

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
December 2, 2010
Capitol City Bank

PRESENT: Gwen Klingenberg, LAN President, West Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Tom Harper, LAN Vice President, Centennial Neighborhood Association; Steve Braswell, LAN Secretary, Pinckney Neighborhood Association; Dan Dannenburg, LAN Treasurer, Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association; Deron Belt, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association; C.J. Brune, University Place Neighborhood Association; Steve Lopes, Old West Lawrence; David Geyer, Indian Hills Neighborhood Association; Dickie Heckler, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association; Candy Davis, Individual; Michelle Leininger, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services; Paul Werner, Architect

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT (DAN): Current balance \$1671.21

ELECTION (amended 2-1-11): The current LAN officers were reelected. Chair, Gwen Klingenberg; Vice-Chair, Tom Harper; Secretary, Steve Braswell; Treasurer, Dan Dannenburg

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES REPORT: Michelle handed out the "Stay Informed" cards from the City of Lawrence showing ways to stay informed of City business.

PRESENTATION: Paul Werner, Lawrence Architect, discussed a text amendment he submitted to the City Development Code. Paul said that zoning regulations based on a number of residential units can be improved by better defining what a unit is. He suggests that Studio, 1 and 2 bedroom residences be defined as being 1/2 unit and 3 and 4 bedroom residences be defined as 1 dwelling unit.

Paul said this will allow more flexibility in use of a given area and that parking requirements will not change. The number of bedrooms in a given area will remain the same, the only difference is the type of structure the bedrooms are in.

There was much discussion. The question of green space requirements came up. Michelle said that currently those requirements are based on each dwelling, not bedrooms.

A number of members were not convinced this amendment is a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS: Gwen, Robert Lewis, and Dan Dannenburg met with Jeff Weinberg, KU Assistant to the Chancellor to talk about KU's relationship with surrounding neighborhoods. Jeff said KU will write a letter to the Lawrence City Commission in support of rental registration. It was suggested the representatives of the City, KU and LAN should meet quarterly.

OLD BUSINESS: Ted discussed progress on the Northeast Sector plan. He said there are neighbor concerns coming from some changes in the proposed plan that came up late in the process. These include less stringent stormwater handling requirements, they are now recommendations instead of requirements. Also there is less protection of agricultural Type 1 and 2 soils.

Ted says the meetings on the plan have been well attended with 100 to 150 people at most meetings.

Gwen discussed a letter from LAN to be presented to the City Commission on December 13 regarding Congregate Living residential regulations. This letter will recommend 1 parking space per bedroom and fire sprinklers be required. It was moved to submit the letter.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

Old West Lawrence (Steve L.): They are helping the Hillcrest neighborhood reorganize their neighborhood Association. OWL is working on a new website.

Centennial (Tom): Scott McCullough with the City Planning and Development Services will meet with the Lawrence School District concerning neighbor concerns still remaining regarding the sports facility at Lawrence High School.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next LAN meeting at Capital City Bank, 8th and New Hampshire, 7:00 pm, Thursday January 6, 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, January 6, 2011

Amended February 1, 2011