

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

January 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning Manager; 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; Kirk McClure, Old West Lawrence Association; 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; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative; Adam Weigel, Lawrence Transit Manager; Dennis Brown, Lawrence Preservation Alliance; Felice Lavergne, Lawrence Transit Planner; Rebekah Humphrey-Sewell, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; Karen Heeb, South Siders of North 1300 Rd. representative; Kate Lorenz, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association resident

Accept minutes from January 20, 2021 meeting: Joyce moved to approve, Hill seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3455.11 balance, 11 members. 7 representatives present, quorum. Pay dues for 2021!

Becky Pepper, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS): February Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Wed., Feb. 26. Most items are county related. Item #2, Rezoning of property at 5275 W. Sixth from RM12 to IL for a mini-warehouse, staff does not recommend rezoning. Item #3, Rezoning at 1733 Mass. St. from CS to RM24. The remainder are county items. One new site plan submitted for an apartment complex at 3250 Michigan adjacent to highway 40 east of Walmart. 240 dwelling units, affordable housing.

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

Guest Speaker, Dennis Brown, Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA): LPA has been working with an award program, Progress in Preservation Award, for some time. They are looking for different, positive projects in older neighborhoods (50 years or older). The winner receives a yard sign, and LPA writes a project description that is distributed on social media. Brown is asking neighborhood representatives to let LPA know if they see good candidates. Email to lawrencepreservation@gmail.com. Brown listed several prior winners, including whole-house remodels, brick sidewalk renewals, additions, and many more.

Brown also reminded neighborhoods that if they have abandoned/derelict properties, it would help to reach out to LPA with an address. LPA might be able to help if they know before it is too late. Shipley mentioned that a good deal of money was raised for St. Luke AME Church at Ninth and New York, and LPA should be congratulated. Every dollar collected in LPA membership drive went to the church for repair and remodeling. See more at <http://lawrencepreservation.org/>.

Harrod praised 2 permanent display posters recently installed that highlight the Grover Barn.

Guest Speaker, Adam Weigel, City of Lawrence Transit Manager, Seeking comments on two proposed City Transit route changes: Route changes that go in effect in August are usually put forward in April to give students and other residents a chance to comment. Route 1 and 29 are changing this year, and Weigel wanted LAN to get a preview. Route 1 would shift from 11th to 7th, then continuing south on Delaware, reconnecting to the existing route at 11th and Delaware. Collison mentioned that the Wishing Bench might be able to be repositioned and serve as a bus stop. Route 29 changes a small portion from a loop to two-way. It also removes a loop just east of this section. Two-way routes generally work better for patrons than loops.

Weigel also mentioned that Transit staff met with bus operators on 2/11, and a survey on these route changes

will be on Lawrence Listens from 2/22 until 3/22. He encouraged residents to complete the survey.

New Business

Agenda Item 1: Carpenter reported that the Hilltop/Old West/Pinckney Neighborhood Plan (HOP Plan) was recently discussed by the Planning Commission in relation to an expansion proposal by McCray Lumber. This plan covered 6th street and was an attempt to limit commercial incursion into the neighborhoods.

Agenda Item 2: Webber stated that the LAN web site was recently updated to include a page on membership. Shipley reminded NAs to update their information on the City Web Site.

Agenda Item 3: Commissioner Boley stated that staff and commission are working on the strategic plan and encourages NAs and residents to participate.

Agenda Item 4: Carpenter reminded participants that there is a survey on Police Review Board on Lawrence Listens, and encourages participants to complete the survey.

Agenda Item 5: Boley reported on a call for CIP projects from the community. Anyone or any group can submit a proposal. Deadline March 4.

Neighborhood reports:

- Pinckney Neighborhood: They have their board elections on Saturday, Feb 20. Solicitation for a new name for the neighborhood has closed, and voting will be taking place next.
- East Lawrence: Collison reported that ELIA has been working with adjacent NAs to develop a brick street policy, which would include streets, sidewalks, and stone curbs. They are also working with Trinity Lutheran Church to organize a drive-in movie night.
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported on the Winter EC meeting, with a Transit presentation, and on distribution of Safer Speeds Campaign signs.
- Old West Lawrence: They had their annual meeting and re-elected same slate of officers and received a traffic management update. A subcommittee is meeting on stormwater improvements.
- Dad Perry: Shipley is working with a resident to restart the association, which has been dormant for a while.
- Schwegler: Joyce reported they were putting out Safer Speeds signs.

Motion to adjourn from Webber, second by McClure, passed by acclamation, adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on Feb. 18, 2021.