. January-April-July-October.

A holiday event is usually scheduled each November. Special meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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Community Council**
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Who We Are...

The Beacon Hill-McFeters Community Council was named in honor of its first president Mr. T.W. McFeters. Since 1974, it has been the neighborhood organization serving Beacon Hill residents from 22nd St. on the north, 31st St. on the south, Troost on the west to Paseo Blvd. on the east.

Mission

The Beacon Hill-McFeters Community Council's mission is to connect the neighborhood residents to resources through education, outreach, and advocacy. Our goal is to promote a resilient and civically engaged community by fostering neighborhood pride, promoting a beautiful, vibrant, and respectful community, and bringing neighbors together to achieve and preserve a vibrant community for living, working, learning, and playing.

To understand the significance of this area and its contribution to the fabric of today's urban renaissance, it helps to know when, where and how it all started.

The development of modern-design new homes began in 2000. In addition, many long-time residents remodeled and rehabbed their existing homes, bringing a wonderful mix of old and new to a neighborhood that is on the rise.



Did You Know...

The land we live on...Beacon Hill was a 365-acre area of Kansas City centered around 27th and Troost known as the Porter Farmstead. The huge tract was the home of the Rev. James Porter family. The Porters acquired the land in 1834 and established a large plantation with 40 slaves. Five generations of the Porter family lived in the original and subsequent iterations of farmhouse near what is now 28th and Tracy Avenue.

The Porters, or more likely their slaves, built a five-room log home (later enlarged) between 27th and 28th east of Tracy facing north. It was constructed of black walnut logs and black walnut weather boarding. To the rear of the home were the slave cabins.

The plantation had a natural water supply, a spring at the southeast corner of 28th and Paseo. The ground north of 20th Street was heavily timbered, and the Porters had an orchard that stretched from Troost to Forest between 27th and 18th Streets. Between 27th and 28th from Harrison to Holmes, now Hillcrest addition, was a pasture. Porter farm's hay field was south of the pasture and west of Troost, and there was a corn field to the east. The family burial grounds were on the future site of the Troost Avenue Methodist Church at 2534 Troost, and later that land was given to the church.

Read more:

Porter Farm History - <http://porterfarmhistory.com/>
Kansas City Star – May 2021
<https://www.kansascity.com/news/your-kcq/article251695313.html>



Highlights

The Council assists Beacon Hill residents with resources by providing information about changes and improvements such as, development, neighborhood safety, beautification, and social activities.

Engagement

The Council and the HOA have come together for the common good of the entire Beacon Hill neighborhood to encourage citizen participation and broaden communication between its neighborhood, various organizations and individuals concerning matters affecting neighborhood livability.

Ivan T. Leggs Scholarships

Beacon Hill-McFeters Community Council established the Ivan T. Leggs Scholarship Fund in remembrance of Ivan T. Leggs a fourth grader who passed August 9, 2001, because of life-threatening injuries sustained after being struck by an automobile in the neighborhood.

Beacon Hill youth from age 9 to 18 who are enrolled in camps, sporting activity, trade/skill training or a 2-to-4-year educational institution are eligible to apply for books, fees and/or supply scholarship.

Requests can be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and must include the following information:

Student name, parent/guardian name, age of student, address, phone number, email address, name of program or educational institute. Please include two paragraphs describing your current achievements, why the program is important to you and how you think the scholarship will assist you in accomplishing your goal.