

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

**Via Zoom video conference**

**March 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Courtney Shipley, Dad Perry Park/Kasold resident; Dustin Stumblingbear, Pinckney Neighborhood Association resident; 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; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative; Richard Word, Citygate consultant; Lauren Brown, Citygate consultant; Virgil Dean, Westwood Neighborhood Assn. representative

**Accept minutes from February 17, 2021 meeting:** Collison moved to approve, Hill seconded, passed by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report (Thompson):** \$\$3,510.11 balance, 11 members. 7 representatives present, quorum. Pay dues for 2021!

**Becky Pepper, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS):** Joint meeting with City Commission on Wednesday, March 24. Item 1 is zoning change, item 2 is change in right-of-way, item 3 is text amendment in zoning allowing pet sales and grooming as home occupation, item 3 is text amendment allowing garage condos to allow sanitary sewer hookup, last 2 items are zoning applications for properties in unincorporated portions of the county. Deadline for comment is Monday, 10:00 AM. Special Use Permit submitted for KU Alumni Association building. They propose a 30,000 SF building addition used as Jayhawk Welcome Center.

Collison asked about the Monday March 22 meeting, item 2, sidewalk variances. They are seeing requests during replats for sidewalk variance, mostly asking for variance to not build a sidewalk.

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

**Listening Session:** Citygate Associates will join us to seek LAN's input regarding their comprehensive study of how the Lawrence Police Department can better serve our community.

Richard Word and Lauren Brown updated LAN regarding their study. Richard is a retired police chief, Lauren is a professor at USC, recent consultant with Citygate. They were hired by City to conduct management study, and posed questions to the participants.

**Please describe your service experiences with LPD.** Winkler recounted contact around a crime last year. Stumblingbear recounted a runaway report he filed and resolution by police. Joyce recounted when she worked with at-risk youth program and contacted the police to ask them to have discussions with youth. She also reported calls to non-emergency number on behalf of the neighborhood, and characterized them as positive. Harrod, in his law practice, has worked with law enforcement all over the state. He has not seen anything that bothered him about LPD, except for one instance that involved a Native American. The arresting officer was fired 6 months later. Harrod shared that while working at attorney general office, his wife called 911 while he was traveling. Police appeared immediately, and experience was positive. Hill recounted a home fire, they called 911, police came before the firefighters arrived and were excellent. She has dealt with the neighborhood liaison in a positive way. She appreciated their calm, helpful demeanor. She worries about traffic enforcement and the absence of enforcement. She has a neighbor who had a bad experience, who failed to stop at a stop sign, and was stopped at his home. Four police cars, he was pulled from car, searched, put against the car, seemed like overkill. Overall, her experiences were positive.

**What essential services should the police provide?** Harrod stated respond quickly to 911 calls, response to

domestic violence. Henderson wished we could have neighborhood resource officers assigned to specific neighborhoods. Collison second need for neighborhood resource officers. He stated that mental health services are essential since they are often the first responders. Dean seconded mental health services. Webber mentioned crime investigation, Hill mentioned traffic law enforcement.

**Brown asked if future programs should be added, or current services shifted to other community groups.**

Mental health has already been mentioned. Harrod mentioned domestic violence services, and believes some of this is already being done. This may often also involved mental health issues.

**Are there any aspirations for future improvements?** Joyce reiterated the need for neighborhood resource officers. Stumblingbear suggested evaluation of services to ensure proper use of police. Webber suggested services to homeless.

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**New Business**

**Agenda Item 1:** Webber reported he sent an email to non-member NAs to encourage them to join and attend. He asked if we wanted to reserve a room in the library when they became available. Webber will check with library about whether they can host a video conference meeting.

**Neighborhood reports:**

- East Lawrence: drive-in night on March 27. Movies made in Lawrence.
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported on MM Transfer facility and route redesign study.
- Old West Lawrence: distributing “safer speeds” signs.
- Oread Residents: Kyle purchased an E-bike and is enjoying our bike trails and bicycle boulevard.
- Schwegler: also putting up signs, recently had general meeting that illustrated the need to communicate more with neighbors to make this program successful.
- Dad Perry: new association forming in a small part of the neighborhood.
- Brook Creek: working on neighborhood elections.
- West Hills: Settled down after water tower debate. Major police activity at Ninth and Avalon turned out to be police training.

Motion to adjourn from Webber, second by Thompson, passed by acclamation, adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on March 17, 2021.