

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes
Via Zoom video conference
September 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Holli Joyce, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member; Josh Coulter, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Goins, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; 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; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative

Accept minutes from August 19, 2020 meeting: Minutes approved by acclamation (Joyce, motion to approve & Collison 2nd).

Treasurer report by Thompson: Current balance = \$3330.11, members encouraged to pay their dues. Eight of eleven members in attendance.

Update from City Planning Department, Becky Pepper, city planner: Please submit comments or sign up to attend Planning Commission meeting by noon, Monday, Sept. 21. Monday meeting is joint meeting, no business meeting. Public hearing items heard on Sept. 23. The first two items are preliminary plats, followed by a SUP request from Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Fourth is rezoning request for Hillcrest Shopping Center property at Centennial and Yale. Fifth item is SUP for fast food drive-in at 4300 W. 24th Place. Sixth is text amendment to Chapter 20 of code. Seventh is request for variance at 701 East 19th Street. ADU text amendment is ongoing.

[Follow this link to view the current and previous updates.](#)

Presenter: Adam Weigel, City of Lawrence Transit & Parking Manager regarding the Lawrence Transit Multimodal Transfer Facility project. Weigel started as T&P Manager in mid-March. He reviewed the progress toward a transfer facility over last few years, including two location surveys. At present, the city has settled with KU and has an MOU on a property on the south side of Bob Billings east of Crestline.

Weigel believes we need to plan routes before designing the Transfer Facility. There are several ways the system can be set up, including a hub model, a grid model, and hybrids. Over the next two years, the city will undertake:

- 2 route redesign studies (KU students and consultant)
- Summer 2021 we should know basic route design, followed by
- Facility design, and finally
- Transfer Facility construction predicted August 2022.

Almon asked if consultant the city is currently working with is also undertaking route design. Adam answered that the consultant was working on an electric bus program, not specifically the Transfer

Facility project. Almon asked if the kickoff meeting for Electric bus program has been scheduled. Answer is not yet but should be scheduled at PTAC meeting on October 12. When scheduled, meetings will be on the city website.

The city is currently conducting a route survey with KU, trying to reach residents via several venues beyond Lawrence Listens. They are also working with the bus drivers and reaching out to neighborhoods. Weigel also stated that amenities on 7 sites will be improved this fall, and 21 additional sites are in design.

Agenda item 1: Short Term rentals. Harrod introduced this item since it is coming back before the commission soon. He estimates it will come before the commission before our next LAN meeting. Shipley briefly reviewed the status of the text amendment.

Kuzmyak asked about concern about corporate ownership and how this can be limited. Current solution is limiting owners to three STRs, but this might not stop a savvy corporation. He suggested we investigate options. Shipley suggested Kuzmyak contact Vice-Mayor Finkeldei.

Ellenbecker shared her research on STRs in Fort Collins, CO. They do not allow non owner-occupied STRs in residential neighborhoods. She believes this is a good solution. Hill suggested one way that corporations can avoid restrictions when purchasing houses with STRs. She believes this should be addressed. Collison stated that STRs in residential areas compete with affordable housing. He does not support non owner-occupied STRs.

Agenda Item 2: LAN will start using its own Zoom account in October. This will add a number of features. Participants will probably be asked to register.

Agenda Item 3: A special City Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 17, 5:30 pm, regarding violations of health orders and enabling enforcement of health directives. Deadline for correspondence is 5:00 pm. Harrod stated that in Journal World article on Sept 14, the DA's office stated that they do not do investigations. He believes that the DA has the power to investigate and is avoiding the issue. He also believes that the city suffers if KU fails and is forced to cancel classes. Carpenter commented that it would be very beneficial if Dr. Marcellino, county Health Officer, were included in the meeting. Ellenbecker asked if alcohol and underage drinking were involved in recent incidents. Shipley asked if use of noise violations as an excuse to break up parties was a questionable practice. Thompson thanked Shipley for speaking up on this issue at City Commission meeting.

Neighborhood reports:

- Oread Neighborhood Residents: Thompson reported about parties in Oread, and is hopeful that the issue will be resolved at special committee meeting.
- Pinckney: LMH project is ongoing, streetscape improvements on 2nd and better COVID testing facility. Contact Nick if your neighborhood wants to work with Pickney on a Halloween Lip-sync party. Shipley encouraged Kuzmyak to contact Downtown Lawrence Assn. Temporary homeless camping site may be in Woody Park in Pinckney neighborhood. Stay tuned.
- Sunset Hill: Annual meeting on Sept. 22. Goans thanked city staff for recommending denial of rezoning in Hillcrest Shopping Center.
- Dad Perry Park: City Commissioners invited to Affordable Housing Board retreat, discussed area in the neighborhood that may be good for affordable housing. Shipley supports this.

- ELIA: East Lawrence will be holding family event on Oct. 3, 5-10 pm.
- Barker: Lots of loud motorcycles in the neighborhood, but we can't have roosters?
- Schwegler: General meeting on Sept. 28.
- OWL: Last night, art center had pop-up music event in OWL. They also recently had a get-together weekend. Hill thanked City Commission for crossing on Tennessee.
- Centennial Neighborhood working on organizing and getting started again.
- Brook Creek: Watching variance request for property at 701 E 19th. They are also watching newly planned facilities campus moved from 11th and Haskell to north of Venture Business Park. They are concerned about 19th street traffic. Some neighbors adjacent to the property have concerns about noise and light.
- Kuzmyak promoted joint meeting of Planning Commission and City Commission on Monday, Sept. 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM (Collison motion to adjourn, Hill 2nd, passes by acclamation)

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on Sept. 17, 2020.