

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
August 2012	Meetings: BCNA does not have a meeting in August. The May BCNA meeting was held on May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.	NA
Sept. 2012	Meetings: The BCNA September Pot Luck Picnic in the Park was held on September 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Brook Creek Park. A special surprise guest was Kansas State Senator Marci Francisco who spent some time discussing current issues with attendees. The BCNA regular business meeting was held on September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. Communications: Meeting information was in the September – November, 2012 newsletter. Email reminders were sent to residents (see communications section of this report).	30 12
Oct. 2012	Meetings: BCNA's October business meeting was held on October 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. Communications: Meeting information was in the September – November, 2012 newsletter. Email reminders were sent to residents (see communications section of this report).	9

MINUTES

September 19, 2012

The meeting was brought to order, with 12 persons attending, by Susan Miller, who also read the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved with no additional claims or adjustments.

Dickie Heckler gave the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) report. Among the LAN activities was a visit by Greg Williams, the new president of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, at one of their meetings. spoke at their meeting.

Also under discussion by LAN was the new mega-dollar Sports Complex (which had previously been discussed at a BCNA meeting). At the LAN meeting, it was noted that the proposed Sports Complex was

getting even more complex, as KU's purchase of the proposed 146 acre site would mean it would be state owned.

In keeping with the City's agenda to create new play areas, Dickie noted several options that would greatly benefit the area neighborhoods. Among these was a suggestion for the expansion of the East Lawrence Recreation Center to include a new basketball court and, possibly, an additional meeting room so that BCNA could more regularly schedule meetings on our preferred second Wednesday of the month.

Other developments and their, seemingly requisite, high-dollar consulting fees were discussed. One that had touched on the interests of the Brook Creek Neighborhood was the week-long (and expensive) planning workshop in 2007 that resulted in the proposed redevelopment of the 19th and Haskell shopping center, which, to date, has shown few (and no really noticeable) changes. (For background on this, see the *Lawrence Journal World's* February 3, 2007 article, "A Vision of the City's Future).

Progress, or the lack thereof, regarding the 12th & Haskell Recycling Center was discussed. It seems they are going full steam at their current site, with little to no progress in transitioning to their new site. The question was raised: If the current site were to be rented to another business, could the non-conforming code still apply?

On the agenda was a discussion of the proposed bat houses along the Burroughs Trail. However, there was no one present to give a detailed report.

The meeting was concluded at 7:45 p.m.

October 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Susan Miller at 7:00 p.m., with 9 members present. Susan also presented the treasurer's report, which was unanimously approved with no additional claims or adjustments.

A discussion ensued when Susan Miller informed the members that BCNA had received a letter from the Oread Neighborhood Association, which said they had heard about our problem in paying LAN dues. A check for the \$25.00 annual LAN dues was enclosed. In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out again that BCNA's request that LAN consider reduced fees for the target neighborhoods was made, not just for BCNA but for all the target neighborhoods because they are limited to \$1.00 per year membership dues per person, and CDBG funds can no longer be used for those dues. Dickie Heckler (BCNA's representative to LAN) and Susan Miller (BCNA's treasurer) pointed out that our LAN dues have already been paid. Therefore, a motion was made to return ONA's check to them, along with a letter of thanks for their considerate offer. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was pointed out that the Salvation Army had contacted BCNA president Julie Mitchell, with a request to send a representative to one of our meetings to talk with us about the land the Salvation Army owns on Haskell Avenue. Unfortunately, neither our October nor our November meeting worked for the Salvation Army. Perhaps in the upcoming months a convenient time can be arranged.

Once again, a discussion of the proposed bat houses along the Burroughs Creek Trail was on the agenda, but no one was present with the information about this worthwhile project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Messages to email list:

- 8/9/12 Notice of the creation by the City of Lawrence of an email list for those who want to receive email updates regarding the proposed Regional Recreation Center, including a link through which individuals can sign up to be put on that email list. . Reminder of May meeting and invitation to Farmland property open house
- 8/9/12 A notice from the City of Lawrence was forwarded regarding the availability of documents for public review regarding the Transportation Improvement Program.
- 8/30/12 A reminder of our annual Pot Luck Picnic in the Park to be held on September 12, 2012 at the gazebo in Brook Creek Park, starting at 6:30 p.m., and a reminder of the BCNA business meeting to be held on September 19, 2012, at the East Lawrence Recreation Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 9/19/12 A reminder of the September 19, 2012 business meeting at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.
- 10/1/12 A reminder of the BCNA business meeting on October 3, 2012, at the East Lawrence Recreation Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER (follows)



