

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
November 2010	Meetings: General Meeting held November 10, 2010. Communications: The September/October/November 2010 newsletter was prepared and mailed to members in late August 2010. It included meeting information for each of these months.	4
December 2010	Meetings: December 8, 2010: General Meeting Communications: The date was publicized in the newsletter for December, February, March Email communications were sent on December 3, 2010.	11
January 2011	Meetings: BCNA has no meeting in January.	

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The CDGB Advisory Committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 9th.

Andrea Repinsky gave a report on the 12th St. Bargain Center Recycling Center. The City Staff is still working with the Bargain Center to resolve issues, but they are still waiting for a site plan. The pile of scrap has been reduced and items are out of the floodway.

The BCNA officers will be meeting in February to update the by-laws and will bring them to the March meeting for approval. The meeting time and place will be announced at a later time.

The election of Officers is as follows:

President	Julie Mitchell
Vice-President	Andrea Repinsky
Secretary	Larry Kelley
Treasurer	Susan Miller

As usual, there will not be a January meeting.

Due to the unavailability of a meeting room, there will not be a February meeting this year.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the East Lawrence Recreation Center, 1245 E. 15th St. at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM for the Holiday Party where everyone had a good time.

COMMUNICATIONS

Regular messages to email list with reminders of upcoming meetings. Sent:

12/3/10	News from the Douglas County District Attorney and reminder of December meeting.
1/5/11	Reminder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. chili feed at New York School.
12/16/10	Communication with Natasha Naramore regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. chili feed at New York School.

NEWSLETTER (follows)



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

December 2010, February - March 2011

<p>Wednesday, December 8, 2010 Election of Officers Holidays Party 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>	<p>February 2011</p> <p>There will be NO February meeting due to scheduling problems. See below.</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Approve new By-Laws 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>
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CHANGES AGAIN

This issue covers our meetings in December, 2010, February 2011, and March 2011, including our Holidays Party. The biggest change is that **we will not meet in February, due to scheduling problems with ELRC. Rather, the officers will meet to work on changes to the BCNA By-Laws (which have not been updated since 1983). Those changes will be presented to the meeting in March for discussion and approval of the final form.**

Please mark your calendars for our meetings for the months of this newsletter. The meetings all start at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010:	Election of Officers & Holidays Party	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011:	Meeting for Business	7:00 p.m.

The City has requested that we update our By-Laws (and they need it). Below you will find the old By-Laws (from 1983). Please read carefully and come to the March meeting prepared to suggest, discuss, and approve changes..

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE 1

Section 1: Name
The name of the Association is the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association.

Secton 2: Boundaries That area of the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, bounded on the east by the City limits, on the north by the Kaw River, on the West by the Santa Fe Spur Line, and on the south by the north side of 19th Street to the City lists, excluding Edgewood Homes.

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

The purpose of the BCNA is to promote understanding with the City of Lawrence, to improve living conditions, and to better communications in the neighborhood.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

Section 1

Any person 18 years of age or married, residing in or owning property within that area of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, as defined above, whose dues are paid, shall be a voting member of the Association.

Section 2

Interested people shall be non-voting members by paying dues

Section 3

No person shall be excluded from membership by reason of race, color, creed, or political views.

ARTICLE 4: Meetings

Section 1

Regular meetings of the Association shall be held the second Thursday of each month and the time shall be 7:00 p.m. The meetings shall be held at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. If the regular meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held the following Thursday.

Section 2

Meetings of the Association officers shall be called by the President as necessary at the request of any officer

Section 3

Special meetings of the members for any purpose may be called by the officers of the Association. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be confined to the announced purpose of the meeting.

Section 4

Notice, either written or by phone, will be given stating the nature of the business to be conducted at any special meetings of the members called by the officers of the Association. Such notice to be given 7 days in advance of said meeting.

Section 5

Ten percent (10%) of the voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the members. No meeting shall be dismissed in less than 30 minutes while waiting for a quorum.

Section 6

Meeting procedures shall follow those set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE 5: Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1

The nomination of officers shall be held annually at the regular meeting in November, with the election held at the regular meeting in December.

Section 2

No member shall be nominated or be a candidate for more than one office at the same election.

Section 3

Nomination for offices shall be made by a nominating committee of three members. One shall be appointed by the President and the other two shall be elected by the members in October.

Section 4

The nominating committee shall report at the November meeting, submitting one nominee for each office, after which nominations are in order from the floor. No one whose consent has not previously been attained shall be nominated by the committee.

Section 5

Election shall be by ballot and a plurality vote shall elect.

Section 6

Any member in good standing who has attended at least one-fourth of the business meetings of said year, up to and including the nominations meeting, shall be eligible for election to any office. Any member not so qualified shall be deemed ineligible for any such office. Candidates-elected to office may accept by letter if unable to attend the December meeting.

Section 7

Officers elected shall officiate at the first regular meeting following the election.

ARTICLE 6: Committees

All standing and special committees shall be appointed by the officers of the Association. The duties of these committees shall be determined by the President.

