

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes

Via Zoom video conference

May 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Jim Carpenter, Commissioner, LDCMPC, Barker Resident; Phil Collison, Representative, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Sheri Ellenbecker, Resident, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; Travis Harrod, Representative, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association, LAN Chair; Tresa Hill, Representative, Old West Lawrence Association; Courtney Shipley, Mayor, City of Lawrence, Dad Perry Park Resident; Josh Spence, Representative, Pinkney Neighborhood Association, LAN Vice Chair; Kyle Thompson, Representative, Oread Residents Association, LAN Treasurer; Gary Webber, Representative, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association, LAN Secretary; Bill Winkler, Representative, Barker Neighborhood Association

Accept minutes from April 20, 2022: Spence moved to approve, Collison seconded, passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$3,649.11 balance, 7 NA members of 12 paid members present, quorum not present. Thompson reminded the members that it is time to renew our memberships. Dues are \$25 for NAs, and \$5 for individuals. [Renewal information here.](#)

Traffic safety problems near schools: Webber reported that Sunset Hill Neighborhood is experiencing dangerous traffic situations at 9th and Schwarz and Harvard and Crestline. He asked if other NA's have had issues or experience with this issue.

Collison stated that there is some pick-up traffic on New Jersey, but no major issues. Shipley reported that Hillcrest has experience backup on 9th and on Harvard. Collison stated that ELIA had a meeting several years ago with USD 497, but no changes were made. Spence suggested that MMTC might be able to address this. Shipley has heard that Cordley has had issues around 19th and Massachusetts.

Ongoing issue of possible USD 497 school building closures: Harrod reviewed the recent process. Most recently, Dr. Lewis met with Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and stated that school closure is not off the table. Harrod encouraged NAs to stay involved.

Increasing LAN Membership: Harrod stated that he, Webber, and Joyce have been discussing a membership campaign. Webber suggested that we form a subcommittee. Harrod, Webber, and Joyce volunteered to serve. Shipley suggested that we might use NextDoor to locate neighborhood representatives. She is concerned about Centennial but is unable to locate representatives. Harrod suggested we amend the bylaws to codify virtual and email meeting options, and revise quorum rules.

Meeting in Person: Collison asked if we are interested in meeting in person again. Harrod suggested that we might hold a off-schedule meeting to discuss and test it. Spence supported a hybrid followed by in-person. Collison agreed and stated that ELIA was trying to arrange a hybrid. Harrod stated that there are hybrid-ready spaces, but they are not available to us. Shipley stated that the Public Library has facilities for hybrid. Winkler reported that he attended a hybrid meeting in Room C. Harrod will contact the library about setting up a hybrid.

Land Development Code Steering Committee: LAN gets to make an appointment to this committee. Harrod reported that he participated in the committee tasked with selecting the contractor to facilitate the LDC update. Clarion was their first choice and was selected as the contractor. He is interested in serving on this committee. Webber nominated Harrod to represent LAN, Spence seconded, passed unanimously. Carpenter asked for number of members and who they represent. Shipley reviewed the composition of the committee. Collison called attention to what he considered an over-representation by builders and developers. Shipley was concerned about the lack of diversity on this committee.

Planning Commission report: Carpenter stated that the Commission will be holding a meeting on May 20 to review committee processes. This meeting would be a good primer for LDC update process. Carpenter stated that Commissioner Finkeldei stated in the most recent City Commission meeting that the Planning Commission approved of a road past the Mutt Run. This is not correct; they only check to see if the proposed development

does not violate code or regulations.

Neighborhood reports:

- Barker: Winkler reported lots of construction on Splash Park. Similar feature for North Lawrence next year.
- Dad Perry: Shipley reported that sidewalks at 9th and Iowa are still ongoing. Justin Spiess is now hanging out at various new locations, including City Hall.
- East Lawrence: Collison reported that they cleaned up at house at Bromelsick Park.
- Old West Lawrence: no report.
- Oread Residents: Thompson reported that student move-out has begun, with loads of mattresses in dumpsters.
- Pickney: Spence reported neighborhood cleanup this Saturday in Clinton Park. Also working on get-together this summer.
- Schwegler: no report.
- Springwood Heights: no report.
- Sunset Hill: Webber reported that he spoke with the new public relations coordinator, and she is getting to know the SeeClickFix system. She will report back to me when she is ready to visit with LAN. Ellenberger was bothered by shooting at Hy-Vee. She is bothered by number of concealed carries in Lawrence.

Spence moved to adjourn, Thompson seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on May 20, 2022.