

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes  
June 19th, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Room B, Lawrence Public Library

**Participants:** Alix Fisk, KU Center for Community Health Development; Amy Ousdahl, Neighborhood Coordinator, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association; 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. representative; Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association co-representative; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill 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; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association temp. representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative;

**Accept minutes from May:** Longhurst moved to accept, Kirkendall seconded, accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Edna Mosher: (Don't forget to pay your dues for 2019, and update neighborhood rep info on the city website) Bank balance is \$2995.11. 7 neighborhoods represented of 12 enrolled.

**Update from City Planning Department:** Becky Pepper, city planner: June planning Commission now meeting once a week since comprehensive Plan review is finished. The will meet Monday, June 24, then on fourth Wednesday from then on. Current agenda includes residential development in Brook Creek, renewing SUP for Research Services, rezoning request for plat for property NW of Free State, text amendment on affordable housing discussion.

Henderson asked to discuss neighborhood notification. Brook Creek was notified by city staff about development at Brook Creek. However, developer did not contact the neighborhood. Henderson also asked about development in North Lawrence. She asked about staff gathering data about RS5 lots. Pepper stated it is still in process. Larson stated that CC plans to receive all density data around the first of the year. Pepper encouraged participants to take the Downtown Master Plan survey.

**Speaker:** Frankie Foster-Davis with the Census Bureau. Foster-Davis stated that Douglas County has recently formed a complete count committee. She is currently recruiting for census takers and supervisors. Census is taken for apportionment, funding allocation, and because it is required by law. The Bureau is hoping that most respondents will self-report online. Recruited census personnel will visit non self-reporters. The bureau is looking for census takers (\$12/hr.) and supervisors (\$15/hr.). She encourages applicants to apply now to start work next year. Applicants can apply and get security clearance online. Henderson asked what complete count committee

does. Foster-Davis replied that they make certain hard to reach areas are aware of census and support recruiting. Recruiting for census takers closes at the end of the month.

**Items from the participants:** Lawrence Public Library representative Kaitlin Stanley spoke. The library is conducting a digital archiving project. Residents can bring documents to be archived, but they are primarily interested in web-based information about Lawrence. Here is additional information from Kaitlin:

*Community Webs is a deliberate community-based practice concerned with ensuring public access to information in the present, and well into the future, through the process of preserving digital and online content. Content may include: Oral histories, social-media radio, music and performances, TV, videos, websites and blogs. The web serves as a primary space where community members go for information. The average website remains unchanged for ~90 days making the web more ephemeral than we tend to think. The rapidly changing nature of the internet can skew future perspectives of history. Archiving captures and preserves websites & web-based information, creating trusted, reliable citations. It preserves community histories, guaranteeing continual, free access to information. The archival process of Community Webs is guided by community members. So, what's important to you, Lawrence? Stop by the Lawrence Public Library July 18th-20th to find out how you can help preserve the history of Lawrence and Douglas County through the Community Webs archiving project!*

*For details about the project or archiving event:*

*Email Kaitlin at [hcintern@lplks.org](mailto:hcintern@lplks.org)*

*Or, visit the Lawrence Public Library Facebook page or website!*

*<https://www.facebook.com/events/616976538801670/>*

*<http://bit.ly/lplcommunityweb>*

Alix Fisk of the Ku Center for Community Health Development is working with Boys and Girls club to get input on use of the program. They are looking for 1000 responses, and would like help from neighborhoods to solicit responses. Here is a link to the survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GG6R5XV?fbclid=IwAR249ZGVAPA1bfKaH-9EJUqCA9gGzGMCcw-cZcSyE31Ein6nYfP2nq8E\\_5k](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GG6R5XV?fbclid=IwAR249ZGVAPA1bfKaH-9EJUqCA9gGzGMCcw-cZcSyE31Ein6nYfP2nq8E_5k)

**23rd Street Corridor Study:** Visioning Session June 25th, 8:00-12:00, Open House June 26th 5:00-7:00 pm.

**Neighborhood notification update:** A flowsheet was distributed with information on who would be notified when. Henderson asked that additional notification on development should be required. Larson stated that the commission could discuss additional notification. Boyle stated that notification controversy began a year ago over lack of notification of speed humps in North Lawrence. This also came up 15 years ago when city had consulting firm work on Smart Codes, and communication between city hall and the neighborhoods. At that time, suggestions by a consultant were gutted by

the City Commission and passed in their present form. Boyle maintains that increased notification should be codified. Shipley suggested a subcommittee to make recommendations. Boyle suggested letters. Larsen said that it would be helpful if LAN developed a list of suggested changes to notification codes. Collison, Boyle, and Henderson volunteered to serve on a subcommittee.

**Update on Opportunity Zones:** Diane Stoddard reached out to Shipley that city wants to put together a group of people interested in OZs. She would like LAN involved. McClure believes Brook Creek, East Lawrence, and Barker should be represented. Collison volunteered to represent. Webber moved to appoint Collison to represent LAN, McClure seconded, passed unanimously.

Plan 2040 update: Planning will vote to authorize Chair and Vice-Chair to sign Planning Commission Resolution on June 24.

**Update on text amendment to city code on affordable housing:** Henderson reported that Sandy Day is the planner working on this. The Affordable Housing Advisory Board discussed this amendment. AHAD would like an additional house on a single lot to be affordable. The document will go to Planning Commission of June 24. Henderson understands this primarily relates to new development. This relates to a project at 19<sup>th</sup> and Bullene brought forward by Tenants to Homeowners and Tim Keller, owner of the former Silverback building. Boyle does not think increasing number of units possible on a lot is best way to increase density. Collison stated that this is why outside agency should be administering this type of development and following it. He asked if accessory dwelling units were still part of the plan. Kelly stated that this amendment did not address accessory dwellings, and is still being discussed. Collison stated that we need density and affordable dwellings all over town, not just east of Massachusetts. Thompson stated that single-family zoning should be eliminated to allow multi-family dwellings city-wide.

Pepper noted that Short Term Rental (STR) rules are going back to City Commission during one of the July meetings. Collison asked about the fee. Pepper replied that for non-owner occupied fee is \$725 and requires a Special Use Permit (SUP). Owner occupied pays the standard rental license fee. Courtney asked if multi-family units pay only one fee. Pepper replied that request for three units in complex paid only one fee.

Longhurst asked if participants were aware that the current budget more than tripled City Commission salary. Larsen stated she spends around 30 hours a week on city business. Longhurst stated he thought such an increase was unreasonable.

### **Neighborhood reports:**

- Schwegler is holding their quarterly meeting this month.
- Prairie Park will host garage sale this month.
- The North Lawrence underpass was flooded recently because there was no backup generator. Boyle stated the city should back up this storm water pump.

- Old West Lawrence will hold their quarterly meeting this month.
- Picnic recently held at Pinckney. July fourth event will be in the neighborhood. The event will be ADA accessible.
- Brook Creek has a new coordinator, Amy Ousdahl. Henderson asked if participants were concerned about fireworks ban enforcement in their neighborhoods.
- Downtown Lawrence thinks the Community Building should not be closed to walk in clients.
- East Lawrence moving on East Lawrence Arts Project. They are experiencing a major water main break.

Shipleigh thanked County and City Commissioners for attending.

Longhurst moved to adjourn, Collison seconded, passed unanimously.