

## **Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes**

**Via Zoom video conference**

**April 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

**Participants:** Phil Collison, Representative, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Dietrich Earnhart, Representative, University Place Neighborhood Association; Sheri Ellenbecker, Resident, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; Travis Harrod, Representative, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association, LAN President; Tresa Hill, Representative, Old West Lawrence Association; Holli Joyce, Representative, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Lisa Larsen, Commissioner, City of Lawrence, West Hills Resident; Amber Sellers, Commissioner, City of Lawrence; Courtney Shipley, Mayor, City of Lawrence, Dad Perry Park Resident; Kyle Thompson, Representative, Oread Residents Association, LAN Treasurer; Gary Webber, Representative, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association, LAN Secretary; Adam Weigel, Manager, Lawrence Transit; Bill Winkler, Resident, Barker Neighborhood Association; Charlie Sedlock, Resident, Old West Lawrence Association.

**Accept minutes from March 16, 2021:** Joyce moved to accept minutes, Collison seconded, approved by acclimation.

**Treasurer's Report (Thompson):** \$3,749.11 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:**

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

**Update on Transit activities:** Adam Weigel reported that Transit is in final stage of public engagement in the Route Redesign process. Route changes will take place first in August for KU, then in January when the Transfer Facility opens. More information here: <https://lawrencetransit.org/route-redesign-final-scenario/>. Weigel also explained the Survey and encouraged neighbors to participate in public engagement. Transit will be Fare Free in 2023 due to federal funding, and Sunday service will be available utilizing microtransit.

Collison stated he was excited that Route 1 would connect to a grocery stores. Weigel explained that route 7 provides access to Checkers and the stores on South Iowa, and that route 1 accesses Dillons on Massachusetts. He also explained interlining, a new feature in the route redesign. Route 7 will have a stop a short walk from Just Food. Harrod suggested posting the survey link to the LAN listserve.

Weigel asked for a letter of support from LAN for a grant for 4 more electric vehicles. Collison moved to authorize letter; Webber seconded. Harrod will provide this letter.

Ellenbecker asked about her route to work and services at the Transit Facility. Weigel reviewed the facility and amenities and told her that her current route would be unchanged. Downtown transfer facility design public engagement will restart this summer.

**Update from Old West Lawrence regarding their neighborhood traffic management project:** Sedlock discussed the status of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Pilot Project. Their goals were to increase safety, reduce collisions and near misses, improved walkability, increase social connection, reduce congestion, noise, while being fiscally responsible. They started with an aggressive first model, then revised the barriers this spring to a less aggressive system. Lessons learned:

1. The pace of the project was very quick, perhaps too quick for the neighborhood.
2. The neighborhood committee was not large enough, and not geographically diverse enough.
3. The education of all involved was extensive and required time and effort.
4. Research and data gathering was important, and more should be considered. Data capture locations are important and should be selected carefully.
5. Communication is important, and challenging, especially at a fast pace.
6. Extraordinary traffic events should be considered when gathering data.

7. Design of surveys is important, and all surveys should be geographically labeled.
8. Communication within neighborhood is critical to success.
9. OWL is happy to participate in future projects in other neighborhoods.
10. Traffic calming brings up concepts like signage, "complete streets", trees, and other concepts related to traffic safety.

Collison asked if Sedlock was on the original committee. Sedlock replied that he was. The committee was expanded from four to thirteen participants after the project was selected. Collison asked what makes speed bumps undesirable now whereas in years past they were the go-to solution. Sedlock stated that although they were not interested in speed humps at first but are now under consideration. Speed humps can be effective when properly designed and implemented. Collison asked how OWL solved the communication problem. Sedlock stated that increasing the size of the committee helped. Much more could have been done with signage, but this would require much more effort and time. Harrod asked if Sedlock has shared his information with the city. Sedlock confirmed that they are sharing this information with city staff. Collison asked who owned data collection boxes. Sedlock did not know about ownership, but data collected is adequate. Hill added that OWL has done years of work to get where they are now. She believes traffic safety has been addressed at least five times in the last 20 years.

#### **Neighborhood reports:**

- Sunset Hill: Webber reported that construction at 9th and Iowa is nearing completion. Ellenbecker stated the West Middle School is losing their principal, and we should all support our schools.
- Oread Residents: Thompson reported that they are hoping for warmer weather. Sidewalk replacements on Tennessee are going well.
- East Lawrence: Collison reported that there is a virtual training on April 30 for Building Peace. Successful yard sale, sidewalks are being marked for the next cycle of Sidewalk Improvement, but brick streets are still on hold. They have heard rumors that the ELIA neighborhood plan is due to be updated.
- Barker: Winkler reported that Splash Park construction proceeds.
- Dad Perry: Shipley reported that group is organizing around amenities to be installed in Dad Perry Park. She reported that Evergy was working with the neighborhoods about their substation project.
- Springwood Heights: Harrod reported on an activity in town. He was active at Schwegler PTA and is currently working with the PTA at Billy Mills Middle School and is seeing great things happen. Movie night on May 14, and tag sale on April 23.
- Schwegler: Holli Joyce will be attending a Zoom meeting on Oliver Hall demolition scheduled for September. Review process for KU Iowa development is ongoing. Joyce asked Shipley about parking discussion. Shipley stated she spoke with a neighborhood member about parking. Joyce also asked Larsen about Building Peace and the Neighborhood Accountability Project. Nineteen people trained in the first session.
- Sellers reported that the Chamber of Commerce is working on a networking program for businesses. Interested individuals should connect with Ryan Rains at the Chamber.
- University Place NA: Earnhart thanked commissioners for their support of KU in the parade. They invited the owners of 1900 Barker bakery to attend their NA meeting, hopefully they will bring donuts.

Winkler moved to adjourn, Earnhart seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM. Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on March 16, 2022.