

## **Nov. 28, 2018 Draft Minutes**

### **Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods**

#### **East Lawrence Rec Center**

**Nov 28th, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association; Cindy Suenram, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold; Dustin Stumblingbear, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association co-representative; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association co-representative; Jane Gibson, Barker Neighborhood Association representative; Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Stuart Boley, Mayor City of Lawrence, resident Schwegler; Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Virgil Dean, Westwood representative

**Announcements:** Introductions

**Accept minutes from October:** Webber moved to adopt the minutes, Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Suenram \$2775.00 in account, memberships unchanged

**Update from City Planning Department:** Becky Pepper, city planner is absent this month. See the complete neighborhood updates at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/lan17/>.

#### **Neighborhood reports:**

- East Lawrence: The city and the neighborhood are discussing how rebuilding of 9<sup>th</sup> will affect crossings and school routes.
- Schwegler is applying for a CDBG community building grant. They are looking forward to working with consultants for 21<sup>st</sup> St. Bicycle Boulevard.
- Gibson reported that Barker's traffic calming project is on hold as city considers new Neighborhood Safety program.
- Boyle stated that North Lawrence will receive speed humps despite the proposed change to Traffic Calming Policy. They will continue to use CDBG grants for traffic calming. The downtown grocery store has been downsized and changed in configuration. Price Chopper and Checkers are being recruited for this store. A major project at Johnny's going forward. NLIA is working with developers to reduce height from 5 floors to 4 floors. NLIA also encouraging city to require developers to build and maintain their own storm water management equipment. Johnny's restaurant would also receive an addition. If downtown grocery store fails, there is room around this development for a grocery store. NLIA is also represented on the downtown master plan committee. Finally, NLIA is in the process of adopting families, have collected \$2100.
- Kirkendall reported that OWLA has applied for CDBG funding for a Tennessee crosswalk.
- Pinckney has also submitted a CDBG proposal for traffic calming. They are working with city on traffic near new hospital development. LPD visited the neighborhood meeting to report on calls for service in Pinckney.

- Henderson reported that Brook Creek is also working on a CDBG proposal for infrastructure improvements.
- Sands reported that Northwest Lawrence had a meeting and agreed on the importance of forming a neighborhood association. The area will probably be reduced. Gibson suggested he use NextDoor to organize and build support.
- Thompson state Oread is watching Eleventh and Massachusetts development.
- Webber stated that Pay & Pack at 6<sup>th</sup> and Centennial in Sunset Hill will possibly be a laundromat.

#### Discussion Items:

- Get volunteers for Treasurer and Vice Chair
  - Edna Mosher will be Treasurer
  - Travis Harrod will be Vice Chair
- Review of Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission orientation.
  - Carpenter thanked Shipley for providing neighborhood input into the planning process.
  - Carpenter reported that major changes are proposed in annexation process.
  - Plan 2040 focuses on infill and redevelopment, which will affect neighborhoods more.
  - Multi-use zoning is in the books, and will bring greater use diversity to neighborhoods.
  - Shipley stated that when a project is generated, more than 30 city departments see it before it is presented to the public. Developers stated that unless your property is affected (within 200 ft.) it is none of your business.
  - Boyle state that problem of communication with neighborhoods has been going on for many years. He suggests that the neighborhoods petition the city to improve communications with neighborhood associations.
  - Carpenter stated that revision of Chapter 3 of 2040 will probably be discussed in late January. This would be an excellent time to lobby for neighborhood notice. Shipley suggested that Boyle start petition for presentation to Planning Commission. Henderson suggested we take this back to our neighborhood. Webber stated that contacting NA required an up-to-date list of contacts to all neighborhoods.
  - Shipley asked about use of smart code on development proposed for 23<sup>rd</sup> and Naismith. Carpenter stated that he has not heard about using the smart code, but that once Horizon 2040 is revised, the smart code will not align with it.
- Kten Crossing
  - Henderson reviewed an updated development proposal for the southeast corner of Iowa and K-10. (KTen Crossing).
  - **This is the third proposal by the Developer (Collett). In 2014, Planning Commission denied first proposal (around 500,000 square feet). In 2015 Planning Commission passed second proposal 6-2 (around 250,000 square feet), but City Commission denied the project 4-1 (on 1/5/16), with Mayor Amyx emphasizing that the proper planning process had not been followed, along with the timing of jumping the SLT to the south. Findings of Fact were prepared by City staff to explain reasoning of commission, in case of lawsuit. (Developer did file suit against the city the city 2/5/18...still going on)**  
Link to 1/5/16 CC meeting video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fOiXKvEXA0&feature=youtu.be&list=PLzt8e\\_efB6wXeTvVFgK3TeiSJB1-1bFJ8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fOiXKvEXA0&feature=youtu.be&list=PLzt8e_efB6wXeTvVFgK3TeiSJB1-1bFJ8)

(Presentation begins at 49:40. Amyx' comments begin at 3:39:30)

Link to 1/5/16 CC minutes excerpt:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MERthgrDnFpawPFm00vsLasrNkAqVuU7>

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- Meantime, with the lawsuit still being negotiated, in 2017 the developer filed a new, larger plan for nearly **600,000 square feet of retail and commercial**. Plans call for about 395,000 square feet of retail development, about 50,000 square feet of new restaurants and 140,000 square feet of new hotels.

Link to LJW article: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=121HF-hQF1cGowR15LJigY4KD3eFvuErb>

- KDOT had concerns about access issues with the new proposal until the western leg of K-10 can be updated, but a temporary plan was worked out earlier this year

Link to LJW article:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TnOPiG9ruLCDpnk0LdlHAnK5W8U7t3tT>

- A State Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force, which was formed to develop the state's next transportation plan, heard testimony from officials representing Lawrence (and Douglas County) November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Link to PDF Summary of testimony:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IW0x49Lj7Fcj5p3Vjpxu3N076hxHWtE>

Link to KSleg Task Force web page (includes all testimony provided):

[http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/committees/ctte\\_tf\\_transportation\\_vision\\_1/documents/?date\\_choice=2018-11-08](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/committees/ctte_tf_transportation_vision_1/documents/?date_choice=2018-11-08)

- Henderson is concerned that while we are still involved in a law suit trying to protect our planning process, the state, governor, and city seem to be publicly supporting the currently proposed development. No changes in the planning process used in 2015-16 appear to have been addressed at this point in time. Planning Commission will hear this item in early 2019.
  - Kirkendall asked to see documents. Webber will put links in minutes when they are received from Henderson.
- Webber moved to adjourn. Stumblingbear seconded. Motion passed.