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**TO:** Sandra Day  
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**DATE:** June 22, 2009

**RE:** Please see attached Letter.

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June 22, 2009

Sandra Day  
Planning & Development Services  
City Hall  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044  
VIA FAX: 785-832-3160

RE: Item No. Z-4-6-09  
Request for Change of Zone from  
RS5 to RS0

Dear Ms. Day,

As previously communicated, I represent Marian Percival who resides at 132 Pawnee Ave., Lawrence, Kansas 66046 who is concerned about the requested change of zone sought by her neighbors to enable them to expand their services into a larger student center.

I have received the staff's recommendation and acknowledge your efforts to accommodate the applicant and to protect the interests of the neighborhood, as well. Your proposal may provide an appropriate solution, but on behalf of my client, the following issues require further consideration and review:

A. The recommendation would approve a change of zone to RS0, but limit use to: 1) all of the uses permitted in RS5, and 2) limit the use in RS0 to a "social service agency" as defined in section 20-1717(2).

This may be an acceptable proposal to my client and other neighbors but there appears to be a potential conflict in the concept. RS5 allows for a group home of less than 10 occupants; the social service definition does **NOT** permit any temporary shelters or group homes of any kind. Clarification and prohibition of any type of group home or overnight boarding as currently allowed in **BOTH** RS5 or RS0 is requested in this situation.

B. The subject property is located and built as part of a subdivision. Has staff researched any restrictions or covenants set forth in the plat which may prohibit the proposed use? It is my understanding that the City generally acknowledges such

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restrictions, and prefers to recognize them in the context of zoning procedures. I have not had the opportunity to view the restrictions and covenants on the applicable plat. Before this matter proceeds further, I request that the staff study and confirm this issue.

C. The applicant has not provided the City or any of their neighbors with any specific plans for development and use. I understand that the project is relatively young, and that funds are being sought. However, the applicants must have some clear concepts of their anticipated uses and goals at this location. The applicants should be more forthright with the City and neighbors. The continued vagueness about the project only creates doubt and anxiety to the neighbors. Without a more adequate description of the project, my client and others are very concerned and wary of the owner's true intentions.

Accordingly, at this time, my client cannot express her approval of the application, even with the conditions set forth by staff. If the applicant would provide substantial and specific information about their real intentions, we may be more secure in the staff's recommendations. In addition, the private covenants and restrictions applicable to the property must be researched. Upon confirmation of these items, then the staff's recommendations can be evaluated in the proper context.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Schneider', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ronald Schneider

RS:cw  
cc: Marian Percival



## Sandra Day

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**From:** Scott McCullough  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2009 9:31 AM  
**To:** 'Dorothy Hoyt-Reed'  
**Cc:** Sandra Day  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback from Planning and Development Services contact page

Dorothy,

You simply need to attend and there will be an opportunity for public comment when the item is heard. Also, if you want to submit written comment (even via email) you may do so before 10:00 a.m. this morning. Thanks for taking interest in the matter.

Scott McCullough, Director - smccullough@ci.lawrence.ks.us Planning and Development Services | [www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org) City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044-0708 office (785) 832-3154 | fax (785) 832-3160

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dorothy Hoyt-Reed [mailto:dhoyt-reed@usd458.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2009 8:54 AM  
**To:** Scott McCullough  
**Subject:** Feedback from Planning and Development Services contact page

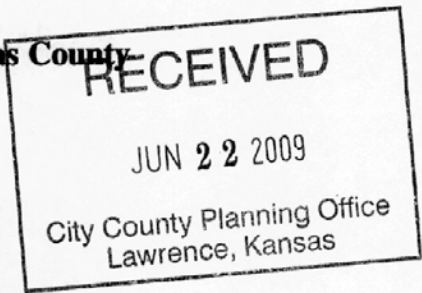
Some of the Breezedale neighbors want to express their support of the Lighthouse project that is being considered for Pawnee Avenue. What is the procedure? Do we need to sign in at the meeting? Is there time for public comment? I've never been to one of your meetings, so I'm not sure what to expect.

