

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
November 2011	<p>Meetings: The November BCNA meeting was held on November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.</p> <p>Communications: Meeting information for September, October, and November was published in the September – November 2011 newsletter. The newsletter was in mailboxes in September.</p>	10
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January 2012	<p>Meetings: BCNA holds no general meeting in January.</p>	NA

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December 14, 2011

Julie Mitchell, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., with 17 members present. She presented the treasurer's report as Susan Miller was out of town for a funeral. The report was approved with no new submissions.

Julie Mitchell reported that the Community Development Advisory Committee met last week, and, as a result of that meeting, it is understood that neighborhood associations, including BCNA, will probably have their funding from Housing and Urban Development substantially reduced for the upcoming fiscal year. It was recommended that a discussion as to how to fill in potential gaps be submitted as an agenda item for a future meeting.

An update was given regarding the recent City Council meeting where several Brook Creek residents participated in bringing to light the egregious violations to the neighborhood's peace and quiet by the 12th & Haskell Recycle Center. During the public comment portion at the City Commission meeting more than an hour was taken to present an overwhelming amount of both recited and recorded information, inclusive of support from two previous Lawrence mayors and a land-use attorney. The Lawrence Journal World's announcement the next day, stating that the Recycle-Bargain Center would close much of its business, was met with skepticism by some of the attendees. Byron Wiley formulated that the next step would come as a decision to be announced by the City Commissioners and, pending that, a probable zoning appeal, followed by a possible battle in the Kansas District Court.

Kudos were voted for all participants in the battle for the restoration of peace and quiet. Andrea Repinsky, vice president, recommended that some written acknowledgement be made. Though there was indication for approval for this action, no formal motion was made.

There was mention of a complaint regarding the noise from grain dryers/blowers on Moodie Street. A conversation with the City's Brian Jiminez revealed that drying the grain was an essential operation, to avoid an explosion and fire, and the dryers would cease once all the stored grain had shipped out. This is a procedure that occurs annually, from the harvest until all the grain is gone, and nothing can, or should, be done to stop it.

There was a motion to re-elect the current officers who offered to volunteer their efforts for another year, and the motion passed without objection.

The meeting concluded @ 7:45 p.m. when informal talk regarding community matters spilled into the following Holidays party.

COMMUNICATIONS

Messages to email list:

- 11/3/11 Notice of First-Time Homebuyer workshop.
- 11/3/11 Notice of Energy Conservation / Weatherization Workshop.
- 11/17/11 Notice of Meetings of Interest: throughout the community.
- 12/30/11 Information about the next first-time homebuyer workshop.
- 1/6/12 Sending on the Tenants to Homeowners newsletter.
- 1/23/12 Passing on the call for volunteers to be wintertime snow shovelers for residents of the city who cannot do this themselves.

Messages from/to individuals:

- 12/13/11 Communications between a concerned resident, the BCNA coordinator and BCNA president about the noise problem from the silos on Moodie Road.

NEWSLETTER (follows)



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

December 2011 / February 2012 / March 2012

<p>Wednesday December 14, 2011 Holidays Party Election of Officers 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>	<p>Tuesday February 7, 2012 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011	Presentation to City Commission re 12 th & Haskell Recycle Center. City Commission Meeting Room, 6:35 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011	Holidays Party & Election of Officers, 7:00 p.m., ELRC
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012	General Meeting.
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012	General Meeting

MINUTES

September 14,-2011

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. There were 20 attendees.

The treasurer's report was given, inclusive of an explanation of expenditures, by Susan Miller, and the treasurer's report was approved.

President, Julie Mitchell, announced the upcoming meetings: Thursday, October 13th and Tuesday, November 15th. Due to low participation during previous fall cleanups there will be no official park cleanup this October. However, supplies are available if anyone desires to host an informal/impromptu cleanup.

Michael Almon gave an overview of our potential Brook Creek drainage improvement project, which would involve day-lighting Brook Creek where it runs under Brook Street between 13th and 15th Streets. Michael and Cash Hyatt spoke with neighbors on that block and gathered signatures. The majority of the neighbors were in favor of the city pursuing this project. One neighbor at the meeting expressed concern about people turning around in her driveway. Mary Taylor made a motion that BCNA send a letter to the city recommending they pursue looking into the day-lighting project. Roy Wimmer seconded the motion. Thirteen were in favor, seven abstained and the motion passed.

