

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Draft Minutes
Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room B
And via Zoom video conference
August 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Participants: Phil Collison, Representative, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Peggy Englehart, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood; Phil Englehart, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood; Holli Joyce, LAN Chair, President, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Susan Keim, Representative, Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Katy Nitcher, Resident, Old West Lawrence; Courtney Shipley, City Commissioner, City of Lawrence, Resident, Dad Perry Park Neighborhood; Josh Spence, LAN Vice Chair, Vice President, Pinkney Neighborhood Association; Dustin Stumblingbear, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood; Kyle Thompson, LAN Treasurer, Representative, Oread Residents Association; Jeanette Walther, Representative, Heatherwood Heights Neighborhood Association; Gary Webber, LAN Secretary, President, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; Bill Winkler, Resident, Barker Neighborhood

Changes to, adoption of May 17, June 21, and July 19, minutes: passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report (Thompson): \$4,126.11 balance, 7 of thirteen members/officers present, quorum confirmed.

Presentation: Treni Westcott, Code Compliance, City of Lawrence Planning and Development, was unable to attend the meeting. Her presentation will be rescheduled. Joyce proposed brainstorming topics for discussion when this presentation is rescheduled. The following topics were suggested:

1. Code enforcement is inadequate in Lawrence. How can it be improved?
2. There is no effective enforcement mechanism, and no consequence for code violations.
3. What will replace "Click to Fix"?
4. On application for short term or long-term rental, there is no affidavit or accountability statement. How can we hold property owners accountable for code requirements?
5. When an owner-occupied property is sold and becomes short-term or long-term rental, is it registered with the city? Should this be included in the Land Development Code update?
6. Why do some long-term rental properties have no local management agency, and ignore requests for code compliance? Shouldn't every rental property be required to have a local representative or a working contact address? Shouldn't someone be responsible for ensuring that rentals are safe and within code?
7. Does code enforcement have enough employees? Do they have enough funding? If not, why not?

Old Business

- **Land Dev. Code Meeting in a Box, online, Sept 15th deadline:** Webber reported that the consultant hired by the city to update the Land Development Code is asking NAs to respond to questions about what makes their neighborhood a good place to live, and what needs to be improved. This can take the form of individuals completing an online survey, completing and submitting a paper form, or conducting a meeting of neighbors to complete a "Meeting in a Box". The "Meeting in a Box" packet is available at city hall until Sept 15, the deadline for submission. More information here:
 - <https://lawrenceldc.konveio.com/>
- **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program meeting report, Webber:** Representatives from 7 neighborhoods met with the MMTC to discuss the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. A representative from Old West Lawrence reviewed lessons learned in the initial pilot project, and NA reps discussed ways to improve the program. City MSO staff has proposed entertaining applications from smaller groups, setting traffic count and speed minimums, among other changes. A recording of the meeting is available here:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld8C5B6OZek>
- **Downtown Parking enforcement meeting, survey available:** Webber reported that the Parking Department is asking residents to complete an online survey regarding the proposed changes to

downtown parking enforcement. The survey is available here:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lawrenceparkingenforcement>

- **Gateway Project, Neighborhood Team report by Nitcher:** The group continues to meet biweekly. The most recent meeting reviewed plans for a traffic study. The study will be on one weekday and one Saturday in September with cameras and traffic counters. The NA representatives objected to the limited geographic scope of the survey. They were told 2/3 of traffic comes from the south. Collison noted that 9th will still be closed in September. He also observed that with less fans in the stadium, the next few years may be reduced traffic. Thompson has urged KU to consider alternatives to cars to reduce parking needs. KU plans to bus the workers in during construction. NAs are concerned about activities planned in addition to beyond football games.
- **Terms of Membership Bylaw changes:** we will address this in November.

New Business

- **Member responses from LAN email questions:** Joyce sent out a survey to NA non-members to investigate why they do not join LAN. Centennial reported that they pay dues but cannot attend. No further response was received from other NAs contacted.
- **Ideas for upcoming meeting topics/speakers:**
 - Reschedule Codes presentation
- **Venue:** Jayhawk room at Fire Station #5, 1911 Stewart Ave, for Oct., Nov., and Dec. In-person only.
- **Online Presence:** Consider replacing listserv with Mailchimp or similar. Spence will investigate taking over as Facebook moderator.
- **Neighborhood Reports:**
 - Heatherwood Heights – Walther reported construction of substation will start later this fall.
 - Old West Lawrence – current activities revolve around NTMP implementation in the neighborhood. They are working with the city on the Jayhawk storm water.
 - Pinkney – They are looking forward to applying to the NTMP. Pinkney NA was unhappy with the questions asked during the primary debates and has submitted questions. They are also working with the city on preparing for the Pallett Village. They believe that communication is lacking on this project. Shipley stated that security will be very tight. Webber asked if once the village is open if non-sanctioned camps will be allowed to continue. Shipley stated that unhoused will be asked to use one of the available options.
 - Sunset Hill – Picnic on Sept. 16 in Centennial Park.
 - ELIA – Block Party on Sept. 23 in Hobbs Park.
 - Schwegler – Lots of traffic issues in the neighborhood with current construction and the beginning of school.
 - Oread Residents – The HERE parking change proposal has been delayed 5 times. Oread continues to be involved in the Gateway project. A resident was allowed to make it changes that go against the neighborhood plan at 11th and Maine. The changes allowed a second unit on a large single lot.
 - Barker – Busy this summer at the splash park. The Sunrise Project has also been very busy.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2023, Meeting Room C, Public Library, 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on August 17, 2023.