

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
March 3, 2011
Capitol City Bank

PRESENT: Gwen Klingenberg, LAN Chair, West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Tom Harper, LAN Vice Chair, Centennial Neighborhood Association; Steve Braswell, LAN Secretary, Pinckney Neighborhood Association; Dan Dannenburg, LAN Treasurer, Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association; Deron Belt, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; C.J. Brune, University Place Neighborhood Association; Kirk McClure, Old West Lawrence; Dickie Heckler, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association; Tim Ivy, Pinckney Neighborhood Association; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence; Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association; Karen Kressin, Old West Lawrence; Michelle Leininger, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Bruce Flanders, Lawrence Public Library; Margaret Tran, Take Charge Challenge

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT (DAN): Current balance \$1946.21 after \$100.00 dues paid.
2011 LAN dues are do. \$25.00 for Neighborhood Associations, \$5.00 for individuals.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES REPORT: Michelle handed out the Neighborhood Update from the Planning and Development Services. Items include: Two at large positions are open on the Community Development Advisory Committee. The Planning Commission will consider rezoning the 800 block of Lynn. This is the Salvation Army's property.

PRESENTATION: Bruce Flanders, Director of the Lawrence Public Library, gave an update on plans for the addition and renovation to the library. The library currently has approximately 45,000 square feet of area. The addition will add approximately 20,000 square feet and also totally renovate the existing building. The library will hold planning sessions open to the public and construction will start in 2012. The first item will be construction of a parking structure. This may possibly be a 4 floor structure. 150 new computers are planned. Other possible items include a place for the Farmer's Market and a transit hub for the Transit System.

Kirk brought up a concern with a 4 story tall blank wall of the parking structure being the main thing people see from Kentucky Street.

Margaret Tran with Take Charge Challenge gave a presentation on their energy conservation project. More information is available at < takechargekansas.org >.

OLD BUSINESS: Kirk discussed a letter he has written on behalf of LAN regarding the requested zoning change to the RM 32 classification. The two main points of the letter are that 6000 square feet minimum lot size to allow this usage is too small and the size be increased to 1 acre and to narrow the scope of this zoning change. Revising the RM 32 requirements may make sense in some specific location, but why make this change city wide? What about unintended consequences? What is the advantage to the public for this change to be made city wide?

Kirk and Deron discussed a list of questions to be presented to the City Commission and School Board candidates. It was moved and approved (Brune/Heckler) that this list of questions be presented to the candidates for both elections.

NEW BUSINESS: Gwen briefly discussed a Kansas Department of Transportation planned study of the US 40 Highway/K-10 transportation corridor. Kirk said this is a very early stage but LAN should get involved early in the process.

Gwen and Ted discussed a requested CUP for Pinwheel Farm in North Lawrence that would allow people to camp at the site while they study farming. Ted said this sounds like a good program, but camping is inappropriate in a residential area. This request will go to the Planning Commission in April.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

Old West Lawrence (Kirk): Neighbors are concerned with the large blank wall facing their neighborhood from the planned library parking structure. Kirk handed out the latest OWL Newsletter.

University Place (CJ): Joint meeting with Centennial Neighborhood Association.

Sunset Hills (Dan): Held an executive board meeting. Annual meeting will be held in April.

East Lawrence (Deron): Neighbors keeping an eye on 711 Connecticut and 9th and New Hampshire.

Centennial (Tom): Talked to the school district about the volume of the public address system used at the sports complex. Not much came from the meeting.

Pinckney (Steve): Held elections, new President, Linda Bush, new Vice President and LAN rep, Tim Ivy, Treasurer, Kristen Walker.

Downtown (Dave): New director of Downtown Lawrence.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next LAN meeting at Capital City Bank, 8th and New Hampshire, 7:00 pm, Thursday April 7, 2011.

REPS: If you can't attend a meeting, please send alternate representative so Neighborhood Associations are heard.

LINKS:

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<http://lawrenceks.org/>,

Submitted by:

Steve Braswell, LAN Secretary, April 7, 2011