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Sedgwick County Downtown Arena Meetings to Begin

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – We know there are many questions about the proposed Downtown Arena in Wichita. And, Sedgwick County wants to hear from citizens about the plan. The first meeting will be held **tonight, Monday, August 9, at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st and Ridge Rd, 7 p.m.** Other open house meetings will be held over the next few weeks in other locations throughout Sedgwick County. (See below for a complete list of dates and locations.) The meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with the exception of a Saturday meeting, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

We also want citizens to help give their thoughts about components of the plan. For example, what do citizens think about parking? Or the amount and length of time for the sales tax? And, what should we consider to do with the Kansas Coliseum (Britt Brown Arena) if the Downtown Arena vote passes?

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These meetings will include information about the Downtown Arena through a number of stations. These stations will include:

- Arenas: Other Communities, and events and attendance
- Parking and Traffic
- Costs and Financing Options
- Economic Impact – How it helps the community & region and other communities' stories
- Kansas Coliseum Renovations and future of Britt Brown Arena
- Timeline – Construction timetable models and information on the election

"The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners feels it is important to let the citizens voice their opinions on the Downtown Arena through a vote," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tom Winters. "We want to make sure we provide the best information and answer any questions that we can to help citizens make an informed decision in November. We encourage citizens from all across the County to participate in the open house meeting to learn more about the plan and give us their ideas."

Downtown Arena open house meetings dates/locations include:

August 9	Extension Center, Sunflower Room, 21 st and Ridge Road	7 – 9 p.m.
August 10	Bel Aire Community Room, 7651 E. Central Park Avenue	7 – 9 p.m.
August 11	WSU Hughes Metroplex, Meeting Hall Room, 5015 E. 29 th	7 – 9 p.m.
August 12	Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall, 2700 N. Woodland	7 – 9 p.m.
August 14	Derby Police & Courts Building, 229 N. Baltimore	9 – 11 a.m.
August 23	Goddard Community Center, 122 N. Main	7 – 9 p.m.
August 24	Wichita Boathouse, 335 W. Lewis	7 – 9 p.m.
August 25	Stanley/Aley Neighborhood City Hall, 1749 S. Martinson	7 – 9 p.m.
August 26	Atwater Neighborhood City Hall, 2755 E. 19 th St. N.	7 – 9 p.m.

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