

First Suburbs Coalition  
September 19, 2008  
Meeting Summary

The First Suburbs Coalition met at the Gladstone Community Center on September 19, 2009. About 40 people were in attendance.

Gladstone Councilwoman and First Suburbs Coalition co-chair, Carol Rudi, welcomed those attending.

Dean Katerndahl reported that the First Suburbs Coalition and its partner Community America Credit Union had originated 119 loans totaling almost \$2.2 million. Originations are slower this year so more effort needs to be put into marketing the loan program.

Most of the meeting was devoted to presentations on retail redevelopment. It started with a report from Dean on interviews with developers that had renovated old retail space (report attached). It takes cooperation with local governments, a commitment on the part of the owner, and a methodical review of all elements of the project.

Tom Kaleko, with Springsted, a public finance company, provided a detailed presentation on the consideration of incentives for a retail redevelopment. Tom provided a lot of detailed info on how to develop a strategy for providing financial incentives to a retail redevelopment project. If you would like a copy of the PowerPoint please contact [Dean Katerndahl](#).

Michael Frisch, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Design at UMKC, presented a proposal to have a spring design class focus on two to three first suburb retail properties or corridors to provide a detail strategy. The strategy would include both a physical design and economic strategy.

Following these presentations it was decided that the Retail Working Group would meet to discuss how to craft this information into a First Suburbs strategy. Also they will act as the steering committee for the UMKC project. Dean was asked to send out a request for proposals to local governments to participate in the UMKC project. Because Dean will be on medical leave during October the Retail Working Group will not meet until November.

Dean presented some information on possible legislative initiatives around neighborhood revitalization. Dean will work with local governments to see if we want to pursue any of these during the upcoming legislative sessions.

Laura McConwell, mayor of Mission and First Suburbs Coalition co-chair, presented an update on the National League of Cities First Tier Task Force. Dean provided an update on regional transit and the foreclosure issue. The Northeast Johnson County remodeling fair was announced.

The city of Gladstone presented information on how they successfully applied for and became an All America City earlier this year. A presentation was also made on Gladstone's new community center and their partnership with the North Kansas City school district that made it possible.