

**City-University Special Project Fund**  
*Report for October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008*

**Campus Sidewalk, Bicycle and Lighting Improvements (\$51,200) -**

This year's funds were allocated for improvements along sidewalks leading to Hale Library from Justin Hall on the east and Durland Hall on the west including the alleyway behind Seaton Hall and on the walkway between Campus Creek Road and Petticoat Lane that connects the residence halls to campus. Plans have been completed for the lights. The lights are on order with installation anticipated for spring 2009.

**Good Neighbors Program (\$10,000) -**

The purpose of the Good Neighbors program is to enhance compliance with city ordinances and improve quality of life in neighborhoods populated by both permanent residents and off-campus K-State students by encouraging and fostering interpersonal relationships and a greater sense of community stewardship. Funds are used to hire a student coordinator, educate community residents on various ordinances and best practices, promote and coordinate events, and purchase materials for the Good Neighbors Program. The program has continually expanded since its inception in 2007 and now includes four neighborhood areas:

- East Campus: the neighborhood area bounded by Bertrand Street (north), Juliette Avenue (east), Bluemont Avenue (south), and 11<sup>th</sup> Street (west);
- South Campus: the neighborhood area bounded by Anderson Avenue (north), 14<sup>th</sup> Street (east), Poyntz Avenue (south), and 17<sup>th</sup> Street (west);
- Southwest Campus: the neighborhood area bounded by Anderson Avenue (north), 17<sup>th</sup> Street (east), Poyntz Avenue (south), and generally by Sunset Avenue/North Delaware Avenue/18<sup>th</sup> Street (west); and
- West Campus: the neighborhood area bounded by Claflin Road (north), Denison Avenue (east), Anderson Avenue (south), and Sunset Avenue (west).

Efforts in these neighborhoods are being coordinated with other existing groups, such as Neighborhood Associations, KSU fraternities and sororities, the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan, Manhattan Christian College, and the Aggieville Business Association.

During the fall 2008 semester, student and community groups and residents in the various neighborhoods participated in numerous events, including neighborhood Ice Cream Socials, Homecoming Clean-Up in Aggieville, Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, and a "Light Up the Holidays" event in the Meadowlark Hills Retirement community. Information concerning these and other community events was distributed in welcome packets to over 1,000 residences located in the 4 neighborhood areas early in the semester. These packets also included information on how to be a good neighbor in our community.

Sebastian O'Connor, the Good Neighbor Student Coordinator, is continuing his dedicated service to the program by scheduling and coordinating events for the spring 2009 semester. Following the success of the Homecoming Clean-Up event, a similar effort will be incorporated into the Aggieville "Fake Patty's Day" weekend in March. Another Neighborhood Clean-Up Day will be held in conjunction with the City's Spring Clean-Up in April, and the year's events will culminate in a Couch/Mattress Amnesty Day near the end of the school year in May. This will be the second straight year when students and others in the community will be encouraged to dispose of their unwanted couches, mattresses, and other large furniture at a central collection point, thereby reducing the difficulties created by these items, which may otherwise be abandoned in front yards and public rights-of-way.

**Campus Map Kiosks (\$40,000) -**

Funds were allocated to purchase and install up to six campus map kiosks. Plans have been completed, and installation is planned for spring 2009.

**University Gardens Project (\$50,000) -**

Funds were allocated to match private contributions to construct the feature fountain and plaza of the Phase II Gardens. These funds were combined with the revised 2007 allocation. Plans are being developed by consultants with construction anticipated in spring 2009.

**Reconstruction of Denison Avenue from Anderson Avenue to Kimball Avenue (\$160,000) -**

The City was responsible for planning, administering, and constructing this project, which is now complete. The funds have been applied toward the debt service on the project. 2009 will be the last year of funding.

**NISTAC (\$50,000) -**

Funds are being used to repay the debt service for the construction of the NISTAC building the K-State Research Park. This is the first year of a five-year funding commitment that continues at \$50,000 annually through 2012.

**Todd Road Sidewalk (\$33,000) –**

Funds were provided to construct a sidewalk on the south side of Todd Road from Denison Avenue to Jarvis Drive. This project was included in the City's 2008 Annual Sidewalk Program that was approved by the City Commission on December 16, 2008. The project is now under construction (as of January 9, 2009).