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**Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN)**

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2017

Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C

LAN met at 7:00 p.m., August 1, 2017, in Meeting Room C of the Lawrence Public Library,

707 Vermont Street with Co-Chair Candy Davis presiding.

The following attendees were present:

Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services;

Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association;

Candice Davis, Oread Residents Association representative;

Cindy Suenram, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative;

David Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative;

Kirk McClure, Old West Lawrence Association representative;

Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commission;

Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative;

Steve Braswell, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative;

Kathy Heppert, Sunset Hill

Rob Sands, West Lawrence.

**Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves.

**Question of Chair**: Braswell asked the status of the two Oread neighborhood organizations. Davis described the history of the organizations. The original organization, Oread Neighborhood Association, is now defunct, although it remains on the city listing. The Oread Residents Association is active with new by-laws.

**Announcements:**

A mini-survey on sidewalks on Facebook was generated by Davis. To date, it has 1,800 hits but only 40 responses. Of the 40, all but 2 favored sidewalks becoming a city responsibility.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from Mr. James Kizer. He expressed concerns about animal carrion not being cleaned from a street within the city and proposed a hotline for such matters. Shipley spoke with Kizer. Davis explained that urban wildlife has not historically been a neighborhood issue for LAN.

**June minutes.** It was moved by Suenram, seconded by Mosher, to approve the June 2017 minutes. Motion approved by unanimous consent with no abstentions.

**Treasurer's report.** Cindy Suenram reported $2,305.11 is in the LAN bank account. Activity was a LAN contribution to a memorial for Jon Josserand.

**Update from City Planning and Development Services.** The August 1, 2017 Neighborhood Update for LAN, available at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_information/>, was reviewed by Becky Pepper. The update was also sent out via the LAN listserv. The report updates Planning Commission items: 1.) County Conditional Use Permit item and 2.) Rezoning of a property on Elm Street. Henderson asked about the history of the property to be rezoned. Pepper explained that a woodworking shop is operational in the property. Larsen visited the property and found it to be improved. The report contains a memorandum to alert people on upcoming issues. Henderson asked about the status of the KTEN Crossing. Pepper explained that it has been deferred with earliest hearing in September. Davis explained that LAN opposed prior versions of this proposal. Pepper explained that the grocery store project will go to the HRC and to the City Commission for any public subsidy. Pepper reported that the East Lawrence rezoning issue has been approved by the City Commission.

**AirBNB:** Pepper explained that the AirBNB issue awaits instruction from the City Commission.

Davis suggested LAN prepare a letter asking for regulation including owner-occupancy similar to the bed-and-breakfast rules. Davis and Burkhead will work on preparing a letter and report back to LAN with proposed action.

**Bus Transfer Station:** Henderson asked about the timing of a decision. Larsen estimated that a decision would probably be made in the spring.

**Neighborhood reports.**

* **University Place.** Pam reported that a resident wrote a letter to residents seeking cooperation in selling properties as a block to KU for parking to increase property values.
* **Sunset Hill:** A letter was received on a survey about the Lawrence Police Department and asked if others had received the letter. Multiple representatives reported circulating the letter to residents.
* **East Lawrence and Brook Creek.** The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association has a meeting on the grocery store coming up.
* **Brook Creek:** Henderson reported that the Capital Improvement Plan contains funding for the East Lawrence Recreation Center.
* **Barker.** Winkler reported that the old garden center has been improved and classes are being offered. Infrastructure is being improved.
* **Pinckney.** Braswell noted that affordable units have been demolished for LMH parking.
* **Schweigler:**  Mosher noted that a gathering was held to gain members with a good turnout.
* **West Lawrence:** Sands reported they are forming an organization.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

Voter Education Coalition: Review of Candidate Primary Forum. Consider Forum moderated by LAN. Henderson explained that the VEC was created to resolve the problem that too many organizations were holding forums. Larsen offered that having questions in advance helped candidates prepare better answers. Henderson offered that some questions are too broad to help the voters determine who they should favor. She suggested that LAN conduct a forum so as to focus on neighborhood issues with questions with sent in advance to candidates. She felt that LAN issues were not well represented in the VEC forum. Mosher suggested that we could send a questionnaire to candidates and disseminate the results to neighborhoods. Henderson indicated that she would work on it and get back to the membership at the next meeting. Members should send questions to Henderson.

**Moved:**  Suenram moved and Winkler seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**