

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Online via Zoom

April 15, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Association representative; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Holli Joyce, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Melinda Henderson, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Michael Almon, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association representative; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative

Rules Discussion: We have a quorum. Harrod asked if members would give permission to meet virtually, to vote on motions during those virtual meetings, and for Executive Board/President to schedule meetings. All three options were approved by acclamation. He also asked if there was anything we need to address.

Accept minutes from January meeting: Joyce moved to accept minutes, Hill seconded, motion passed to accept minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Thompson - Bank balance of \$3200.11, 8 paid members.

Update from City Planning Department: Becky Pepper, city planner. Pepper reviewed business before the Planning Commission. She mentioned that the April agenda will be two nights, April 20th and 22nd. They will meet virtually, and input must be written, or provided virtually with registration. Harrod asked about item 3 on the 22nd, regarding zoning change for Oldfather Studios on 9th. He asked who was the applicant and if KU is selling the property. Pepper replied to Harrod's question, and KU was the applicant. Collison remarked on item 2, April 20th that requested a change from multi-family home to detached dwelling. The requested change was discussed. Collison cautioned that changes to plans should be carefully reviewed. [For a complete list of items before the commission, see the City Web page.](#)

Pandemic Related Items: Harrod asked for input on anything special we should do in this unique time. Joyce encouraged us to communicate as precisely as possible. Harrod stated that he emailed members about this meeting directly instead of through the listserve. His plan going forward is to move back to using the listserve for all communications. Webber clarified that there are currently 104 members on the listserve. Shipley encouraged Harrod to only email the virtual meeting invitations, and not to post to social media.

Harrod stated that during the pandemic debt collection may become a problem. He encourages anyone who is experiencing debt collection problems to contact him. He also stated that he was concerned about Downtown, and wondered if LAN should be involved. Joyce mentioned that scams are also a problem, and that information on scams can be shared on a number of formats. Harrod agreed that scams and other criminal activity that targeted seniors are a problem. Thompson was concerned how landlords in Oread and city-wide would be affected by possible shutdown of KU in the fall.

Almon wondered if it would be possible to donate part of our federal CARE benefits. Shipley stated that we are not formally a not-for-profit, so could probably not accept donations. Hill asked if we might be able to be a resource to Lawrence residents. Collison stated that East Lawrence was trying to point to resources rather than be a resource. Boley commented that Douglas County Unified Command was leading the efforts to coordinate a response, and that the city has not yet received information on how funds (especially sales tax) are being affected by the pandemic.

Harrod stated that the next meeting will be virtual on May 20, 7:00 pm. He would like to have the Kristen Salmans from the League of Women Voters make a presentation regarding the upcoming election. If you would like to contact him, his preferred email is travis@harrodlawfirm.net.

Additional items from Participants: Shipley asked if we wanted to record and post to web page. Collison cautioned us about recording our meetings. He believed minutes are adequate. Boley responded that there are links in the City Commission Meeting minutes to specific topics on the video.

Webber asked Boley if the recent discussion of the bicycle boulevard meant that there are problems with this project. Boley stated that he has come to believe that Bicycle Boulevards are not currently tenable, especially in light of shortfalls in revenue that may be coming, and the large amount of deferred maintenance.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Harrod (Springwood Heights) mentioned that out-of-town developer is again looking at Clinton Parkway and Crestline. You should plan to hear from him on this matter in the future.
- Collison (East Lawrence) stated that there will be no newsletter this month, and they have lost a major funding event due to the pandemic.
- Hill (Old West Lawrence) has a subcommittee on ADUs that will be reporting to the association.
- Thompson (Oread) is concerned about landlords in Oread.
- Courtney (Dad Perry Park) asked Webber if Sunset Hill had discussed ADUs. Webber stated that the SHNA Executive Committee was asked by a member in March to provide a letter of support to the Planning Commission supporting ADUs in RS5 zones. The EC provided a letter supporting the zoning change.
- Almon (Brook Creek) stated that Brook Creek has not had a meeting in April, will try virtual in May. They are discussing the east 19th project, and the ADU question. He believes the NA likes ADUs, but that including them in RS5 zones increases density in the densest parts of the city. There will be no Brook Creed newsletter this month.
- Joyce (Schwegler) stated that Ousdahl traffic is increasing. They conducted their membership meeting and election online.

Webber moved to adjourn, Joyce seconded, motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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