

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes
Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C
April 17th, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Bart Littlejohn, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Bonnie Uffman, Barker neighborhood resident; Brian Thomas, Lawrence Resident; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence Inc.; David Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association resident; Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association co-representative; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Ken Easthouse, Prairie Park Neighborhood Association representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, Mayor, City of Lawrence / West Hills resident ; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Michael Almon, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association resident; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association temp. representative; Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative

Accept minutes from March: Longhurst moved to approve minutes, Easthouse seconded, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Edna Mosher: Don't forget to pay your dues for 2019, and update neighborhood representative information on the city website. \$3030.11 in bank, 10 neighborhood members, one individual member, 8 representatives present at the meeting.

Update from City Planning Department: Becky Pepper, city planner: The Planning commission will discuss STRs at April 22 meeting, and this topic will go before the City Commission tentatively on May 14. The Comprehensive Plan 2040 will also be discussed at the April 22 PC meeting.

Shipley asked is LAN felt comfortable with her speaking for LAN on items we have discussed, specifically STRs. Comments expressed support for her speaking for the Association. Pepper stated that Brian Jimenez has identified around 100 STRs in the city limits. Collison believes the city needs a better procedure for determining whether a property is owner occupied or non-owner occupied.

A full update of P&DS activity and calendar is available at the link above.

Speaker: Megan Poindexter from the Douglas County Senior Resource Center (SRC), formerly Douglas County Senior Services. Poindexter stated that identifying and connecting with seniors living independently is challenging. Neighborhood associations could help with identifying this subgroup of seniors.

The SRC has relocated to Peaslee Tech for a total of 2.5 years during renovation of the Vermont Street property. Unfortunately, many programs have slowed down or stopped during this relocation. Estimated completion date is September, 2019. They have been

gathering information about what needs improvement, and hope to revitalize programs that have lapsed when they return to the Vermont St. property.

Definition of “Senior” varies by agency, beginning at 55-67 years of age. The SRC offers many “Resources”, including referrals, information support, transportation, counseling, help with Medicare enrollment, events, classes, and more. They no longer provide delivered meals, congregate meals, or daily programs for seniors who can’t be alone. They have been asked to provide more education, creativity, recreation, social, and fun activities. They also hope to start grandparent play groups, restaurant groups, container gardening, museum groups, and mentoring connections.

Partners include LMH Health, Just Food, Tenants to Homeowners, Midland Care/PACE, and Lawrence Arts Center, and they are looking for more. Community members can help by identifying neighbors in need, suggesting programs and services, and volunteering. NAs are encouraged to invite Poindexter to NA meetings to present to members.

Contact Megan Poindexter, 785-842-0543, mpoindexter@YourSRC.org, www.YourSRC.org.

Text amendment to city code: Collison stated that a text amendment on affordable housing has been proposed that would allow two small affordable houses on one lot owned and controlled by Tenants to Homeowners (TtoH). In addition, a second amendment has been proposed that opens up this up to private property owners. Almon stated that he is not sure that this amendment is the best tool for generating affordable housing. He is concerned by the concept of increasing density in the oldest, lowest income neighborhoods. Lots in some neighborhoods are very small. 90% of TtoH properties are east of Massachusetts. He believes this would work better on larger lots and dispersed throughout the city.

Boyle stated that NLIA helped TtoH get a variance on Elm St., and that North Lawrence has many Habitats for Humanity homes. However, they are against increases in density in their neighborhood due primarily to storm water concerns. They also believe STRs increase the cost of housing.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Pinckney annual picnic coming on first weekend of June in Clinton Park.
- Downtown Lawrence Association encourages all residents to shop locally. Farmers market opened last Sunday.
- Schwegler is isolated by construction all around the neighborhood. They are learning to live with the bicycle boulevard. They held their annual meeting last month, and are conducting second Sunday lunches at West Coast Saloon.
- Brook Creek is working on refining their mission and vision statement. Annual Cleanup of Brook Creek Park will be held April 22. They are hiring a neighborhood coordinator. They have a new president who started in January.
- East Lawrence hopes that local traffic is not adversely affected by the bicycle boulevard. They are rebuilding a brick sidewalk April 27, in the 1100 block of Connecticut. Ninth Street continues. The Ninth project should be complete in

mid-June. They are working with New York school to celebrate the school's 150th anniversary.

- The Bicycle Boulevard plan will be presented to City Commission in early June, the Transit Hub will be presented on May 7.
- OWLA is quiet, but still needs a traffic crossing on Tennessee at Seventh. They will be discussing STRs at their next meeting.
- Prairie Park will be finalizing their neighborhood yard sale date. Officer elections take place in June. They are awaiting construction of a SRTS sidewalk on East 25th Terrace.
- Barker is busy; 19th Street is still in process.
- NLIA is doing well, their annual garage sale will happen the weekend after Mother's Day. The project behind Johnny's is still moving through the process. There may be a grocery store in North Lawrence. There is an article on North Lawrence in Lawrence Business Magazine.
- Sunset Hill held its annual meeting last night, 71 attended. They have adopted Centennial Park, and will clean it three times each year.

Henderson asked that 2019 municipal elections be added to the May agenda. If needed, the primary will be on August 3. She has been the LAN rep to the Voter Education Coalition for a number of years, and is looking for a replacement. Patrick Wilbur is stepping down as well.

Conditional Zoning changes: (from December?) deferred until May meeting.

Easthouse moved to adjourn, Boyle seconded, motion passed at 8:52.