

IMAGINE KC Explores What Makes a Vibrant Community

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IMAGINE KC looks at the principles of design, policy issues, community action and development successes through examples of the areas communities: Leavenworth, Kansas; Gladstone, Missouri; Mission, Kansas, North Kansas City, Park Place in Leawood, and Zona Rosa off I-29 and Barry Road.

Throughout our region, there are examples of both vibrant centers and those that have felt some neglect from suburban growth. The question remains the same in either case. How do you create a vibrant center in the community you live?

From community leaders to city planners, from designers to developers and residents too, on March 24 the next episode of IMAGINE KC looks out how urban planning and new development are shaping the way the region is becoming more vibrant.

“We have some amazing communities with great ideas for more vibrant places, the housing bubble kept some of those plans from happening on their original timelines, but the vision is still there and I think the region should be excited about their goals.” Says Imagine KC Producer, Angee Simmons

Stories explore a widespread desire to revitalize historic downtowns, develop more active centers in older bedroom suburbs and build new centers in emerging suburbs on greenfield sites. This episode demonstrates the defining characteristics of different types of centers by highlighting regional examples and showing how quality urban design principles have been, and continue to be the key to creating our most beloved community places. We also explore some local government plans and ordinances that can help the region achieve its vision for a connected network of vibrant activity centers.

This yearlong series is produced by Angee Simmons, KCPT along with Mid-America Regional Council. For more information, please visit www.imaginekc.org.

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