ARTICLE 7: Dues and Finances**Section 1**

The annual dues of the Association shall be \$1.00 per year per member, payable in advance.

Section 2

Dues are payable by the February meeting and delinquent after the March meeting. Members who have not paid their dues by that time shall be automatically dropped from membership unless definite arrangements have been made with the Treasurer.

Section 3

All expenditures of the Association in excess of \$20.00 shall be approved by the Executive Board. The President or Treasurer may authorize expenditures of \$20.00 or less.

Section 4:

All checks on Association accounts shall be signed by the President or Treasurer and those in excess of \$20.00 shall be co-signed by a member of the officers of the Association.

ARTICLE 8: Officers**Section 1**

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Term of Office

The officers of the Association shall be elected for one (1) year.

Section 3: Resignation of Officers

A written resignation to the Association officers shall be required of an officer wishing to resign from office. The books of the office must be in order and/or audited before the resignation of the Secretary or Treasurer can be accepted.

Section 4: Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in any office except that of President, the successor shall be appointed by the Association officers. Such successor shall hold office for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE 9: Duties of Officers**Section 1: President**

The President shall have the usual power and authority vested in the office of the President of an unincorporated association, and shall execute the plans and policies of the Association and shall perform such duties as the Association Officers shall prescribe.

Section 2: Vice-President

The power and authority of the Vice-President shall be to preside at meetings in the absence of the President; perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Executive Board (AO); become President in case of the vacancy of the office of President.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Association Officers and all meetings of the Association and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose; keep an accurate list of membership and committees; prepare ballots for elections and perform other duties as may be prescribed by the Association Officers or President under whose supervision he shall perform his duties.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have general custody of the funds of the Association and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all money in the name and to the credit of the Association in such manner and in such depository as shall be designated by the Association Officers. He shall cause the funds of the Association to be disbursed in such manner as shall be designated by the Association Officers and see that proper vouchers cover all disbursements. He/she shall report to the Association Officers at their regular meetings; collect all dues and assessments and issue membership cards; furnish the election committee with an accurate list of members entitled to vote at the meeting in November.

ARTICLE 10: Inspection of Books

Any member of the Association shall have the right to examine in person or by agent or attorney at any time for any purpose the by-laws, books, accounts and records of the Association or of the proceedings of the members or Officers.

ARTICLE 11: Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose by simple majority of the members present and voting, providing notice of such amendment has been sent to all members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE 12: Discipline**Section 1**

The President has the right to declare any person attempting to create dissension or refusing to conform to the By-Laws of the Association out of order. If, after being declared out of order, such person continues this behavior, the President and Executive Board shall expel such person from the meeting.

Section 2

Any member whose conduct is such that it discredits the Association, who endeavors to create dissension among the members or who works against the interest and purpose of the Association shall be expelled from the Association. Expulsion from the Association shall take place at any regular or special meeting of the membership provided notification of the expulsion proceedings has been given to the membership at least 7 days in advance. Charges must be preferred in writing and the member charged shall be given the opportunity to be heard on the charges preferred.

Section 3

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be sufficient for expulsion.

Section 4

An expelled member may petition for reinstatement after six (6) months. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting shall be sufficient for reinstatement, provided notification of reinstatement proceedings as been given at least 7 days in advance.

MINUTES**September 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Doug Miller at 7:05 P.M. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. Seven members and one guest were present. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

The pot-luck on September 6 was attended by 25-30 people plus several nearby neighborhood children. It was agreed that it was a very successful event. It was suggested that Coke and fresh tea should be added to the drink choices.

An update on the situation with the 12th and Haskell Bargain Center was given. The owner has 30-45 days to have a proposal for planning and flooding. It was reported that some of the employees of the Bargain Center were seen in the neighborhood picking up trash.

It was reported that during the reconstruction of 13th Street from the Rails to Trails path to Haskell, some old curbstones were found.

The Pelathe Center is being cleaned-up and is now open for business.

Michael Almon gave a presentation about Peak Oil and the transition to an alternative life style without using petroleum as a fuel.

An interest was expressed to have a Lawrence Police Neighborhood Resource Officer attend a future meeting.

Gary Tucker of the Drum Creek Cattle Company in Independence, KS was a visitor at the meeting and spoke of his attempts to market his grass-fed beef at the local farmers markets.

A new BCNA member, Roy Wimmer, a local Kansas inventor, is working on plans for an electric car that he hopes to build with assistance from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

The next meeting is at 7 P.M. on Tuesday October 12, 2010 at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.

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The meeting was called to order by President Julie Mitchell at 7:00 p.m. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

An update was given about the Bargain Center at 12th & Haskell. The City had sent a letter to the owner, who has 45 days to comply. That time frame will have elapsed around the middle of November. To those who have been watching the center, it does not look like anything has changed.

A request for demolition permits for 1313 Haskell was reported. The permits were not for the house itself, but for some outbuildings. Reports were also heard that there is a group forming that may have the money to buy and rehabilitate the property.