Dorothy Hoyt-Reed  
Spanish instructor  
Basehor-Linwood Middle School



**League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County**  
P.O. Box 1072, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

June 21, 2009



Mr. Brad Finkeldei, Chairman  
Members  
Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission  
City Hall  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

RE: ITEM NO. 5; Z-4-6-09: RS5 (SINGLE-DWELLING RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO RSO (SINGLE-DWELLING RESIDENTIAL OFFICE) DISTRICT; 15,625 SF (SLD)

Dear Chairman Finkeldei and Planning Commissioners:

Because conditioning conventional zoning districts to eliminate permitted uses seems to be becoming a common practice in Lawrence's land use planning system, we include a request here that we have repeated before. Would you please devise a system that will distinguish these essentially new zoning districts from their prototype standard conventional districts?

For example, it might be sufficient on the Zoning District Map to add to a conditioned site an asterisk with a footnote indicating that such a district in this specific location has been restricted, with the recommendation that an interested party should consult the planning staff for a list of permitted uses on this site.

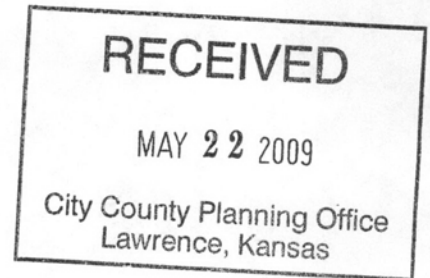
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Hale  
Co-president

Alan Black, Chairman  
Land Use Committee

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May 22, 2009

Sandra Day  
Lawrence Planning Department  
City Hall  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044  
HAND DELIVERED

RE: Change of Zone Application  
by LIGHT for 137 Pawnee Ave.  
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Dear Ms. Day:

Pursuant to our recent conversation concerning the proposed change of zone at 137 Pawnee Ave., Lawrence, Kansas 66046, please be advised that I am representing Marion Percival and other potentially interested neighbors.

I will be in contact with you next week for further discussion and information in this matter. Please direct all notices or any other public communications directly to my office as well as by client's address of 132 Pawnee Ave., Lawrence, Kansas 66046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Schneider".

Ronald Schneider

RS:cw  
cc: Marian Percival

## **Haskell LIGHT Proposal For Rezoning 137 and 135 Pawnee Ave.**

The following information supplements the request for rezoning for the lots at 137 and 135 Pawnee Ave. This proposal is developed based on current usage for the next four to six years with the two existing structures and with the knowledge that after the four to six years we plan to construct a new structure by combining the two lots for a new Haskell LIGHT building to better accomplish our mission.

### **What Is Haskell LIGHT?**

**LIGHT stands for** "Lutheran Indians Gathering and Helping Together."

### **Haskell LIGHT House History:**

LIGHT began in 1972 with Caryn and Wiley Scott started a Lutheran campus ministry with the help of the four local Lutheran Churches; Immanuel Lutheran Church (MS), Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), Redeemer Lutheran Church (MS) and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA). Each Church has two members on the Haskell LIGHT Board of Directors. The current facility on 137 Pawnee Ave. was purchased on April 1, 1979 and was converted into a campus recreational, missionary and educational facility. The ministry has been active in this location for over 30 years.

Haskell LIGHT became affiliated with Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots - US located in Milwaukee WI in 2007. This is a national organization working with Native Americans and First Nations Peoples throughout North America including Alaska.

### **Haskell LIGHT Mission statement:**

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the students and staff of Haskell Indian Nations University and empowering them to share the Gospel with others.

### **Haskell LIGHT Academic Vision Statement:**

Haskell Indian Nations University, the premier national intertribal university, empowers American Indian and Alaska Native scholars for leadership and service to sovereign first nations and the world by virtue of its excellent academic programs, training, research, creative activities and



diverse student experiences. Providing leadership skills and management training is key to creating tomorrow's leaders.

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots US shares Christ Kingdom with Native North American Peoples for ministry to their own and to others. Christ's Kingdom - Every Native American nation.

