

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

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February 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Brandon McGuire, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence Inc. representative; Diane Stoddard, City of Lawrence, Asst. City Manager; Dillon Heter, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association resident; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Holli Joyce, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commissioner / West Hills resident ; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Nick Kuzmyak, Pinckney Neighborhood Association representative; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Tom Harper, Centennial Neighborhood Association; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative

Accept minutes from January meeting: Longhurst moved to accept minutes, Kirkendall seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Thompson (Don't forget to pay your dues for 2020) Bank balance of \$3,155.11, 7 paid members.

Update from City Planning Department: Becky Pepper, city planner. Pepper reviewed business before the Planning Commission. [For a complete list of items before the commission, see the City Web page.](#) Following review, discussion of future of CDBG funds, and possibility of future reductions.

Speaker: Tom Harper – Harper is concerned about redevelopment in the 1700 block of Tennessee and Kentucky. Small homes are being replaced by large, 4-unit apartment complexes. This area is just south of Oread Neighborhood. The zoning in this area is RM-32. City mapping shows it is in Babcock Neighborhood, which is currently not active as a neighborhood association. He believes that the scale is not consistent with the neighborhood. Most of these units are 4-plexes, 2-bedroom apartments. He is also concerned with storm water runoff. Henderson was concerned about increase use of infrastructure. Kuzmyak maintained that increased density was more sustainable than building up the periphery of the city.

Harper stated that to protect this neighborhood, they would need an overlay district. However, the neighborhood association is not active, so this is unlikely to happen in the Babcock Neighborhood. He suggests that neighborhoods must be aware of zoning to keep this from happening. Collison maintained that there should be a disincentive for large lot development if we are serious about increasing density.

To end on a positive note, Harper stated that a single-family dwelling at 1846 Alabama was currently being renovated.

Speaker: Diane Stoddard, Asst. City Manager, re Strategic Plan. Stoddard described the current effort to revise and update the Strategic Plan. McGuire stated that in there are more opportunities to learn about the 2020 Strategic Plan. Stoddard encouraged the group to comment. Comments were captured and will be included in plan input.

Neighborhood reports: deferred until March meeting.

Additional items from Participants:

- Kuzmyak introduced book written by Strong Neighborhoods to aide neighborhoods to deal with development. Questions should go to Nick Kuzmyak.

- Henderson provided update on Short Term Rental (SRT) policy. Recent commission meeting discussed effect of SRTs on stability of neighborhood. Policy sent back to staff for more work. Staff plans to bring back to commission in April. She maintained that LAN should write a letter advocating that non owner-occupied STRs should not a use by right. Boley clarified that motion was to reject proposed ordinances. This will be added to the March agenda.
- Collison asked for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to be added to the March agenda. It will be addressed if we have time.
- Henderson provided update on Cost of Use study. Four groups were interviewed and ranked, and one group chosen unanimously.

Henderson moved to adjourn, Kuzmyak seconded, motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Gary Webber, LAN Secretary February 20, 2020.