

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C
Jan 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:01p.m.

Accept minutes from December: Henderson motion accept with corrections. Stumblingbear 2nd. Passes.

Treasurer report: Moser and Cindy met w Capital Federal regarding LAN treasurer transition. Cap Fed wants to update LAN account and wants LAN documents. EID located but other documents still being sought. \$2800.11 balance.

Update from City Planning Department, Becky Pepper, city planner: Neighborhoods asked to check online city registry or review the sheet being passed around tonight and make updates regarding neighborhood points of contact for city staff.

Planning Commission items - Special Use Permit for Short Term Rentals? Smart development code will be used for 1st time at PC mtg next week. Progress of Horizon 2040 discussed along with meeting dates from Carpenter. PC is moving slow on review of Horizon 2040. Boley wants to know how Naismith Valley trail going north of 24th street will eventually connect to campus.

Neighborhood reports:

Prairie Park: organizing work day to help nature center

Barker: Sunrise Center offering community brunch Feb 2nd. Asking for RSVPs. Sunrise wants to be a community center.

ELNA: wants to use grant left over from 9th street project. New York Elementary School celebrating 150th anniversary.

Opportunity zone (OZ) discussion:

Kirkendall unhappy to find his neighborhood placed in OZ without input. Doesn't want to fight with developers taking advantage of tax break. What to do? Shouldn't wait for developers to come to us. We should tell developers what we want.

Allman: Can cities place constraints on use? Push development towards Venture business park.

Is city staff operating properly or with too little oversight? Is monthly status report necessary? Were City Commissioners properly advised of OZ issues before Commissioners directed staff they wanted to participate in OZ (this direction occurred before the zones were actually identified by the Feds).

City notice policy discussed and something LAN wants to continue to pursue.

The 3 effected neighborhoods and other volunteers will get together and study OZ prior to next LAN mtg in order to better advise the LAN.

Henderson wants to revisit who does economic development for the City. What has been done to create or bring good jobs to town? Why does Chamber of Commerce get grants yearly with no real accomplishments? Should LAN ask for study session with City Commission to discuss issues?

Shipley advises there will be City Commission election this year. Will LAN do questionnaire? LAN should pay attention to downtown steering committee meetings. Chamber sends out notice of vacant city board positions to persons on their list; why doesn't LAN? Should LAN have more specific policy statement on issues like annexation?

Mayor Larsen regarding communication from City to neighborhoods: contact City and tell them LAN wants to get that on the Commission agenda.

Shipley will head committee to work on LAN communication position. Should we revisit LAN bylaws etc; possibly at retreat?

Larsen and Boley are asked what LAN can do for them. They advise opportunity to listen at LAN meetings is great.

Harrod moves to adjourn meeting. 2nd Ken Easthouse. Adjourned at 8:42pm.