

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

**Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C**

**January 15, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Charlie Bryan, Quail Run resident; Courtney Shipley, City Commissioner; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence Inc. representative; Dillon Heter, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association resident; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Gene Dorsey, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Holli Joyce, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commissioner / West Hills resident ; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Michael Almon, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; 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 December meeting:** Motion to accept by Longhurst, seconded by Kirkendall , motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report, Kyle Thompson:** \$3,050.11 in account, no change on members. Don't forget to pay your dues for 2020!

**Update from City Planning Department, Becky Pepper, city planner:** Pepper discussed the notable development projects in the planning phase. [For a complete list of items before the commission, see the City Web page.](#)

**Speaker:** Frankie Foster-Davis, Recruiting Assistant U.S. Census Bureau. Foster-Davis visited with LAN last fall. She is recruiting census enumerators for Douglas County. The goal is to have a minimum number of enumerators for each neighborhood based on population. The county is "red" status, meaning we do not have enough applicants. We need a total of 74 applicants to reach yellow status, and over 600 to reach green status.

Foster-Davis reviewed the status of various NAs. She encouraged NAs to post to NextDoor, or contact their members in other ways and urge them to apply. Pay is \$25 per hour. Apply at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html> or call 1-855-JOB-2020. Webber will post flyer and info. to Web page. Henderson will post to Facebook.

**Identify issues we expect / want to address this year:** Henderson wants to invite Jeff Crick to speak about the second half of the development process. She believes neighborhoods need more input into this part of process.

**Review the LAN Mission Statement, Policy Document, discuss whether updates are needed:** Kuzmyak suggested edits to the LAN Policy Document to include that growth should pay for itself in the long term.

Henderson suggested we review the Policy Statement and Mission statement in sections over the next year. Harrod agreed to schedule review of these documents in future agendas.

Harrod asked if LAN needed to address the upcoming election. Henderson agreed to recruit someone from the League of Women Voters to make a presentation to LAN. Longhurst stated that some candidates are promoting policies detrimental to neighborhoods. Although LAN should be non-partisan, he wondered whether we should address these candidates. Harrod stated his goal is to lead us toward issues we can address effectively and was nervous about becoming overtly political. Joyce supported this view. Almon stated that we are proscribed from supporting individual candidates, but it is very appropriate to address and encourage voter turnout. Heter suggested we might want to focus on supporting aspects like rides to polling places, rather than getting out the vote. Henderson suggested we might invite local candidates who have a more direct effect on neighborhoods. Harrod stated that County and City officials are most important to LAN.

#### **Neighborhood reports:**

- Barker: 15<sup>th</sup> street repair nearly finished.
- East Lawrence: They may need to cut back from 6 newsletters to 3 or 4 per year. Chili Feed on Jan 21, New York School. Yard sale March 28.
- Brook Creek: Held a meeting last week, staying on top of 19<sup>th</sup> street redesign. Staff is considering a 22 ft. wide street. Staff recently met with representatives of the neighborhood. The resulting scope of design will go to Multi-modal Transportation Commission at an upcoming meeting. They also discussed homeless living in nearby woods. This was discussed in the City Commission meeting last night.
- Pinckney: They are still seeking a communications coordinator. Pinckney Elementary School has a sale to support the school on Feb. 15 all day. Phase 3 is under construction at the mental health campus.
- Schwegler: New representatives to LAN attended.
- Old West Lawrence: They will meet on Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. at Watkins Museum.
- Downtown: Jan 17 is the start of Restaurant Week. Longhurst encouraged neighborhoods to support the Lawrence Downtown.
- Dad Perry Park: Vehicles still speeding on Kasold.
- Quail Run: Over 1000 members in the neighborhood on NextDoor, so active neighborhood.

Longhurst moved to adjourn, Joyce seconded, passed. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Gary Webber, LAN Secretary January 15, 2020