

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes
Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C
March 20th, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Bart Littlejohn, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence Inc.; Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association co-representative; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; George Diepenbrock, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept. /Prairie Park resident; Jennifer Dropkin, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association resident; Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member; Joe & Sue Herynk, West Lawrence residents; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, Mayor, City of Lawrence / West Hills resident ; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association temp. representative; Sonia Jordan, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept./Sunset Hill resident; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative

Accept minutes from February: Kirkendall motion to accept minutes, Longhurst second, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Edna Mosher: Don't forget to pay your dues for 2019! We have \$3005.11 in our bank account. We have ten neighborhood member neighborhoods; a quorum was present for this meeting.

Update from City Planning Department: Becky Pepper, city planner: March 25 Planning Commission meeting will include a discussion on growth, development, natural resources for the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and four Special Use Permits (SUP) for Short Term Rentals (STR). Many SUPs are coming before the commission now, as currently operating STRs come into compliance. At the mid-month meeting on March 27, rezoning at 23rd and Tennessee, and request for SUP for "The Hub" housing development, and rezoning for NE corner Wakarusa and Clinton Parkway. Follow the link above for complete update. The April Planning Commission mid-month meeting will include a discussion of alternative ways to handle SUPs for STRs.

Carpenter requested to address SUPs for STRs. The Planning Commission has asked applicants for additional information. The city is developing an interactive map of short term rentals. Feedback from neighborhoods would be helpful on the number of non-owner occupied that would be appropriate for the neighborhood. Neighborhoods should email information to the Planning Commission at Becky Pepper or Karen Willey.

Clarification of meeting date: Shipley reported that a poll asking for meeting date preferences (third Wednesday or third Thursday) was not conclusive. Shipley remembered that Boyle and Stubblefield had other commitments on Wed. evening. No motions were made to change the meeting date; it will remain the third Wednesday of each month.

Speaker: Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department (LDCHD) Health Equity Report, Sonia Jordan, Preparedness and Epidemiology Coordinator, LDCHD. The Health Dept. would like to

make certain that Douglas County residents understand that there is a difference between equality and equity. Equity is giving people what they need to succeed. Equality is giving everyone the same thing. They are also interested in how people interact with environmental conditions, society, and institutional structures from birth.

Their research indicates that income, education, race, and place greatly influence the health of Douglas County residents. Large disparities exist for birthweight, sexually transmitted diseases, and life expectancy among races. Sonia would like to encourage neighborhood associations to invite her to present at their meetings. [For the full report, please visit this link.](#)

Larsen asked what the next step is. Jordan answered that the Community Health Plan was written to address these disparities. Longhurst asked how our community can help underinsured. Jordan replied that the health dept. supports Medicare expansion. Boley suggested that underinsured should make use of Heartland Community Health Center. Dropkin stated that even with insurance, health care at LMH Health can be very costly. She encouraged LMH Health to be more transparent about costs for services prior to admittance.

Larsen stated that USD 497 has also issued an equity report. Jordan encouraged the commission to consider a city equity commission in addition to LMH Health equity council.

Sidewalks in West Lawrence: Herynk stated that the sidewalks were infrastructure like streets and that the cost of repair should be shared by all Lawrence residents. The city's Sidewalk Hazard Mitigation Program has chosen the neighborhood with the least problems to begin their program. This is not equitable, and the city at large should be paying for sidewalk repair, and starting in the oldest neighborhoods. Webber replied that although he and LAN agree with Mr. Herynk, recent efforts to implement changes in the way sidewalk repair is funded were not successful. Harrod encouraged him to continue to seek change, and to work to elect sympathetic commissioners.

Update on Opportunity Zones in Brook Creek, East Lawrence, and Barker neighborhood: Kirkendall made a presentation on the threats and potential opportunities of Opportunity Zones. They are advocating a number of recommendations to ensure equitable growth, development without displacement, and healthy communities of opportunity. These recommendations include:

- Residents set priorities in investment,
- Equity policies that govern investments,
- Dedicate local dollars in OZ projects,
- Monitor outcomes of OZ investments,
- Capitalize existing OZs, and
- Identify inconsistent zoning in neighborhoods.

Thompson stated that he was concerned about recommendation six and locking in current zoning. Webber moved to write letter to City Commission in support of these recommendations, Mosher seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Advertisements on LAN website: Webber reported that adds have appeared on the LAN website after 6 years without adds. They are really obnoxious. On the other hand, the web

site was not heavily used. A subscription to Wordpress costs \$60 annually and removes the adds. Mosher moved to pay a \$60 annual subscription to Wordpress, seconded by Kirkendall, the motion passed unanimously.

Archives of meeting minutes: Shipley has notebooks of printed minutes prior to our current archive (before 2013). Webber will scan, Harrod will OCR, Webber will post to web site.

Neighborhood reports: deffered

Harrod moved to adjourn, Collison seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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