

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**To:** Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** RE: Request to defer decision on location of policy facility at Wakarusa and Overland Drive

**From:** Tom Markus  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** City Commissioners Email <[commissioners@lawrenceks.org](mailto:commissioners@lawrenceks.org)>; Executive Staff <[ExecutiveStaff@lawrenceks.org](mailto:ExecutiveStaff@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Cc:** Anthony Brixius <[brixius@lkpd.org](mailto:brixius@lkpd.org)>; Melinda Harger <[mharger@lawrenceks.org](mailto:mharger@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request to defer decision on location of policy facility at Wakarusa and Overland Drive

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**From:** Anthony J. Brixius [<mailto:brixius@lkpd.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** Tom Markus <[tmarkus@lawrenceks.org](mailto:tmarkus@lawrenceks.org)>; Melinda Harger <[mharger@lawrenceks.org](mailto:mharger@lawrenceks.org)>  
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Tom,

In March 2017, as we prepared to look at the phased facility approach, we identified Overland Drive as one of two police facility sites. Recognizing the fact Free State High School is adjacent to the property, I contacted the school district and requested to meet with then superintendent Kyle Hayden. I was instead directed to Mr. Tony Barron, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations. We spoke by telephone and Mr. Barron was notified of the city's interest to possibly locate at the Overland Drive and Wakarusa Drive. Mr. Barron was unsure at the time what affect this may have on the school. Mr. Barron and I had a follow up conversation a within about two weeks. Mr. Barron advised the primary concern of the school district was they had interest in the land for another school and were possibly interested in looking at land swap of some type. Mr. Barron and I talked briefly about some school district owned land that did not meet the needs of the police facility as it was outside the primary city limits. Mr. Barron advised the school district may have further conversations with the city later.

If you recall we spoke about my contact with Mr. Barron and the school districts interest at the time. Additionally, it was noted in the memorandum dated March 27, 2017 and in the memorandum dated November 2, 2017, both of which were posted to the City Commission Agenda. The March memorandum was posted to the April 11<sup>th</sup> agenda and the Overland Drive site was discussed at the commission meeting. I am somewhat confused by Ms. Kimball's email as she indicated she has been aware of the Overland Drive site and has spoken about her individual concerns, which would lead me to believe she was aware of the potential site and could have reached back out as a member of the school board. I may be misunderstanding when she was aware. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Anthony

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**From:** Tom Markus [<mailto:tmarkus@lawrenceks.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:36 AM  
**To:** Anthony J. Brixius <[brixius@lkpd.org](mailto:brixius@lkpd.org)>; Melinda Harger <[mharger@lawrenceks.org](mailto:mharger@lawrenceks.org)>  
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Per my request I know you notified a member of the school district staff. Please provide the details.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Shannon Kimball <[SKimball@usd497.org](mailto:SKimball@usd497.org)>  
**Date:** December 4, 2017 at 7:42:50 PM CST  
**To:** Leslie Soden <[lsoden@lawrenceks.org](mailto:lsoden@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Cc:** Tom Markus <[tmarkus@lawrenceks.org](mailto:tmarkus@lawrenceks.org)>, Mike Amyx <[mamyx@lawrenceks.org](mailto:mamyx@lawrenceks.org)>  
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That is very welcome news. I will coordinate with Dr. Stubblefield and ask her to work with Mr. Markus regarding next steps. Your willingness to give us an opportunity to provide some input on this project is very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Shannon Kimball

Sent from my iPhone  
Please pardon Siri's typos

On Dec 4, 2017, at 7:33 PM, Leslie Soden <[lsoden@lawrenceks.org](mailto:lsoden@lawrenceks.org)> wrote:

Thank you Shannon, I am very sorry to hear we do not have any official correspondence from the school board on this location. I agree that this particular decision should be deferred until that testimony can be obtained from your board.

Mayor Leslie Soden  
913-890-3647

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**From:** Shannon Kimball <[SKimball@usd497.org](mailto:SKimball@usd497.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 6:06:23 PM  
**To:** Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen  
**Cc:** Anna Stubblefield; Jessica Beeson  
**Subject:** Request to defer decision on location of policy facility at Wakarusa and Overland Drive

Good evening Commissioners,

At various points over the past few months, I have spoken with a number of you as well as with the City Manager, Mr. Markus, regarding the school district's potential concerns about ongoing discussions over where the City would propose to locate a new police facility. In particular, I have shared that the location at Wakarusa and Overland Drive, being directly across the street from Free State High School, may be problematic from the school district's perspective. So I was surprised and disappointed to read in yesterday's Journal-World that you are being asked to approve that location at tomorrow night's commission meeting. City staff did not seek input from the district about our potential concerns. At this point, the timeline of the request for your approval does not allow for the district to gather or share any meaningful feedback at all regarding the proposal. At the very least, our board cannot take a position, should it wish to do

so, because our next board meeting is not until December 12.

I am asking that the commission defer a decision on approving the Wakarusa and Overland Drive location, and seek real feedback from the school district on this issue. As a major employer, facility owner, and fellow governmental body in our community, I feel the school district's interests should at least be heard and considered when the city is making land use decisions, such as this, that will have a very tangible impact on the use of and conditions surrounding our school facilities. There continues to be a distinct lack of communication in this area, despite efforts by myself and members of the district staff to work on our relationships with the Commission, the city manager and his staff, and the city planning staff.

Thank you for considering my request.

Kind regards,

Shannon Kimball  
President, USD 497 Board of Education

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**From:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** City Commissioners Email  
**Cc:** Tom Markus; Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** Citizen call

Jennifer Martello called and asked to leave a message for the Commissioners as she is not able to attend the meeting tonight. She is against the no-bidding process for the new police facility. We have a process in place already and that's what we should do.



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