

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

July 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Becky Pepper, City of Lawrence Planning Manager; Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Courtney Shipley, City Commissioner, Dad Perry Park resident; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Holli Joyce, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Josh Spence, Pinckney Neighborhood representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, City Commissioner / West Hills resident ; Michael Almon, Brook Creek NA, resident Vice President; Stuart Boley, City Commissioner, Schwegler resident; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative

Meeting in person: Harrod stated that in-person meetings inside an enclosed space are not in the cards for the near future. He asked participants about meeting outside. About half were in favor. We will revisit in September.

Accept minutes from June 16, 2021, meeting: Joyce moved to approve, Spence seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3,562.11 balance, 13 members. 6 representatives present, quorum.

Becky Pepper, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS): Planning Commission meets on July 26 and July 28. Agenda items include:

July 26:

- CIP input goes to City Commission.
- CUP for a vote and RV storage just north of I-70
- Items related to minimum maintenance roads in the county
- Study session presentation on new county zoning regulations and discussion of county land use

July 28:

- CUP for dog kennel in unincorporated county
- Rezoning request at 1733 Massachusetts for a small sliver of land to allow platting two lots as one
- right of way variance request on south Iowa
- Variance request for 700 Lincoln for having to construct sidewalk
- Site plan for 1601 W. 23rd for climate controlled mini-warehouse

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

Presentation: USD 497 School Board candidate Kay Emerson. deferred

New Business:

- MPO policy board has established a steering committee for update to regional pedestrian plan. Mortinger would like a representative from LAN to participate in approximately 4 meetings. Spence offered to represent LAN. Spence will be our representative.
- Discuss new and continuing concerns in the Sunset Hill NA regarding the proposed development of a self-storage facility. Webber reviewed the recent effort to amend the development code to allow climate controlled mini warehouses in CN2 and RMO districts. City Commission did not initiate the text amendment request. Almon stated that Brook Creek opposed this type of text amendment on procedural grounds. They believe this type of request is a misuse of the text amendment process.
- Discuss recent announcement by KU regarding development of Innovation Park on West Campus. Harrod reviewed KUs plans to develop West Campus. He is concerned about the development of such

a large green space. Joyce mentioned that Schwegler neighbors have discussed this development and believe that there may be a possibility for positive development that would perhaps help mitigate blight on 23rd. She believed the city may not have much control over this land, so perhaps we should get involved to help make it beneficial to the city. Pepper stated that a 150 ft. buffer area around primary KU properties are more heavily regulated. Boley reviewed his experience with 150 ft. rule in the development of the Central District. Evidently, KU did not have good internal communication, and the end product of the Central District was not what the Commission expected, especially relating to the playing fields and lighting. Almon stated that regardless of who talks to whom, someone decided to change the Central District plan to exclude retail along 19th Street. Harrod recommends that we stay involved in this development. Boley stated that the city was able to get a diverter to divert traffic out of Schwegler. Another recent development is that an intersection near the fire station was supposed to be right turn only, but KU did not install the sign. They have since installed the sign. Harrod encouraged everyone to stay involved in this development.

- Webber suggested that neighborhoods take part in phase two of the traffic calming effort by putting up yard signs again.
- Almon mentioned that Lawrence front and CENTER visioning process will go before the Commission in September. If a NA would like a presentation, they should contact Kent Williams or Michael Almon.

Neighborhood reports:

- Brook Creek: Almon reported that Fred Sack is new President, and they are working on rejuvenating the NA. City staff will be meeting with the NA about the facilities campus in the neighborhood.
- Barker: New roof on Winkler house.
- Springwood Heights: Harrod, no report.
- Pinkney: They have a new name without the "c"!
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported on ongoing business membership drive.
- Old West Lawrence: Hill announced that an effort to gather stories about homes in Old West Lawrence has yielded a 170 page book for sale for \$10. They are planning a neighborhood get together in September.
- Oread Residents: Thompson reported that they are getting ready for returning students.
- Schwegler: Joyce reported that they had a general meeting outside a few weeks ago. They have also started impromptu get togethers at the West Coast Saloon. They discussed the West Campus project and are getting ready for the school year. Boley reported that sports field on 19th has artificial turf and lighting. He also reported that monster pothole on 19th Terrace has been repaired.
- West Hills: Larsen reported that the homeowner's association is also getting ready for the return of KU students.
- Dad Perry Park: Shipley would like to have speed cart installed on Kasold between 6th and Bib Billings.

Joyce moved to adjourn, Thompson seconded, passed by acclamation. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on July 22, 2021.