**LIGHT serves and ministers to over 500 Haskell students annually;**

- LIGHT issues about 260 blankets, one each to new students annually
- LIGHT provides about 230 students toiletries and sundry items annually
- LIGHT provides about 30 to 40 pillows and other bedding requirements annually
- LIGHT conducts a Wednesday Bible study to about 15 students weekly
- LIGHT provides academic counseling, tutoring and student assistance to about 10 students weekly.
- LIGHT provides study space to 6 to 13 students weekly based on need
- LIGHT provides personal counseling to 5 to 8 students weekly
- LIGHT conducts Sunday Worship services for 6 to 8 students weekly
- LIGHT provides meals to about 370 students through-out the year
- LIGHT participates in providing a progressive dinner once a year to about 150 students
- LIGHT has a local monthly board meeting of the LIGHT Board of Directors
- LIGHT also offers two annual Special Prayer Sessions of about 30 people each
- LIGHT directors provide "Vision Quest" classes to incoming freshmen each semester
- LIGHT helps about 5 to 6 students annually needing financial assistance and overcoming personal difficulties and conflicts
- LIGHT directors make daily contact with a minimum of 5 to 8 students often at the facility
- LIGHT provides a home away from home for Indian students to watch TV, play cards, play volley ball or just hang out and enjoy visiting with other students.

**The LIGHT facility is used for the following:**

- Distribution of Blankets, Toiletries, and other items
- Bible Study Groups / Meetings
- Prayer meetings
- Student Study and access to tutoring and commuters

- Snacks and some meals
- Friday Evening social recreation and fellowship
- Funeral Meals as requested
- Special Meals as required (usually 5 to 6 times a year of about 50 to 60 students)
- Vision Quest Meetings
- Individual Student Counseling Meetings and Sessions
- Directors offices
- Sunday Worship Services
- Haskell Board of Regents Meal / Meeting (this year)
- Fellowship and social gatherings
- Student Services referrals for individual assistance
- Lutheran Indian Ministry Meetings (hosting once a year)
- LIGHT Board of Directors meetings monthly
- Location for tribal elders to visit and check on progress of students from that tribe
- Offering a neighborhood meeting facility

**Future Use of the 135 Pawnee Ave. property:**

Haskell LIGHT plans to use the 135 Pawnee property either as a single family rental property or to provide the same services as 137 Pawnee Ave. for the first four to six years. When financing becomes available we would like to build a new facility on both the 135 and 137 lots in order to expand our capabilities to serve the Haskell students. We do not foresee any major changes of our mission statement or our activities from the current usage. At this time we would plan to build a compatible structure conforming with the Haskell Historical environs requirements and to facilitate neighborhood compatibility.

**Attached are email reports from a few Alumni of the Haskell LIGHT program and what the ministry meant to them.**



**Sandra Day**

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**From:** Stan Sneegas [SSNEEGAS@kumc.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009 2:06 PM  
**To:** Sandra Day; Stan Sneegas  
**Cc:** Lynne Zollner; Scott McCullough; Sheila Stogsdill; clm@landplan-pa.com  
**Subject:** RE: Pawnee Rezoning with Applicant  
**Attachments:** DrWarnerParkingLtr.pdf; StudentPetition.pdf; Haskell LIGHT Proposal Supplement .pdf

Dear Ms. Day,

Thank you for the valuable feedback you gave us during our Applicant/Staff Review Meeting last Friday May 15, 2009 at 11 AM. The Planning Staff's comments were most helpful. As promised at the meeting I am providing an electronic copy of Dr Warner's letter on sharing parking. I have also attached a petition that was circulated just before graduation in support of the rezoning request. I have also attached some supplemental information supporting our rezoning request. If you wish I can provide hard copies as well. The following background information may be of benefit to you.

We wish to continue our ministry activities at 137 Pawnee Ave. like we have since the 1970's. Because we have been experiencing a growth in students and staff we are serving, we need larger facilities. Since our neighbors to the West wished to sell their house 135 Pawnee Ave. we offered to purchase it. Eventually we wish to demolish both structures and build a new larger facility. Given the current economic times we do not foresee starting that design-plan-build process for 4-6 years in the future. The structure would be no higher than 2 stories possibly with a basement and compatible with the historic Haskell environs. Although this is not an "economic development project" we plan on expanding our staff to at least two-three full time staff members and several part-time student positions. The additional administrative office space requirements are consistent with the RSO rezoning request. We also need more storage, study and meeting space. We plan to use our existing multi-use space for our various activities until a larger facility is available. Currently when we have large functions beyond our current capacity we use the facilities at Haskell.

