

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

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Date: June 4, 2009

RE: SUP-01-02-07 Status Report - Lawrence Community Shelter at 944
Kentucky/214 W. 10th Street

Please place this item on the June 16, 2009 City Commission agenda.

Social service activities have been provided to the members of the homeless community at this location on the northeast corner of 10th & Kentucky Streets since 2000 when a special use permit for the Community Drop-In Center was approved. Services at this location were expanded in 2003 when a permit for the Lawrence Open Shelter was approved to provide temporary overnight accommodations. In 2005, the Lawrence Community Shelter was formed when the Lawrence Open Shelter and the Community Drop-In Center merged.

The most recent special use permit for the LCS operations was approved by the City Commission on April 17, 2007 for a period of three years [to expire on 04/17/2010]. The approval required annual reporting of activities, services and on-going communication with nearby neighbors. Since the SUP was approved, there have been several agenda reports to the City Commission regarding LCS operations and additional efforts to address service needs:

01/24/08 – Letter from LCS to Mayor indicating a fundraising consultant had been hired

05/06/08 – City Commission received 2007 annual report of activities as required by SUP

04/21/09 – City Commission received 2008 annual report of activities as required by SUP

04/21/09 – City Commission approved text amendments to the Development Code to permit Temporary Shelters in non-residential districts with a special use permit and to establish standards for shelters [Ord. No. 8388 published 05/07/09]

LCS representatives have visited with staff several times in the past two years to discuss the merits and challenges related to potential sites that have been considered for relocation.