

**Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes**  
**Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C**  
**September 19th, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** 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 Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence Inc., Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association co-representative, Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative, Jane Gibson, Barker Neighborhood Association representative, Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member, John Bowen, Park Hill Neighborhood, Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association, Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commission / West Hills neighborhood resident, Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative, Patrick Wilber, Deerfield Neighborhood, Stuart Boley, Mayor City of Lawrence, resident Schwegler, Suzanne Mills, Hills West Homes Neighborhood Association representative, Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association representative, Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative

**Announcements:** Vice President Jane Gibson chaired the meeting for Courtney Shipley.

**Accept minutes from July and August:** Moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Suenram: current balance of \$2750, one additional individual member and one additional neighborhood member, total 13 neighborhoods and 4 individual members.

**Update from City Planning Department:** Becky Pepper, city planner, reviewed the notable development projects in the planning phase. She also mentioned that Horizon 2020 will next be discussed before the City Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of County Commissioners at Planning Commission Orientation at 12:00 noon on Oct. 19. At the same meeting, the city's Smart Code will be discussed at 9:30 AM. The Smart Code has not been used at this point. From 2:45 to 4:15 there will a presentation on the planning process. See the complete neighborhood updates at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/lan17/>.

**Neighborhood reports:**

- Oread Residents Assn. is watching the STR program, and is concerned about trash in the neighborhood. Parking is the worse than ever in Oread.
- OWLA block party on Sept. 22, 5-8 PM. Come by and say Hi! This is a fundraiser as well as a social event.
- Hills West Homes is trying to deal with water drainage issues. Mills asked if anyone knew of someone who is familiar with swimming pool removal for removal of the Candle Tree Condominium. Pepper suggested Mills consult the city Development Services.
- Springwood Heights held their annual meeting, Travis is new president. They are watching Horizon 2040 for its impact on undeveloped land. They are adjacent to over 9 acres of undeveloped land zoned RSO.
- Schwegler hosted Bob Tryanski who spoke about County mental health efforts and use of sales tax funds.
- Downtown Lawrence is polling their members about their needs and wishes, and is concerned about the number of panhandlers downtown. Davis asked if the City Commissioners present would care to comment on a shelter located away from downtown. Mayor Boley stated that the community shelter was struggling with funding shortfalls. They are at capacity. Johnson County and Ottawa have no shelters, so homeless persons from neighboring communities often

end up in Lawrence. Mayor Boley is very concerned about this situation. He does not believe that Lawrence and Douglas County should be responsible for the homeless of northeast Kansas.

- East Lawrence Block Party on Sept. 22. Ninth street reconstruction is causing traffic problems, but things are moving along.
- Barker is receiving new sidewalks to 15<sup>th</sup> near Haskell on the south side. Many blocks of gas pipe is also being replaced. Gibson added that they have new officers.
- Deerfield has lots of curb and gutter work.
- Brook Creek will be having a picnic on Sunday, Sept. 30, 3-6 PM, Brook Creek Park. Henderson also announced that a candidate forum will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:30 PM, at City Hall. She will share details on the LAN listserve.
- North Lawrence Improvement Assn. is working on a quiet zone and talking to the railroad about a pedestrian signal at 4<sup>th</sup> and locust. Also, the city is installing a pedestrian beacon crosswalk at 4<sup>th</sup> and locust. Traffic calming continues. City is following up on aligning storm ditches with the new pump, and just finished a storm water project on Perry St. They had their potluck last week with good attendance. Five new habitat homes are being built at 8<sup>th</sup> and Walnut.
- West Hills has a Greek House under construction off of High Drive. They are also working to revise a covenant that does not allow rentals on their homes to make it more legally binding.

Discuss feedback requested by Planning Commission: Six neighborhood representatives met in the library and discussed their experiences with development. Gibson asked that neighborhoods with development experiences share with her to include on a document they are preparing for the Planning Commission. They will present to the Planning Commission Orientation on Oct. 19.

Davis prepared a document entitled "LAN Text Amendment Information for Neighborhoods 2018, outlining how amendments are made to the City Code, and suggested it might be stored on the LAN website. Davis will post a draft to the listserve and Gibson will add it to the October agenda. Davis suggested that LAN might suggest amendments to the Code. Davis will be meeting with Markus to get more information.

Discuss the Rental Inspection program: Gibson suggested LAN invite Brian Jimenez to get his feedback on improving the program.

Agenda Items from Participants:

- Mayor Boley shared a story about parking. The city has a parking fund which is an enterprise fund to pay expenses of parking. In 2015, he discovered the city was paying police salaries from the parking fund. This was started as a way to pay for foot patrols. However, we no longer have foot patrols, but are still paying for salaries from parking fund. In the 2018-2019 budget, he suggested we pay for parking garage bond from parking fund, and pay for police salaries from a more appropriate fund. This was adopted. He believes we are headed for permit parking in the neighborhoods. Larsen said this was a good example why they are focused on priority-based financing.
- Henderson asked about what was discussed at the City/County leadership meeting. She also asked if the commissioners were concerned about the loss of key staff.

Vice Mayor Larsen thought the meeting was productive. The School Board was there at the

beginning. The discussion of service agreements moved to the concept of governmental unification, but the County pushed back on this idea. The county believes service agreements are the best way to share responsibilities. If service agreements are not possible, unification may be an option.

Mayor Boley stated that a Mental Health Board should be advising the City and County Commissions on funding and administration of mental health services, but they have stopped meeting. He also stated that Lawrence has two advisory committees on seniors. The Senior Resource Council, which serves the county, has changed the configuration on their committee, and reduced the city representation to one representative.

Mayor Boley and Vice Mayor Larsen were not concerned about the City Manager's resignation, but consider it an opportunity. Markus has helped them understand the proper role of commissioners and staff.

- Harrod moved to adjourn, Mills seconded. Passed unanimously at 8:45 PM.