Of the four Haskell Campus Ministries in Breezedale we currently have the smallest footprint. If this request is approved, then we will be equal to the Baptist's in size (next smallest). The three active campus sites are located on the Eastern edge of Breezedale. This is a highly desired location since Barker Ave. is the gateway to the Haskell campus. In a figurative and literal sense we are trying to bridge the gap between the Haskell and Lawrence communities.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley A. Sneegas

President LIGHT Board of Directors





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To Whom It May Concern:

Haskell Indian Nations University recognizes that the mission of Haskell LIGHT is to serve the students and staff of Haskell. Haskell LIGHT owns property known as the Haskell Lighthouse which is in close proximity to the Haskell campus. The Haskell Lighthouse is adjacent to the Haskell Cultural Center and the University's designated open parking lot.

Haskell Indian Nations University agrees to share twenty (20) parking spaces in the aforementioned parking lot with Haskell LIGHT. Likewise, Haskell LIGHT grants permission to students and staff of Haskell to use available parking at Haskell LIGHT, 137 Pawnee Street, as overflow when the aforementioned parking lot is at capacity.

Please let me know if there are specific questions that need a response. You may contact me at [president@haskell.edu](mailto:president@haskell.edu).

Onward Haskell,

Linda Sue Warner, Ph.D.  
President

*"Haskell... the most recognizable name in Indian Country"*

We the undersigned, students, faculty and/or staff of Haskell Indian Nations University wish to inform the Lawrence Douglas County Planning Commission and Lawrence City Commission that we support the rezoning request submitted by LIGHT for the lots located on 135 and 137 Pawnee Ave. We support their expansion of facilities and services to serve the Haskell Indian Nations University community.

Name	Address (or Dorm)
Candace Stepetin	Winona Hall
Elliot Bryant	2130 Silicon Ave. Apt. E4 Lawrence, KS
Delbert Wayne	HINU. Pawhattan Lawrence KS.
Marla McAnce	OK Hall
Trevor Rouse	3100 W. 22 <sup>nd</sup> St B-15
Cameo McKinney	OK Hall
Farron Tso	946 New Hampshire
Jennifer Keahnah	OK Hall
Val Howland	2563 Montana
Von Villarreal	PAWHATAN HALL
Brandy Supernaw	Roe Cloud
NATASHA ROUSE	3100 W 22 <sup>nd</sup> St B-15
Nikazhi Supernaw	.. .. .
Savannah Primeaux	Winona Hall 269
Nick Wilder	Blacklock Hall Box #1002
MARY VANDERER	Box 2730, Chinle, AZ 86503
Kara Snyder	Roe Cloud
Heri Thompson	Roe Cloud

Please return to Will or Patricia Main at the LIGHT House

We the undersigned, students, faculty and/or staff of Haskell Indian Nations University wish to inform the Lawrence Douglas County Planning Commission and Lawrence City Commission that we support the rezoning request submitted by LIGHT for the lots located on 135 and 137 Pawnee Ave. We support their expansion of facilities and services to serve the Haskell Indian Nations University community.

Name	Address (or Dorm)
Casey Tanner	OK Hall
Julia White Bull	Winona Hall
Twila White Bull	Winona Hall
Carol Dodge	Pockanontas
Yarl Sanders	BLA
Beau G. Fritzler	OK
Jacob L. Stapp	OK
Ernest Barzun	Blaylock
Frank Wolf	Roe Cloud
Robbie Main	Roe Cloud
Colin Nesbitt	Blaylock
William Wilcheck	Blaylock
Tyler Sant	Winona
Douglas Sage	Roe Cloud
Roman Harjo	Roe Cloud

Please return to Will or Patricia Main at the LIGHT House



## **My Kanohetlvdi (Testimony)**

In the beginning of the fall semester in the year of 2005, I attended Haskell Indian Nations University never know that life would change forever especially in my spiritual life I was not really homesick because I had experience from high school of the dorm life, so I adjusted well to living on campus. What I was homesick for was my spiritual connection. One day while walking towards my dorm room I saw a flyer for the Lighthouse giving supplies to students and that spark an interest in me. I met Caryn for the first time; she welcomed me in the light house. I liked the companionship and she was very helpful never knowing she had laid a seed in my heart and soul. The following year I saw that Caryn and Wiley were retiring and they were welcoming in the new directors Will and Patricia Main and their children. I wanted to see if I could get some supplies from the Haskell Light House for me and my friends and I finally met Patricia and we have been the best of friends ever since.

