

## **Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes**

**Lawrence Public Library, meeting room B**

**December 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; Dillon Heter, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association resident; Edna Mosher, Schwegler Neighborhood Association 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 ; Nick Kuzmyak, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative

**Accept minutes from November:** Motion to approve minutes by Kirkendall, seconded by Thompson, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report (Edna Mosher):** Balance of \$3050.11 in the bank, 8 of 12 neighborhood members present, no change from November.

**Update from City Planning Department (Becky Pepper, city planner):** Pepper discussed the notable development projects in the planning phase. Downtown Master Plan Committee meeting on January 13, and will present to City Commission on January 14. [For a complete list of items before the commission, see the City Web page.](#)

**Election of officers:** Thompson volunteered for Treasurer, Heeter volunteered for Vice Chairman. Harrod volunteered for Chairman. Webber will continue as Treasurer. Henderson moved, and Heeter seconded to elect by acclamation. No dissension, motion passes.

**Fiscal Impact Study Committee, RFQ:** Kirkendall was asked to represent LAN on the committee. He said has attended just one meeting so far, and passed around a copy of the RFQ for the study. He discussed the purpose of the RFQ, and expressed concern about the minimally defined scope. Kuzmyak stated that there were very few consultants who conduct these studies. He believes the scope was left loose until a consultant is selected. Kirkendall said the selection committee has four members.

Henderson was unable to attend the meeting to represent LAN. She stated that although growth may pay for itself in the short term, in the long term it does not. She also stated that currently 40% of street maintenance projects in need of repair are not funded for repair.

Harrod asked who will be the representative for LAN. Henderson stated that she attended to back up Shipley, and participated in a previous similar study. Webber moved that Kirkendall represent LAN and Henderson serve as backup. Collison seconded, motion passed.

Collison stated that there must have been a time when growth paid for itself, and that it should be relatively easy to see if the expenses and income balance. Kirkendall stated that few cities look beyond 5 years when considering maintenance costs, but that looking at maintenance requirements for a longer period would be more realistic. Collison thought such a study should be relatively straightforward.

Kirkendall stated that Lawrence has done a good job with plan 2040, stating we will grow within our current footprint if possible.

Harrod cautioned that the LAN should be consulted if major issues arise. Kirkendall said he will know more by the time of the January meeting, and will update everyone.

**19th Street update:** Henderson stated that the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition met with David Cronin and expressed their concerns that the Coalition had been promised they would be listened to but have not been. The consultants never met with the Coalition, and the 22 ft. option was never included. The proposal is going back to the Multi-modal Transportation Commission with a 22 ft. option, and then will go to the Commission in early 2020.

**Neighborhood reports:**

- Barker: Continuing construction on 15<sup>th</sup> street.
- East Lawrence: They adopted a family for Christmas. They are watching the 8<sup>th</sup> and Penn. Project. They are also watching the 13<sup>th</sup> street bicycle boulevard. Kuzmyak stated that recent deliberation by the City Commission indicated that they would be starting on 13<sup>th</sup> street in 2021 at the earliest.
- Sunset Hill: Fall EC meeting took place of Dec. 4, where they planned for 2020 annual meeting.
- Brook Creek: They are focused on 19<sup>th</sup> street. They had elections, and need a secretary. No specific plans for 2020.
- Pinckney: They had a meeting with the health dept. on a community garden. They are looking for a coordinator.
- Oread Residents: Lots of snow on sidewalks, but generally quiet.
- Schwegler: Had the quarterly meeting/party on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. They have had an interesting impact by putting out yard signs for meetings. These can be recycled campaign signs. Rebecca Buford of Tenants to Homeowners made a presentation. During construction on 19<sup>th</sup>, no left turn from 21<sup>st</sup> onto Iowa. The city wants to wait until after bike boulevard is installed before considering permanent blockage of left turns.
- Old West Lawrence: They thank City Commission for voting to take the City of Lawrence to 100% renewable.

**Other items from participants:** Harrod asked members to review mission statement and goals for potential changes.

Webber moved to adjourn, Kirkendall seconded. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Gary Webber, LAN Secretary December 20, 2019