

November 29, 2017

Tom Markus, City Manager City Hall 6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Ad Hoc Committee

**Community Advisory Committee Appointments** 

**Indoor Football Practice Facility** 

The University of Kansas has decided to proceed with the development, design, and construction of the Indoor Football Practice Facility (IPF) on the Lawrence campus. The university is considering a number of sites around the stadium and the final location will most likely be the west side of the Memorial Stadium.

The University will appoint an official Building Committee, which will be charged to work with the project architects to inform the design of the IPF.

In addition to the official Building Committee, an **ad hoc Community Advisory Committee** will be appointed. The ad hoc Community Advisory Committee is based on the long-standing and mutually beneficial Cooperative Agreement between the City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas. The ad hoc Community Advisory Committee will provide the project architects with access to broad-based input into the design of the indoor facility near the Memorial Stadium that will be within 150 of the university's exterior boundary with the City. **The purpose of this letter is to provide the basic project information, to solicit representation from the City and the neighborhood and to initiate the work of the Community Advisory Committee.** 

The ad hoc Community Advisory Committee will be responsible for providing advice to the Building Committee on some of the design features of the IPF, including their form, texture and materials. In addition, the Community Advisory Committee will make recommendations about how to address the mutual interests of both the community and the university in this area during the project's construction. This process is intended to address the needs of the university and to provide a mechanism for meaningful involvement of the community and the neighborhoods.

A tentative timetable has been established to provide benchmarks to keep this project on schedule. We will strive to adhere to this timetable and, at the same time, provide opportunities for meaningful input into the process. The following dates are suggested:

December 2017 - Appoint the Community Advisory Committee

Jan – Feb 2018 - Design development and refinement
March 2018 - Completion of Design Development

February 2018 - Early Construction Package Released (order steel framing)

December 2018 - Complete / Occupancy

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you, the City's and neighborhood representatives.

Sincerely,

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Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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