My spiritual walk with the Lord was not strong and my faith was weak. Patricia minister to me about how God wants to be part of my every day life and that I could worship him as I am. I didn't have to deny being Cherokee, but to use what he had created me to be. So that's what I did, Patricia invited me to come along with on their trips to Lutheran churches to get the word out about who we were and what we did for the Haskell students. I would dress up in my Cherokee tear dress, sing hymns in the Cherokee language and play my flute. I felt like I was a light to not only the Haskell Students but to anyone who I came in contact with. Haskell light allowed to me grow and see myself as God created me. I was a Cherokee woman with a mission of God's love. I like that even though I come from a different faith background, and was new to the

Lutheran ministry they welcomed all faiths because it does not matter. What matters is your faith in God, we all worship our creator and we all have to same mission, to save those who do not know of his love and salvation.

I have seen with my own eyes how much the Haskell Light House has grown on campus and within the Lawrence community. I want to say thank you to the Main Family, Scott Family and to the Board Members you were all such an inspiration to me. I

want to say a great big **3!** (wa-do): means thank you in Cherokee, to all who prayed

for, contribute to the Haskell Light House. The Haskell Light House brought me to a new meaning of the "Light" to my heart and soul. I am stronger in my faith and I thank God for each of you. Donadagohvi (Until we meet again).

**Sandra Day**

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**From:** caryn.s@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009 8:02 PM  
**To:** eclement@sunflower.com; stansnee@sunflower.com  
**Subject:** Fw: letter  
**Attachments:** Header

Here is the first letter for tomorrow night. We unfortunately will not be there. Our 5 year old grandson is in the hospital in KC. Our son coaches the 8 year old's baseball team and he has a game at 6:30 pm tomorrow night. We need to be there to help our son. You may or may not know that he is newly divorced so this adds to the complicated day tomorrow. I am so sorry but our family needs us tomorrow night. We should be getting at least one more letter. CS

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** "Lee, Brenda (IHS/PHX)" <Brenda.Lee@ihs.gov>  
**To:** caryn.s@netzero.net  
**Subject:** letter  
**Date:** Wed, 20 May 2009 14:09:44 -0400

May 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the Haskell Lighthouse located Lawrence, Kansas.. I undertstand they are interested in a building for ministering.

This will be a history in the making since the time we all were students which was from 1961 to present, there was never a church service, we had to

get a ride from Caryn and Wiley Scott who at that time were the directors of Haskell Light. These two individuals did a great outstanding job by

having the Haskell Lighthouse and recruiting the students, and from that we became a big network of students of Haskell and being able to have

church services on the Haskell campus.

Two years ago, a group of Haskell Alumni students from Whiteriver, Arizona were formally invited by Caryn and Wiley Scott to celebrate the

35<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the Haskell Lighthouse. There were about 10 ladies that went and I was the one that went first, therefore, I was able to

attend the formal dinner that was attended by the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods presenting their offices and

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districts and many other important

people were in attendance as well. It brought tears of joy to my heart to hear Caryn and Wiley and Patricia and Will talk about the Haskell Lighthouse.

The positive impact that Haskell Lighthouse had for me was a good one because during this time, I was trying to find myself and it was during this

time that Caryn seeked me out and invited me to the Lighthouse. I found many Lutheran and Non-Lutheran Christian friends and still have them as

friends to this day. It was a time when we all bonded together in Christ in the middle to give us strength.

I pray and hope that the city of Lawrence grant the building requested to the Haskell Lighthouse. I know many workers, students and staff are awaiting

this wonderful opportunity that we'll be able to enjoy when we return in October of 2009. Also, we are blessed that Will is going to be the pastor for

Haskell Lighthouse. Our prayers have been answered and the good Lord is still working for Haskell Lighthouse.

If you have any questions, you may write to me or call me.

Brennda Lee

PO Box 1027

Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

928-550-0197..

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**Sandra Day**

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**From:** caryn.s@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009 8:05 PM  
**To:** eclement@sunflower.com; stansnee@sunflower.com  
**Subject:** Fw: letter  
**Attachments:** Header

Here is the second. I think a third is coming. CS

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**From:** "Harvey, Georgia (IHS/PHX)" <Georgia.Harvey@ihs.gov>  
**To:** caryn.s@netzero.net  
**Subject:** letter  
**Date:** Wed, 20 May 2009 19:08:08 -0400

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request to pass Lawrence City coding in order to expand the Haskell Light House so that they can use

the building next to Light House for ministry. I am graduate of Haskell in 1988. I am proud to say that the light house

has major impact by providing a place to hang out with Christian friends. My son is a current student at Haskell and he

will be continuing his college education at Haskell in fall 2009. My son was concern informing me that the light house

did not have service on Sunday's, but that he had to go to one of the local church in Lawrence to be able to worship on

Sunday mornings. For students that do not have any means of transportation, this would be hard to find a ride to the

nearest church on Sunday morning in order to attend a church service. He was stating that it would be nice if the Light House had service there at campus and if it did than he would attend the services, therefore I am requesting if this City coding will be passed so the Light House can use for ministries such as this request.

