

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

**Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room B**

**And via Zoom video conference**

**July 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

**Participants:** Phil Collison, Representative, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Sheri Ellenbecker, Representative, Sunset Hill Neighborhood; Phyllis Farrar, Resident, Sunset Hill Neighborhood; Travis Harrod, Representative, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association; Karen Heeb, Representative, Southsiders - North 1300 Road Neighborhood Association; Holli Joyce, LAN Chair, President, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Katy Nitcher, Representative, Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Courtney Shipley, City Commissioner, City of Lawrence, Resident, Dad Perry Park Neighborhood; Josh Spence, LAN Vice Chair, Vice President, Pinkney Neighborhood Association; Rachel Stumblingbear, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood ; Kyle Thompson, LAN Treasurer, Representative, Oread Residents Association; Adam Weigel, Manager, Lawrence Transit

**Changes to, adoption of May 17, and June 21, 2023 minutes:** Spence moved, Thompson seconded, passed by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report (Thompson):** \$4,174.11 balance, 8 of thirteen members/officers present, quorum confirmed.

**Presentation:** Lawrence Transit Route Redesign Presentation, Adam Weigel, Lawrence Transit and Parking Manager. Weigel has been presenting to groups and associations in anticipation of the opening of Central Station projected for January, 2024. Project Phases:

1. Mid-Sept: site work and bus shelter substantial completion
2. Mid-November: building substantial completion
3. January: Route redesign starts, Central Station fully functional. Transit will not offer Sunday service prior to the route change in January.

Transit is implementing a transit app for on-demand service that will also replace the current "My Bus" app. A route preview mode will be available on the app. They are also implementing automated stop announcements and continuing with bus stop improvements. Further information at the project website:

<https://lawrencetransit.org/projects/route-redesign>

Transit offers travel training for individuals, groups, and organizations. Currently there are seven routes serving downtown. After Jan. 1, there will be five routes serving downtown. In 2024, Transit will work on site selection for a downtown station in a 12-month, 3-step process.

There are several bike-friendly features in Centra Station, including bike lockers, stair ramps, indoor bike storage, and rubber-coated bike racks. Weigel shared some photos of construction site. Spence asked if interlining could be phased in slowly. Weigel stated that there is some interlining now, and more implemented in January. Ellenbecker asked what the building hours would be. Weigel replied that it will be staffed 8-5 Mon-Fri. and the service provider will provide additional hours 5-8 pm on weekdays and on Saturday afternoons. Joyce thanked Weigel for the presentation. Contact Adam Weigel at [aweigel@lawrenceks.org](mailto:aweigel@lawrenceks.org).

### **Old Business**

- LAN Membership calls update, Holli: She has called ten non-member NA reps, and has not received any replies.
- Report from 6/29/23 meeting, Land Dev. Code committee: Travis Harrod reported that the steering committee is pleased with the consultant and their work so far. The consultant has released the first draft of module one which addresses residential and commercial zoning and is conducting community meetings. Ellenbecker, Thompson and Webber attended the meeting held earlier today on Module 1.

One suggestion from the steering committee would be to change the code to legitimize existing non-conforming development. Ellenbecker asked about occupancy language that changes the code to allowing 5 unrelated persons per rental. She questions the safety of rentals with high density. She also stated that the consultant did not have a good answer regarding covenants and zoning ordinances. Webber stated the consultant did answer the question and stated that covenants override code. Harrod stated that the city could join a covenant lawsuit. Webber asked what motivation the city would have to join a lawsuit. Harrod replied that his point was they could join. Ellenbecker stated the consultant did not address the inequity of this issue.

- August 7th MMTC meeting to discuss Neighborhood Traffic Management Program improvements: Webber reported that Brook Creek, East Lawrence, Pinkney, Schwegler, and Sunset Hill have asked to participate in the MMTC Study Session. Webber will send formal invitations to all 5 neighborhoods and notify Kusmyak that representatives will participate.

#### **New Business**

- Nitcher asked if other NAs serve alcohol at NA gatherings, and if insurance is required. Collison stated that ELIA serves beer with a permit in city parks and that this does not require insurance.
- Brad Harrell contacted LAN about presenting a proposed downtown parking enforcement plan and soliciting our input. However, the LAN agenda is full in August, and September would be too late. Joyce called a special meeting of LAN on **Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 pm, via Zoom**. All interested parties are invited to attend. Webber will post an invitation and the zoom link to the listserv.
- The Community Police Oversight Work Group, July 10 and July 31<sup>st</sup>: please attend if you are interested.
- Quorum and Bylaws questions: tabled till August.
- Inactive Facebook Page: tabled till August.
- Agenda item to allow members to introduce issues: tabled till August

#### **Neighborhood Reports tabled till August.**

**Next Meeting:** Aug. 16, 2023, Meeting Room B, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044 and the Zoom meeting online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022916963?pwd=ck00QXFYeVo3Snh4OGpMS3FvVlluQT09>

- Presentation: *Treni Westcott, Code Compliance, City of Lawrence Planning and Development.*

Webber reported that Meeting Room B will be unavailable for at least 2 months starting in October. We have the room in August and September. Joyce volunteered to contact the Fire station in Schwegler to inquire about a meeting space. Another option would be to return to Zoom. Webber reported that he will be out-of-town in October and will be unable to facilitate the hybrid meeting or take minutes.

**Adjourn:** meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on June 23, 2023.