Dave Corliss, City Manager, spoke regarding the acquired Farmland property east of the city that is to be incorporated into the East Hills Business Park. Funds of \$8.5MM was given to clean up the project and Mr. Corliss is hoping some of this money will be left over to help with projects associated with the park, such as the proposed improvements to 19th Street. Mr. Corliss expressed the desire for "complete" streets inclusive of bike lanes and pedestrian walkways. The issue of the narrow nature of 19th street was raised, and Mr. Corliss noted

that a street can still be “complete” with narrow parameters. Rather amazingly we learned that some of the ground water from the Farmland site is, essentially, fertilized from previous dumping, and that this water runs through a pipe under the Kaw River into North Lawrence, and is used agriculturally.

The issue of our infamous recycling center was raised with objections to the perpetual noise and loss of adjacent property values. Legitimate objections to the improper site plan were again raised, along with the fact that the city has dragged its heels with regard to implementation of code enforcement. One thing remains clear, and this is that more objections, more petitions, and more meetings will be necessary to resolve this ongoing issue. Meanwhile anyone who loves peace and quiet can sympathize with those living next to the recycle center.

The meeting was cordially concluded at 8 p.m.

October 13, 2011

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Andrea Repinsky. Nine members were present.

The first order of business was the reading of the treasurer’s report by Susan Miller. The treasurer’s report was approved without objection and without any new claims.

It was noted that Gwen Klingenberg, president of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) is collecting stories of historical significance for the 25th anniversary of LAN (officially January 29, 2012). Of particular interest will be the various battles the neighborhood organizations have fought on behalf of their neighborhoods. Stories can be submitted to Gwen at gklingenberg@sunflower.com.

An update was given on the progress being made with the 12th & Haskell Recycling Center. Apparently, more informal meetings have been organized, again, without resolve. Byron Wiley has added more to the historical significance section of the letter addressed to the city commissioners.

To the best of our knowledge, no alternate site has been selected for the center. Those living next to the center noted that there is a continuous barrage of noise with the frequency of heavy truck traffic. In spite of repeated objections raised by BCNA, the noise has actually increased.

A volunteer project was suggested for the coming winter months. BCNA will coordinate volunteers who are willing to help with snow removal on driveways and walkways for neighbors in need of such assistance. Anyone willing to donate some time to this project, please contact BCNA Coordinator Julie Banhart, either via email (BrookCreekNA@gmail.com) or by telephone at 841-4997, or BCNA President Julie Mitchell (juliahenrym@yahoo.com).

It is noted, with gratitude, that due to the efforts of neighborhood activists, yield signs have been added to the intersections of 13th & Prairie, 13th & Prospect, and 13th & Summit Streets.

Announcements were made for the November 15th meeting during which, among other agenda items, there will be nominations for officers for the upcoming year. Please attend, and bring your suggestions. Election of officers will take place in conjunction with our December meeting / Holidays party.

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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Danny & Lynne Gauthier	1613 Matthew Circle	Margaret L. Gille	1326 E. Glenn Drive
Cyrus Azizi	1534 Harper Street	Mary, Larry, & Marie Krause	918 Oliver's Court
Sheila & Philip Evans	1617 Powers Street	Brooks Heath	1215 Laura Avenue

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to former BCNA president Craig Comstock and Kim on the birth of their son, Dodge Comstock, on November 2, 2011. :



*Come to the Holidays Party at our December 14 Meeting
We'll have election of officers for 2012
And then enjoy a social evening with friends, neighbors and
Yummy holiday treats.
Bring some of your favorites and we'll all share.*

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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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

As usual in the Brook Creek neighborhood, there are many acts of good neighboring that go unreported. Two that were reported include:

Doug Miller reported that, while walking on the Burroughs Trail, he saw an unidentified resident wielding a broom to sweep the path clean.

Melinda Henderson, who recently moved into the neighborhood, has voluntarily spent countless hours and energy working with other residents, and helping lead the neighborhood fight against the pollution and noise problems (to name just two) caused by the 12th & Haskell Recycle Center.