

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
January 6, 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; Ted Boyle, North Lawrence Improvement Association; Amy McCurdy, North Lawrence Improvement Association; C.J. Brune, University Place Neighborhood Association; Kirk McClure, Old West Lawrence; David Geyer, Indian Hills Neighborhood Association; Dickie Heckler, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association; Robert Lewis, West Hills Neighborhood Association; David Longhurst, Downtown Lawrence; Candy Davis, Individual; Michelle Leininger, City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT (DAN): No Changes. Current balance \$1671.21
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 included: sidewalk snow removal information; update on long range planning for the Inverness Park District Plan and K-10 and US 40 Area Transportation Plan; an update on the City commission study session on the Northeast Sector Plan and a draft Environment Chapter to Horizon 2020. Information on potential text amendments was provided.

OLD BUSINESS: Gwen gave an update on the letter from LAN to be presented to the City regarding Congregate Living residential regulations. The ordinance was approved by the planning commission and will go to the City Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: Kirk discussed the upcoming City Commission election and suggested LAN develop several bullet points we want to bring up to the different candidates. These could include: rental registration on properties over 20 years old, meaningful enforcement of existing quality of life ordinances such as noise and blight.

The Kansas Open Meetings Act was discussed and potential issues with neighborhood associations inviting commissioners to attend meetings. Kirk suggested that if commissioners attend a neighborhood meeting that the meeting be open to the public and that a maximum of 2 commissioners attend meetings.

Deron suggested having someone from the School Task Force visit LAN.

Gwen discussed a power point presentation she is creating that would go into how the City government functions and how the public can interact with local government. This would be made available to neighborhood associations.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

Old West Lawrence (Kirk): Still concerned that the City is not enforcing regulations regarding noise and number of residents in a rental unit and also that a large house is being rented as a "party house".

University Place (CJ): Neighbors are concerned about some recent home break-ins. Also concerned with houses being bought and turned into "party houses".

West Hills (Robert): Concerns with a house being purchased to be used as a church student center.

North Lawrence (Ted): Public forum in March regarding upcoming city elections. Raised \$2000 for Christmas donations.

Brook Creek (Dickie): Working on updating by-laws. Working with the recycling center over trash issues.

East Lawrence (Deron): Recent meetings to address issues with the new Dillons store. Will have a Martin Luther King Chili Feed. Neighborhood Sale at New York School March 26.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next LAN meeting at Capital City Bank, 8th and New Hampshire, 7:00 pm, Thursday February 3, 2011.

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

LINKS:

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Submitted by:

Steve Braswell, LAN Secretary, February 2, 2011