

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

March 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Sheri Ellenbecker, Resident, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; Travis Harrod, Representative, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association, LAN President; Tresa Hill, Representative, Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Lisa Larsen, Commissioner, City of Lawrence, West Hills Resident; Becky Pepper, Planning Manager, City of Lawrence ; Barry Shalinsky, President, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Josh Spence, Representative, Pinkney Neighborhood Association, LAN Vice President; Kyle Thompson, Representative, Oread Residents Association, LAN Treasurer; Jeanette Walther, Representative, Heatherwood Heights Neighborhood Association; Gary Webber, Representative, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association, LAN Secretary; Bill Winkler, Resident, Barker Neighborhood Association ; Lyle Seger, Member, Building Peace Webber

Accept minutes from February 16, 2021: Webber noted spelling of Hill's name has been corrected. Spence moved to approve; Thompson seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3,697.11 balance, 4 NA members of seven paid associations present, quorum. Thompson reminded the members that it is time to renew our memberships. Dues are \$25 for NAs, and \$5 for individuals. [Renewal information here.](#)

Planning and Development Services (PDS) Neighborhood Report:

Becky Pepper asked for questions. Shalinsky asked what planning commission would be addressing regarding 10th and New Hampshire development. Pepper responded that design review is going through HRC process. They will need to replat into one lot (administrative), and she thinks that work/live is an approved use (administrative). Shalinsky also asked when the 8th and Pennsylvania "Quonset Hut" would go before the Planning Commission. Pepper replied that is scheduled for April 5.

Pepper updated the group that current projects include:

- Updating west of K10 plan
- Updating East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan
- Updating Land Development Code: currently selecting consultant for submission to the City Commission.

Shalinsky asked about news on proposed amendments regarding accessory dwelling units in RS5 districts. Pepper replied that this amendment will be included in the Land Development Code rewrite. Walther asked if any news on Every subdivision. Pepper replied that the letter from Every would be in the Planning Commission packet for the next meeting. [Follow this link to view the current and previous Neighborhood Reports.](#)

New Business:

- Travis reported that Old West Lawrence will be providing an update on Traffic Management Pilot at a future meeting. Also, Transit would be reporting on Route Redesign.

Presentation from Lyle Seger and Lisa Larsen from Building Peace that is working on mediation in Douglas County. Building Peace, a local mediation and restorative justice nonprofit, is offering a one-day training course in Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB).

The NAB is an important part of the Douglas County Restorative Justice project and works with low-level criminal offenders to provide a perspective of how a crime impacts their community. If you want to become a NAB member, this one-day training course will provide you with tools needed. Building Peace is also working with Douglas County Housing Authority to help mediate conflicts regarding eviction.

Building Peace is also a resource for remediation in neighborhood conflicts. Larsen stated that participants

have worked on restorative justice in other communities and are happy to see this come to Douglas County. Shalinsky thanked Larsen and Seger for this effort. A person in East Lawrence has reached out to Shalinsky about a family dispute. What is the best way to contact Building Peace? Email or phone call from their website buildingpeaceks.org.

Harrod stated that he has experience in criminal law, and that this and other organizations are really doing what needs to be done in Douglas County. This includes mediation and diversion among other options. He believes this is meaningful for our community. Harrod encouraged Larsen to post the web address to the LAN listserve.

Neighborhood reports:

- Sunset Hill: Ellenbecker reported that someone from the police department called her back and talked about speeding on Holiday Dr. The officer promised to try to do some enforcement. She also reported that in East Lawrence near Kennedy Glass, a retail outlet Green Come True is refilling bottles of household supplies.
- Old West Lawrence: Hill reported that OWL had their annual membership meeting and elected new members via Zoom. Stormwater and Traffic Management committees both presented reports. Some problems with traffic mediation were identified and changes are currently being made. A new subcommittee is working on rewriting bylaws. They are working hard on increasing communications. A new Facebook page for OWLNA has been posted, as well as for Traffic Management within OWL.
- Oread Residents: Thompson reported they need to schedule a meeting.
- East Lawrence: Shalinsky reported that ELIA annual Yart (yard/art) Sale is back. Scheduled for April 9, New York School, music and food provided. In May, Just Food will be having its Kansas Food Truck Festival in the Warehouse Arts area. This raises money for Just Food. ELIA was involved in recent USD 497 budget problems and advocating against the closure of New York School. Shalinsky stated he was happy to see updates to the neighborhood plan. In the past, development for studio apartments and 1 bedroom apartments has been incentivized. He believes that it may be time to incentivize family friendly housing.
- Barker: Winkler reported that the Splash Park is being built.
- Pinkney: Spence reported that the neighborhood was working on a Logo Design Contest.
- Springwood Heights: Nothing to report.
- Heatherwood Heights: Walther reported that there is news on the Evergy Power Substation project. They have purchased an addition 2 acres for a total of 7 acres. They were told to meet with the neighborhood which they have not yet done. They released a letter announcing a community open house, Thursday, April 7, 5:00 to 7:00, at the Arterra Event Gallery, 2161 Quail Creek Dr.
- Western Hills: Nothing to report.

Spence moved to adjourn, Hill seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on March 16, 2022.