

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

November 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Bill Winkler, Barker Neighborhood resident; Courtney Shipley, Lawrence Vice Mayor, Dad Perry Park resident; Gary Webber, Sunset Hill NA representative; Holli Joyce, Schwegler NA representative; Jeanette Walther, Heatherwood Heights NA representative; Jim Carpenter, Planning Commission Member, Barker Neighborhood resident, Josh Spence, Pinkney NA representative; Kyle Thompson, Oread Residents Association representative; Lisa Larsen, Lawrence City Commissioner / West Hills resident ; Michael Almon, Brook Creek NA Vice President; Phil Collison, East Lawrence NA representative; Travis Harrod, Springwood Heights NA representative; Tresa Hill, Old West Lawrence NA representative.

Accept minutes from October 20, 2021: Spence asked that the spelling of **Pinkney** be revised in the minutes. Webber promised to revise the minutes. Joyce moved to approve as amended, Collison seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3562.11 balance, 13 members. 7 representatives present, quorum.

Presentation by Stoneback Neighborhood: Stoneback Neighborhood will join us to discuss organizing into a neighborhood association, and their experiences regarding the SLT / 27th Street / Wakarusa interchange project.

Harrod stated that Shipley had contacted him to invite Stoneback to join us and discuss the proposed interchange. He invited them, but they did not attend.

Shipley stated that there seems to be a disconnect between Planning and Multi-modal Transportation Commission. This seems to be the case in the 27th Street/Wakarusa interchange. The preliminary plan was shared, and Shipley discussed the proposed plan. She believes that adjacent neighborhoods have legitimate complaints. She suggested the city might consider a separate entrance to the sports complex. Almon stated that the future extension of Wakarusa to Hwy 458 was intended to provide an access to the city for county residents who lost access when Kasold was closed.

Harrod invited Walther to update us on the Evergy substation proposal. She stated that property owners adjacent to the proposed substation are selling their homes. She has not heard anything recently. Shipley asked about the June meeting of the Planning Commission, and questions that were put to Evergy. Almon remembered that the Planning Commission deferred to give time for Evergy to meet with the neighborhood. Evergy has not contacted the neighborhood. Harrod suggested Walther contact Jeff Crick and ask if this proposed substation was still on the table.

Shipley asked about the traffic calming in Old West Lawrence. Hill reported that the temporary structures are in place, intended to reduce traffic speeds and cut-through. The OWL Facebook page comments have been very active, mostly negative. Many of the Facebook comments come from outside of the neighborhood. However, most responses directly to OWL (bypassing Facebook) are positive. Some alley cut-through seems to be happening. Shipley asked about game day traffic. A witness told Hill that at one diverter, cars were backed up and trying to escape into alleys, resulting in an accident.

Joyce asked about sports and traffic since her neighborhood experiences traffic problems during basketball games. She stated that near Ousdahl and 21st, cars were parking in yards. She was told that this is now legal for KU sports events. Shipley stated that she recently discussed yard legal parking north of the stadium with Marci Francisco, and Shipley stated that she understood the exception was only in the neighborhood north of the stadium and only for less than 24 hours. Larsen stated that basketball parking in yards is not allowed, and violaters should be ticketed. Collison stated this was a good-old-boy system that should be disrupted but will probably not be. Hill stated that recent construction of football facilities has reduce parking around the stadium.

Planning and Development Services (PDS), Becky Pepper, Planning Manager: No report was sent to LAN, and Pepper was not present. Carpenter reviewed the discussion on Nov. 15. The meeting included 2.5 hours of public comment on regulation of Solar Conversion Facilities. A 900-page packet was provided for this meeting. He previewed the meetings remaining. The January study session has been set aside for this discussion.

Almon reported on the meeting of the Johnson County Commission. Many changes were made in the draft regulations.

Harrod asked why Douglas and Johnson County were chosen for this project. Carpenter stated he does not know. He offered some guesses: close to transmission grid, if regulations were created in these two counties, they would be good templates for other Kansas counties.

Almon asked about a text amendment initiation to allow climate-controlled mini-warehouse in RMO districts. Carpenter replied that it has not been sent to the Planning Commission. Almon also asked about progress of Land Development Code revision. Carpenter replied that the RFP has been issued, but no news. Carpenter recommended that we hire a consultant who will make changes that we request, and not bring their plan to us.

Harrod will email Crick and Pepper to ask if the LAN Neighborhood Updates will continue.

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

New Business:

- Harrod stated that LAN elections would happen in December. He is willing to run again for president, but if someone would like the position, he would step aside. He believes the new year would be a good time to bring in new faces to LAN. Shipley thanked Harrod for his service. She also stated that Shalinsky has sent her a proposal for city funding of neighborhood associations. She is hopeful that LAN can comment on this proposal. Joyce stated that she is also working on the first draft of this proposal and will bring it to LAN when it is ready.

Neighborhood reports:

- Dad Perry Park: Shipley urged Webber to apply for Neighborhood Traffic Safety funds.
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported that a subcommittee was working on preparing for an application to the next round of Neighborhood Traffic Safety funds.
- Old West Lawrence: Hill encouraged Webber to apply for Neighborhood Traffic Safety project. She also reported that the Jayhawk Watershed Stormwater Project (<https://lawrenceks.org/mso/jayhawk-watershed>) will be their next project.
- Oread Residents: Thompson stated all is quiet in Oread. He follows a crime report site and it seems that there has been an increase in crime in Oread and perhaps in Lawrence.
- East Lawrence: Collison reported that Elections reelected Barry Shalinsky as president. They are working on a new neighborhood t-shirt to honor Shelly Miller, the ELNA "Ever Vigilant Neighborhood Bitch." and working on Adopt-a-family.
- Pinkney: Spence reported nothing new. Projects near the neighborhood are moving ahead. He reported that the surveys were complete on the Pedestrian Plan, and they were moving to the next phase.
- Springwood Heights: Harrod reported that after the conclusion of the Clinton Pkwy and Crestline project, not much is happening. He is concerned about traffic on Crestline. Collision stated he was concerned about KU's plan to develop northwest of Clinton Pkwy and Iowa, and how that would effect traffic.
- Brook Creek: Almon reported not much happening. Pickup truck parking in yards happens every day in Brook Creek, not just on game days. Elections are scheduled for December.
- Schwegler: Joyce reported that traffic during basketball and school pickup has become a problem. They are also having problems with vacant businesses and trash behind the business north of 23rd St.

- West Hills: Larsen reported that rough site work is complete at Avalon and 9th for apartment project, and discussion is continuing regarding the water tower replacement.

Joyce moved to adjourn, Spence seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM. Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on November 18, 2021.