Doug Miller, BCNA Secretary informed us that we will have to find a new secretary for the coming year. His work schedule now conflicts with our meeting times.

A reminder was given about the fall park clean-up scheduled for October 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Susan Miller informed us that there will be an electronics recycling event on October 23, from 9:00-1:00, at Free State High School.

Tenants to Homeowners will have an open house for the house on Laura Street, with the date to be determined. Andrea Repinsky reminded us that they still need to fix the alley there.

Andrea also said that, if anyone needs it, she has information about how to safely strip lead paint from walls. She is engaged in currently doing that process.

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JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

BCNA keeps an email list of members and uses it to give you advance reminders of our meetings, as well as updates about issues in front of the neighborhood, notifications from other organizations in the city, and occasional requests for assistance from neighbors.

Currently, our list is comprised of a small percentage of our residents. If you are not currently receiving email messages from us and would like to be included, please send an email request to: BrookcreekNA@gmail.com. In the subject line, please say "Add me to BCNA email list" (which will keep your message from being placed in the spam folder by our Internet/email security program).

If you've been on the list but have changed your email address, please use the same procedure to notify us of that (and give us your new email address). Because we can only do three newsletters per year, this is the fastest way to get information to you.

Contact Information

If you need to contact us with any questions or comments, please email us at BrookCreekNA@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, you can call Julie Banhart at 841-4997.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Aaron C. & Kendra A. Marable: 1300 Haskell Ave.

Michael D. & Michelle E. Wickersheim: 1621 Matthew Circle

Ryan & Stephanie Fricke -- 1832 Atherton Court

Robert E. & Victoria C. Reed -- 1321 E. 18th St.

Thomas A. & Carol F. Supancic -- 1211 Laura Ave.

Stephen D. & Teresa A. Reetz -- 1503 Hanscom Road

New and Improved Mass Street Dillons

A new and improved Mass Street Dillons is scheduled to open in late 2011. Representatives from Dillons and its engineering firm gave a presentation about the new store on November 8th at Central Junior High. Approximately 100 people attended the meeting.

Dillons expects to demolish the current building, including the portion that contained the barber shop and Diane's Liquors, in early 2011. Construction of the new building is expected to take approximately 10 months. The new building will be 10,000 feet larger than the existing building and will be located along Mass with parking and the entrance on the north side of the building. Drawings of the proposed building are on display in the store.

Some of the new amenities will be Starbucks, indoor/outdoor deli seating with wireless internet, sushi, Chinese deli, drive thru pharmacy, more green space around the store, meat and seafood counters, improved produce selection, and an expanded salad bar.

Nearby neighbors of the store expressed concern about increased traffic on New Hampshire due to the drive thru pharmacy and a 2-way drive for the parking lot. Neighbors also expressed concerns about truck traffic and fumes from idling trucks. Other concerns involved the store being closed for 10 months. Where will Babcock Place residents shop? Employees of the Mass Street store will be offered jobs at the other Dillons locations during construction. Neighbors also expressed concern about asbestos removal during demolition of the current store.

Ten months without a neighborhood grocery store will be an inconvenience, but the end result will be a brand new neighborhood grocery store in eastern Lawrence.

Questions? Concerns? Comments? Contact BCNA at brookcreekna@gmail.com or 841-4997. We will route these to a Dillons' representatives and provide an update at the March BCNA meeting.

Vandalism in Brook Creek Park

Incidents of vandalism in Brook Creek Park increased this Fall. Permanent markers were used to write inappropriate language and drawings on the playground equipment and gazebo. Electrical outlets were removed from the gazebo. Kids in the park were seen trying to remove branches from trees. Inappropriate language has caused families with younger children to leave the park. A fire was lit in the woods resulting in the Fire Department making a visit to the park. Parents, if you have children who visit the park in the afternoons and evenings please check on them occasionally.



Don't forget our Holidays Party at the December meeting!

All are welcome to the meeting and Holidays Party. If you can, please bring a selection of some of the Holidays' "goodies" that you've made for your family. Then, after a short meeting for business (mainly the election of officers for the coming year), we can all enjoy a social time with our neighbors and sampling the good things to eat that others have brought.

December 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.
East Lawrence Recreation Center

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

1944 Miller Drive

Lawrence, KS 66046

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Join Your Neighborhood Association

Dues are \$1.00 per person, per year. This gives you voting rights at BCNA meetings. Clip, fill out, and mail to: Susan Miller, Treasurer; 1235 Prairie; Lawrence, KS 66044

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

- I am enclosing my \$1.00 annual dues
- I am enclosing _____ extra to help the neighborhood association.

GOOD NEIGHBORING

January 20, 2011 was a good-neighboring day in Brook Creek. Gary Meyer used a snow blower to clean out Julie Mitchell's driveway, and she loaned Doug and Susan Miller her space heaters because they were having furnace issues that night.

Susan Miller reported that the 1200 block of Prairie Avenue had its own "snow shoveling angel" after the first big snow. This anonymity-desiring person shoveled out about half the block.