Lee’s Summit R-7 School District Sept. 8, 2014
Citizens’ Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Facilities and finance update.
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 – Legislative platform and issues.
• All day on Wednesday, Jan. 21 – TENTATIVE trip to Jefferson City with CAC, Business Roundtable and Board of Education.
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 – TENTATIVE Legislative Forum with Business Roundtable.
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, topic to be determined based on October survey.

Attachment: Information about General Assembly veto session

CAC Talking Points from Jan. 30 Meeting
• CAC members toured Summit Technology Academy, which includes The Missouri Innovation Campus, and heard from STA/MIC staff members and students.
• Dr. McGehee discussed ongoing conversations with the University of Central Missouri regarding a new facility for Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus that would also include space for additional UCM programs.
• Information (attached) was distributed about the Sept. 10 General Assembly veto session.

Members attending
CAC members attending included Chairperson Kent Kirby, Assistant Chairperson Elaine Bluml, Ron Baker, Dr. Brent Blevins, Dave Boulden, Diane Clark, Don Clements, Susan Coffman, Dr. Kevin Daniel, Dr. Jerry Evans, Dr. Maria Fleming, Eric Gibbs, Terri Harmon, Stephen Hill, Charlie Johnson, Valerie Jones, Libia Kozisek, Lora Ledbetter, Dr. David McGehee, Amy Moore, Janice Phelan, Michael Shaw and Linda Thee. Guests included Dr. Don Andrews, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction; Elaine Metcalf, director of Summit Technology Academy; and Jeremy Bonnesen, assistant director of STA.

Summit Technology Academy tour and presentations
Elaine Metcalf, director of Summit Technology Academy, presented information on Summit Technology and The Missouri Innovation Campus. STA includes eight programs with enrollment of 450 students. The MIC is included in STA and includes 56 students. This is STA’s 16th year, and The MIC’s third year. More information about both programs are available at http://sta.lsr7.org/. Following tours conducted by Mrs. Metcalf and Jeremy Bonnesen, STA assistant director, the group heard from MIC students Max Ostrander and Cooper Leabo. MIC’s major goals are to: (1) lower the cost for students earning a bachelor’s degree,

Information about future of STA/MIC from Dr. McGehee
Dr. McGehee presented information about ongoing discussions with the University of Central Missouri about a new facility for STA/MIC that would also serve other UCM programs. Under consideration is an April 2015 no-tax-increase bond issue that would fund the R-7 School District’s portion of this shared facility. If this plan continues to proceed, CAC members would be asked to schedule additional meetings this fall/early winter to provide feedback regarding this plan and help prioritize other district needs that would be included in this bond issue. Lee’s Summit R-7 is currently leasing the STA/MIC space with the lease expiring in 2018. The new lease is expected to cost double the current rate, and there are numerous financial and operational advantages to constructing a district facility that R-7 would own as opposed to
ongoing leasing of space. To have an issue included on the April ballot, the Board of Education would have to approve the bond issue at its January meeting.

General Assembly veto session
Dr. McGehee distributed information (attached) about the Missouri General Assembly veto session, which begins Sept. 10. We are encouraging CAC members and others to contact their elected officials about several bills that were vetoed by the governor to request that our elected officials vote to sustain these.

Roundtable/Closing
There was no roundtable due to time. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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