



Independence Avenue Community
Improvement District

Annual Report
2013



Letter from District Manager, reflect on year and how we will do more/better next year

Independence Ave. CID Board members

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About the Organization

In 2012, the Independence Avenue began the process to become an official Community Improvement District. The CSI Pilot Project used the Scarritt Mile to demonstrate the relationship between innovative public safety strategies and the relationship to enhanced economic development and developing a multi-cultural commercial environment.

The stability and growth shown during the pilot time period caused the CSI to become an official CID on April 1, 2013. Since, the organization has received a contracted relationship with Northeast Chamber of Commerce and Historic Northeast Events to further the CID and community.

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CID PROJECTS &

Among the success with the CID and NEKC Chamber, on December 31, the community was introduced to the Avenue Angels—a group of security officers from Titan Protections and Consulting. These armed officers promote safety, build relationships with business owners and patrons in the CID, assist motorists with lock outs and jumpstarts, be available to ask people not to hinder a business the opportunity of doing business, refer resources to those that have unfilled social needs, check for warrants, detain bad guys for KCPD, appear in court on behalf of CID members for trespassing, etc.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2013: Year in Review

January...LISC awards the NEKC Chamber of

August...KCUMB, Kansas City University of Medicine & Bio Sciences partnered with Northeast Arts KC and the NEKC Chamber to create a mural and build a visually appealing merchandise display for City Union Mission Thrift store.

Business and community leaders and neighbors celebrated the Grand opening and ribbon cutting of "Mi Mercado" and several other businesses throughout the year.

September...2nd Annual International Taste & Tour was a huge success. The trolley Tour of our beloved Historic Northeast was highlighted by two of the best our local historians, Michael Bushnell, Publisher, NE News and Kent Dicus, President, NE Historical Society. Food from around the world, a Live auction, music performed by Grand Marquis and amazing dancing by the Swingsters and a few of our local celebrity dancers assured everyone had a great time!!

October...Partnerships continue to be renewed and revitalized as new partners come to the table to create opportunities for Historic Northeast. University of Missouri Extension office moves to River Market area and strengthens relations in our community. "Good Neighbor" Crime Prevention awards are received by NEKC Chamber members and community leaders. Together, we the community continue to make the Historic Northeast a better place to Live, Work, Play and Worship.

November... The IA CID begins receiving sales tax and property tax assessments to be used for improving the "District" Watch for the "Avenue Angels" ... NEKC Chamber of Commerce commits to be the local conduit regarding Economic Development issues at City Hall and Streetcar initiative discussions.

December...NEKC Chamber and NEKC Library partner to host an initial Google Workshop for Small Businesses. The TAKE CHARGE Leadership program is announced and a record number of applications are received for the classes scheduled to begin January 2014 DECEMBER 31st.... CID "Avenue Angels" are on The Avenue.

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