

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

September 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood Association resident; Courtney Shipley, City Commissioner, Dad Perry Park resident; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association representative; Jeanette Walther, Heatherwood Heights Neighborhood Assn.; Josh Coulter, Schwegler Neighborhood Association representative; Josh Spence, Pinckney Neighborhood representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association resident; Lisa Larsen, City Commissioner / West Hills resident ; Phil Collison, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence representative; Amber Sellers, Candidate for City Commission

Accept minutes from August 18, 2021: Spence moved to approve, Thompson seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3562.11 balance, 13 members. 8 representatives present, quorum. Unpaid: Barker, Brook Creek, DLA, N Lawrence, Prairie Park, University Heights, Hills West

Planning and Development Services (PDS), Becky Pepper, Planning Manager: The Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission meets on September 22, 2021. Pepper could not attend this meeting. Agenda items for this meeting include (from [online agenda](#)):

1. Consider approving a request to rezone, Z-21-00242, approximately 22.02 acres located at 1326 E. 1900 Road from AG-1 (Agricultural) District to RT (Rural Tourism Business) District. Submitted by Twin Oaks Golf Complex Inc., property owner of record. Joint meeting with Eudora Planning Commission. [Agenda Item Report 21-701 - Pdf](#)
2. Consider approving a special use permit, SUP-21-00262, for Beehive Homes an Extended Care Facility, General use, located at 1311 Research Park Drive. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects on behalf of Mazda LLC, property owner of record. [Agenda Item Report 21-693 - Pdf](#)
3. Consider a comprehensive plan amendment, CPA-21-00258, to Plan 2040, Chapter 8B; Specific Land Use Plans: West of K-10 Plan, to add residential uses to the list of recommended uses for the property known as Gateway Addition, 7200 W 6th St. Submitted by Barber Emerson L.C. Agenda Item Report 21-698 - Pdf
4. Consider approving a request to rezone, Z-21-00259, approximately 25.4 acres located at 7200 W. 6th Street from CC600 (Community Commercial Center) District to RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. Submitted by Storm Engineering Group, P.A., on behalf of Tanglewood, LC, property owner of record. [Agenda Item Report 21-699 - Pdf](#)
5. Consider approving a request to rezone, Z-21-00260, approximately 10.4 acres located at 7200 W. 6th Street from CC600 (Community Commercial Center) District to OS (Open Space) District. Submitted by Storm Engineering Group, P.A., on behalf of Tanglewood, LC, property owner of record. [Agenda Item Report 21-700 - Pdf](#)
6. Consider approving a request to rezone, Z-21-00265, approximately 0.37 acres located at 801 Pennsylvania Street from CS-UC (Commercial Strip with 8th & Pennsylvania Urban Conservation Overlay) District to CS-UC (Commercial Strip with 8th & Pennsylvania Urban Conservation Overlay) District with revised conditions. Submitted by Uncorked Pianist, LLC on behalf of Penn Street Lofts Housing Partners, LP, property owner of record. [Agenda Item Report 21-697 - Pdf](#)
7. Consider approving a special use permit, SUP-21-00266, for the development of a Bar or Lounge use as part of a Work/Live Unit at 801 Pennsylvania Street. Submitted by Uncorked Pianist, LLC on behalf of Penn Street Lofts Housing Partners, LP, property owner of record. [Agenda Item Report 21-708 - Pdf](#)

8. Consider approving a text amendment, TA-21-00211, to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, to allow greater flexibility for expansions of nonconforming uses. Initiated by City Commission on 8/10/21. [Agenda Item Report 21-695 - Pdf](#)

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New Business:

- Walther discussed the Heatherwood Heights, and the fact that Evergy has not contacted the neighbors despite City Commission instructing them to. Harrod suggested they reach out to Evergy and push for discussion. Webber concurred. Walther asked about requesting minutes from Leawood about a substation in their city. Harrod encouraged them to get these minutes. Shipley suggested contacting the Leawood neighborhood to get info from them.
- Spence stated that he will be happy to provide a report on Pedestrian Steering Committee at October meeting.
- Sellers introduced herself as a candidate for City Commission. She is a Kansas native, and this is her second time living in Lawrence. Her background is in public health and public policy. She advocated for a housing comprehensive plan, and more work on economic development. Winkler thanked Sellers for her presentation.
- Webber congratulated Hill and asked her to summarize the Neighborhood Traffic Management Pilot Project in Old West Lawrence. She will update at the October meeting.
- Shipley mentioned the following items coming before the commission: long term rental ordinance, field operations campus, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), historic resources code. Larsen added that long term rental ordinance is on the agenda next week.

Neighborhood reports:

- Dad Perry Park: Shipley reported that North Lawrence has an issue with lighting and failing LEB fixtures. She asked about ordinance that restricts street lights to intersections. Webber encouraged careful consideration about increasing the number of street lights, since they are intended to illuminate pedestrians where they interact with vehicles.
- Heatherwood Heights: Walther reported that the Heights will probably have beers in her garage soon. She asked if there was a central place to report failed LED lights. Larsen suggested Click to Fix. Each pole has a number, use that in report.
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported annual meeting on Sept. 18.
- Old West Lawrence: Hill reported that OWL had a garage sale plus a distanced get together. Successful and well attended.
- Oread Residents: Thompson stated they have not had many meetings, but an issue has arisen involving him and Marci Francisco and easements for dumpsters.
- Schwegler: Colter reported they will have a general meeting on Sept. 23, 7:00 PM at 19th St. fire station.
- West Hills: Larsen reported that issue has arisen around the new water tower. They are meeting with staff on 21st, 22nd, and 25th to discuss plan.
- East Lawrence: Collison stated that the neighborhood has lighting midblock. They are having a block party at Hobbs Park on Sept. 25, despite the sidewalk construction project. Two bands, potluck, 5-9 pm.
- Barker: Winkler reported that many streets in the neighborhood
- have no streets and are dangerous when it is dark.
- Pinckney: Spence reported no public events this year might do some volunteer stuff, in discussion about some construction issues pna will be having there regular meeting this sat at 10am any city staff here are welcome to attend
- Springwood Heights: Proposed development at Crestline and Clinton Parkway is under discussion. He reported that the controversy has brought the neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods together.

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

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on September 15, 2021.