

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes
Via Zoom video conference
June 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Participants:

Accept minutes from May 19, 2021 meeting: Collison asked that a note be added that he chaired the meeting. Collison moved to approve, Joyce seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3,562.11 balance, 13 members. 7 representatives present, quorum.

Becky Pepper, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS): Planning Commission meets on June 21 and June 23. Agenda items include:

June 21:

- Tiny homes for Community Shelter requiring Special Use Permit (SUP).
- Text amendment to garage condo use code allowing for sanitary sewer hookup in individual units in CS zones requiring SUP.
- Text amendment from Board of County Commissioners revising subdivision regulations related to tier 2 and tier 3 areas.
- Create use standards for solar farms in unincorporated Douglas County.

June 23:

- Applications for rezoning at 1223 Iowa St. from RS7 to RO, change right of way, and plat the property for 2 duplexes.
- 3 changes related to Evergy substation; platting, rezoning to RS7, and SUP for change in land use. Collison wondered if staff helped developers understand implications on changes like this. Pepper stated that the SUP process allowed for input. Walther asked why rezoning was to RS7 rather than industrial. Pepper replied that this zoning was determined to be consistent with adjacent properties and could be rezoned at a later date. Pepper added that if an industrial rezoning were requested, the Planning Commission would consider all uses in that zoning. Ellenbecker asked for clarification on the SUP process. Pepper explained the process. Walther stated their neighborhood association was working on fighting this rezoning and SUP. Webber stated that it is not city staff's job to determine appropriateness of proposals, this is the purview of the Planning Commission and the City Commission.

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

Presentation: by City Transit Staff regarding proposals that will be submitted for KDOT's 2021 Access, Innovation, and Collaboration Grant (AIC).

The proposals are:

- Bus technology, accessibility, and branding enhancements
- Multimodal transfer facility elements
- Microtransit pilot
- Bus stop amenities
- Zero-emission transition plan

There is around \$15M available. Transit submitted concept ideas and were encouraged to apply for grants. The City Commission has supported these grant applications. Weigel asked if LAN is willing to submit letters of

support. Deadline for application is June 25. Notification of award estimated for August. Weigel explained the five proposals, totaling \$3,333,110 with an 80/20 split. Local match is \$66,662. Shelters are proposed to be metal rather than glass to avoid damage. Bus technology included 6 component phases. The Microtransit Pilot would explore on-demand service to serve lower density areas. The Zero Emission Transition Plan will improve our competitiveness in applying for Electric Bus funding. Webber moved that LAN write a letter of support for these grant applications. Joyce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Zoom invoice:** In about October LAN authorized purchasing a Zoom account. However, we have been using Harrod's account. He believes we should get our own Zoom account. Webber concurs. Since we have already decided to purchase, this does not require a vote. Collison stated it is monthly, so we can cancel or pick up when needed. Harrod proposes an annual subscription to save hassle and money. Larsen stated the library meeting rooms are now reservable. Harrod stated it might be impossible to conduct a hybrid meeting at the library. Collison suggested a month-to-month Zoom account and work toward a hybrid meeting.

Neighborhood reports:

- Heatherwood Heights: Walther reported that they were working on the Substation.
- East Lawrence: Collison, NA has submitted paperwork to become 501C3, is looking for meeting venue.
- Sunset Hill: Webber, September combination annual meeting and picnic. Ellenbecker reported coyotes in her back yard. Take care of your pets! Traffic speeding on Holiday Drive.
- Old West Lawrence: Hill, no report.
- Oread Residents: Thompson, they are trying to schedule in-person meeting. Many for sale and for rent signs popping up.
- Schwegler: Joyce reported NA is planning outdoor meeting.
- West Hills: Larsen, neighborhood is quiet, no report.

Collison moved to adjourn, Hill seconded, passed by acclamation. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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