

Dec. 19, 2018 Draft Minutes

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

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Dec, 19th, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Introductions/Participants: Bart Littlejohn, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; 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; Ken Easthouse, Prairie Park Neighborhood Association representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association; Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commission / West Hills neighborhood resident; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative.

Elections for 2019: Slate; Courtney Shipley, Pres. Travis Harrod, Vice Pres., Edna Mosher, Treasurer, Gary Webber, Secretary. Henderson moved to elect the slate by acclamation' not contested, motion passed.

Accept minutes from November: Henderson, addition, page 2, under discussion items: Add "Henderson suggested they contact LAN and officers can forward to email list." Kirkendall moved to accept minutes as amended, Henderson seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Suenram. Account balance of \$2775.11. 2019 dues are due on Jan 16, 2019; \$25 neighborhood, \$5 individual.

Update from City Planning Department: Becky Pepper, city planner. Planning commission met on Dec. 17 to discuss Horizon 2040 (see below). For details on the meeting held on Dec. 19 and other updates, see online summary at: <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/lan17/>. Henderson asked if Pinckney had been working with the county on the Douglas County Crisis Center. Littlejohn confirmed that the developer had been working with the neighborhood. Pepper predicted that the January Planning Commission would be a long meeting.

Neighborhood reports:

- Shipley reported that Kasold is nearing completion.
- Brook Creek elected officers at December meeting.
- Suenram stated that East Lawrence adopted a family for Christmas. Representatives from the Hub did not appear at the last meeting as planned.
- Moser state that Schwegler is concerned that neighbors were notified of short term rental (STR) but not the neighborhood association. Pepper state that STR would require one or two authorizations from city. She was unsure about whether the neighborhoods are in the loop. Webber stated, and Larsen confirmed, that neighborhood notification is not in the ordinance. Also the city is negotiating with KU about transit hub on Bob Billings between Iowa and Crestline. Larsen thanked the mayor for his negotiation with KU.
- Stubblefield reported that Pinckney officers will be elected at December meeting. The developers of the Behavioral Health Campus will present again at their January meeting. Woody Park is still under discussion.

- Easthouse reported that Prairie Park has been somewhat leaderless for a while. They are rebuilding. They have asked for a traffic study on south Haskell. They believe a larger street is required.
- Kirkendall reported that Old West Lawrence submitted a CDBG grant application for a Tennessee Crossing.
- Thompson reported that Oread Neighborhood is currently discussing a proposed drop in center at 10th and Kentucky.
- Gibson reported that Barker is working on replacing their LAN representatives. She also reported that a group of Barker neighbors made a holiday donation to Centro Hispano. The Sunrise Project issued its annual report, reported a successful year. Unfortunately, coffee bar did not succeed and has closed.
- Webber reported Sunset Hill has been discussing power outages. Also, they discussed Ludlam Park.

Possible Change of date for meetings: Courtney asked for conflicts for Wednesday evening meeting. None were expressed.

Report on meeting with contractor to hire new City Manager: Seven neighborhood representatives met with a representative of the firm facilitating the hire of a new city manager. The representative met with Social Services, Developers, Business, Neighborhoods, and Education. They expect the process to take 5 months.

Additional Items from Participants:

- Shipley reported on Planning Commission meeting on Plan 2040. She suggests interested individuals to watch the recording of the 4-hour meeting. The meeting was long, but many interesting and important issues were discussed, especially around annexation, infill density, and the concept of “public good”.
- Henderson provided updated information on Kten Crossing regarding the governor's (Colyer) support of the project and KDOT's work with the city to design an acceptable access. A short-term solution which would include adding a stoplight appears to be acceptable. Upgrading the west leg of the SLT could happen down the road, which would revise the temporary access configuration at that time. Henderson is still concerned about whether or not the project has been following the current planning process, especially regarding updating the Revised Southern Development Area Plan, based on the applications submitted. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit the links in the November meeting minutes to learn more about this project.
- Webber mentioned that past LAN officers have compiled an annual achievements document. He will generate a draft report and submit in February.
- Webber will be traveling in January; we need a secretary to record minutes. Travis Harrod volunteered to serve as secretary for the January meeting.
- Henderson has been encouraging the City to ask the State to reduce the state sales tax on food. There has been some pushback from the city. The city is concerned that totally eliminating sales tax on food would reduce revenue for the city by about \$5 million. The commission has agreed to ask the legislature to reduce state sales tax on food. Henderson also asked the County to endorse this initiative and they agreed to add it to their Legislative Priorities statement. Both Mayor Boley and Vice-Mayor Larsen reiterated their concern about the revenue loss that would result from the removal of sales tax on food, and their support for the work of the city manager.

- Henderson mentioned that a recent survey that showed we have few jobs for college graduates. Attached are links to the LJW article and the study by the Urban Institute:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Z4VHaC4ME0ZWhjpmMQXE71pPUEX6_XiS
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WYT9Ogb9Mdwqa-iLVyYZTubmobZCaPDQ>

Gibson moved to adjourn, Stubblefield seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.