



Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods working together!

Monthly Meeting

July 17, 2024, 6:30 PM

Jayhawk Room, Lawrence Fire Station #5

1911 Stewart Ave. Lawrence, KS 66046

Draft Minutes

Participants: Michael Almon, Vice President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association; Gene Dorsey Resident, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Sheri Ellenbecker, Representative, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association; Mandy Enfield President, University Place Neighborhood Association; Peggy Englehart, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood Association; Phil Englehart, Resident, Pinkney Neighborhood Association; Joe Grzenda, Representative, Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association; Donna Jordan Resident, ; Holli Joyce, LAN Chair, President, Schwegler Neighborhood Association; Susan Keim, Representative, Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Sacie Lambertson, Representative, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Brooklynne Mosely, Candidate, District 46, Kansas House; Scott Robinson, President, Alvamar Neighborhood Association; Courtney Shipley, LAN Vice Chair, Resident, Dad Perry Park Neighborhood; Gary Webber, LAN Secretary, President, Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association.

Candidate Presentation: Democrat candidate for House district 46, Brooklynne Mosley, lives in Pinkney neighborhood. She moved to Lawrence and fell in love with the city. She was Campaign Coordination Director for Governor Kelly in 2018. Mosley is currently working remotely for a digital media firm. She believes rhetoric from Topeka is not in touch with the concerns of the community. Older adults worry about property taxes. She would like to address the childcare deficit in our state, as well as the affordable housing shortage. Her campaign is focused on economic stability for all residents. She is well-prepared for this position. She would appreciate our votes.

Changes/Approval of July 19, 2024 minutes: Approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,297.28. balance, 7 of 13 members/officers present.

New Business:

- Land Development Code report, Almon: Joyce reported that the subcommittee sent a letter to City Commission, Steering Committee, and Planning Commission. Rexroad and Finkeldei responded to the letter. Rexroad is interested in discussing the letter. Almon suggested we keep on top of coming meetings, especially the Planning Commission meetings. Tomorrow's meeting of the Steering Committee includes considering keeping the parking minimum in residential districts. This is the first shift in this position. Almon stated he doesn't get to comment much at the Steering Committee meetings, but he did suggest that there be a requirement that duplex redevelopment include an owner occupant. Phil Englehart stated that he believes this is not possible. Almon also stated that there is by right duplex and multiplex in all districts, except R1. He believes there should be by right duplex and multiplex in all districts, including R1. Ellenbecker stated that subdivisions built since 1960 have covenants that prohibit anything except detached dwellings.
- Phil Englehart stated that the two issues for existing neighborhoods (Pinkney) are
 - Duplex conversion
 - Redevelopment

He asked if LAN had a position on these issues. Webber suggested he ask member neighborhoods to get a better idea of sentiment. Webber reported that Sunset Hill did not contest the by-right changes. Joyce stated that Schwegler was not contesting these issues. East Lawrence does not support by-right development. This was followed by extended discussion of by-right development and neighborhood outreach meetings. Lambertson moved to write a letter that there should be a mandatory, not optional, neighborhood outreach meeting for rezoning, special use permits, text amendment brought by developers, major site plans, and preliminary development plans. Phil Englehart asked for the letter to state that LAN does not support

elimination of minimum parking requirements for residential neighborhoods. Lambertson moved to write letter with these two points and submit to the SC, CC and PC. Keim seconded. The vote was unanimous for submission.

- Downtown Transit Site Selection Committee report: Webber: Webber reported that criteria were passed
- Zero Steering Committee report, Shipley: the committee is involved with public engagement. There will be another meeting to discuss public input.
- Brick Streets/Sidewalks report, Peggy Englehart: Last meeting next Monday. The website has all the maps and suggestions from the steering committee, plus public comment. There were funds allocated for future repair.
- Stadium Expansion Neighborhood Team report, Thompson: tabled
- Code Enforcement Funding, Shipley: Phil Englehart reported that the current budget included and additional code enforcement position. Enfield has been researching code enforcement but cannot get code enforcement data. Joyce stated that LAN has a contact who can help with data.
- Common Consumption downtown: Shipley asked for member input on this proposal. Mosely stated that it is not a good idea for when students are present. Shipley stated that the Football venue change justification is not valid.
- LDC Update Continued: Enfield stated that University Heights appeared to be at maximum density, so would not be able to densify. Webber stated that if University Place was predominantly RS5, that could be possible, and would be a good question to ask.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Alvamar – They are busy addressing LDC update.
- Barker – No report
- Brook Creek – No report.
- East Lawrence – No report.
- Heatherwood Heights – No report.
- Old West Lawrence – They are scheduling additional neighborhood meetings. The new bylaws were passed to reflect current realities. Revision changes annual meeting to the third quarter. The block captains program was eliminated.
- Oread Residents – No report.
- Pinkney – They had their meeting with representatives of the Community Shelter. The parties that were there included Wood Creek, the children's daycare center, and some local residents. Wood Creek is having trash and trespass issues. Pinkney will ask the city to install a bench and trash can at the bus stop to try to address trash.
- Schwegler – They received an LDC meeting date too late for a meeting and were unable to schedule a meeting. They were disappointed in the scheduling process.
- Springwood Heights – No report.
- Sunset Hill – Flooding on Holiday, Rogers, and Jana Drive.
- University Heights – working on LDC update.

July Meeting topics: Peggy Englehart suggested stormwater department about stormwater issues. She also suggested an update on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program in Douglas County.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024
6:30 PM, Jayhawk Room
Fire Station #5
1911 Stewart Avenue
Lawrence, KS, 66045

Adjourn: meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:12 PM.
Submitted by Gary Webber, Secretary, on July 18, 2024.