Thank you.

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## Sandra Day

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**From:** caryn.s@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009 8:08 PM  
**To:** eclement@sunflower.com; stansnee@sunflower.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Haskell LIGHT  
**Attachments:** Header

Number Three!

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Erma Walters <galshoes@yahoo.com>  
To: "caryn.s@netzero.net" <caryn.s@netzero.net>  
Subject: Haskell LIGHT  
Date: Wed, 20 May 2009 14:09:22 -0700 (PDT)

Caryn - I couldn't do this as an attachment - you can add or delete, I hope this is what you wanted -  
Erma

May 20, 2009

The Haskell LIGHT since it started in 1972 has been an outstanding source for students and visitors to come together for spiritual, physical, social and emotional support at the Haskell LIGHT. I'm very happy to say that my sister, Ronnita (Fall) Norman and her best friend, Rosie Pinal were the first two Lutheran to make it possible to get the campus ministry started by Wiley and Caryn Scott. Then with Wiley, Caryn and the other Lutheran Pastors purchased the current Haskell LIGHT house. I graduated before the Haskell LIGHT but have been involved as an Alumni. We went there when it was the twentieth anniversary. I'm happy and grateful that now the students have somewhere to go when its open.

Some students coming from the Indian reservation want to continue to hear the gospel while away from home and that's when the Haskell LIGHT comes in, more students are enrolling and therefore the other building would be beneficial for all. The Alumni from the White Mountain Apache Tribe came when it was the 35th LIGHT anniversary, again, last year and will come again in September. The Haskell LIGHT is where we meet with our students from White Mountain Apache, other students and Alumni that come. With all the students, a bigger building is needed. The seventeen ladies that came for the 35th anniversary, I'm sure would be sending letters of support recommending the building for continued ministry for the Haskell LIGHT.

Thank you,

Erma (Fall) Walters

Caryn, I hope this will do - will write again soon - hello to Wiley also. Erma

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June 2009

Lawrence Planning Commission  
Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We the undersigned Lutheran Pastors in the City of Lawrence, wish to express our support for the expansion of the Haskell LIGHT Ministry at 137 Pawnee Ave. We specifically wish to express our support of their rezoning request for 135 and 137 Pawnee Ave.

Rev. Ted Mosher  
Good Shephard Lutheran Church  
2211 Inverness Dr.

Rev. Robert Leiste  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2700 Lawrence Ave.

Rev. Gary Teske  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
1245 Hew Hampshire

Rev. Randall Weinkauff  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2104 Bob Billings Parkway

Rev. Shawn Norris  
ELCA KU Lutheran Campus Ministry  
18 E. 13th St.

Rev. Alan Estby  
LCMS KU Lutheran Ministry  
2104 Bob Billings Parkway

Planning Commission

June 22, 2009

This letter pertains to the request of the Haskell Light to rezone properties 135 and 137 on Pawnee Avenue. I have lived at 125 Pawnee for 21 years. I have some concerns about how the rezoning and the building of a larger activity center will affect our neighborhood.

One concern is if they will be able to maintain a larger building. If they don't have the money to build a new facility now, how can they assure us they will have money in the future to maintain a larger building?

Parking has been a problem at times. Many times the past three years, people who are at the Light House have parked in the yard or on the south side of the street. They have had permission to park in the Haskell Visitors Center since early this year, yet people who are at the Light have occasionally parked on the south side of the street or they park in the yard.

Another concern is that the Light lets students/people stay overnight at the Light House. They have stayed there without supervision. Although this is not currently listed in the services they provide, this has happened many times over the past several years. Neighbors have shared this concern to the directors and the board. Supervision and security should have been provided.

Lastly, I'm concerned about what may happen, years from now, to the building should the Haskell Light decide to vacate the building. The rezoning allows for potential use that would be detrimental the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Alyson Pickens

125 Pawnee Avenue