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

September - November, 2012

Wednesday September 12, 2012 Picnic in the Park 6:30 p.m. Brook Creek Park	Wednesday September 19, 2012 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center	Wednesday October 3, 2012 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center	Wednesday, November 14, 2012 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center
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May 11, 2011

BCNA Treasurer Susan Miller presided over and opened the meeting. Ten members were present. Susan then presented the Treasurer's report, for which there were no claims or objections.

A discussion followed regarding the Lawrence Preservation Alliance's interest in the nomination to the historical register of the John G. Haskell residence at 13th and Haskell Streets. The status of the nomination is unknown at this time. The properties at this location figure heavily into John G. Haskell's (1832-1907) legacy. He was a well-known architect during the Kansas territorial period. While many of Haskell's buildings appear on the National and State Registers of Historical Places; his places of residence do not. It was brought out during the discussion that these structures have been subjected to alteration over the years.

Richard (Dickie) Heckler gave us an update on the Lawrence Area Neighborhood Association (LAN). It seems neither BCNA nor any other neighborhood association will be given a break on the \$25.00 membership dues, even though CDBG funds can longer be used to cover the cost. It had been proposed that the fee be reduced to \$1.00, which is the charge for a single membership in CDBG neighborhoods. It was further pointed out that, for the \$25.00 fee, we do not even receive a newsletter from LAN. Dickie recommended we access the agenda via LAN's website, http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_information. Both Dickie and Melinda Henderson agreed to look further into the subject of LAN dues and monthly newsletters.

A further discussion ensued regarding LAN's opposition to The Chamber of Commerce as the City's economic source. It appears City Commissioners have proposed a new Economic Development Council and LAN members question the Chamber of Commerce's roll in this council as it seems the Chamber has a track record influenced more by real estate and banking than by economic development and historic preservation.

Somewhat moot since Bo Killough's purchase of the 1050 E 11th Street site was the update about the 12th and Haskell Recycling Center. It seems there is an appeal process of the original Board of Zoning Appeals' finding of fact stating that the Recycle Center was not in compliance. Apparently this appeal process runs for one month from May 3rd of this year.

We were reminded of the Farmland Master Plan meeting on the 16th of May at the Fairgrounds. This should prove interesting in light of Dave Corliss's previous visit at a BCNA meeting to outline the City's plans for this site. The opening of 19th Street would greatly affect the East Lawrence neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

June 13, 2012

BCNA President Julie Mitchell opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., with 9 members present. Susan Miller gave the treasurer's report. There were no additional claims and no noted discrepancies.

Julie Mitchell, who serves on The Community Advisory Development Committee reports there is no meeting scheduled for that board for August. A posting on: http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/nrac_agendas_minutes, indicated that meetings of this advisory committee have been cancelled each month since April 12th of this year. The agenda for this meeting indicates a discussion of the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), of which BCNA is a recipient.

Richard (Dickie) Heckler gave the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) meeting report for June of this year where a reduction of the \$25.00 annual dues was discussed. Due to CDBG block grant guidelines, target neighborhoods (like BCNA) can charge only \$1.00 membership dues. CDBG has discontinued funding LAN dues, and BCNA has requested a reduction of the dues charged by LAN for itself and other target neighborhoods. Dickie reported that members of LAN gave a chilly reception to this request. It was pointed out in the discussion of this report that the \$25.00 LAN dues use up collected revenue that is also used to pay for the

chicken and soft drinks for our annual picnic, as well as supplies for the annual park clean-up. The lively discussion ensured that the matter is not entirely settled and Dickie agreed to bring the matter to LAN's attention again.

It was further agreed that, if Dickie could not attend a monthly LAN meeting, Melinda Henderson is willing to substitute for him, so that BCNA will have continuous monitoring and representation at LAN meetings.

In other LAN news, Dickie passed out a copy of the recent LAN agenda along with a 2-page fact sheet generated by the June LAN meeting concerning the 50 acre sports complex proposed for west Lawrence. In the discussion that followed, it was generally agreed that increased indebtedness and the resultant increase in taxes would be a negative outcome. It was pointed out that both Kansas City and Topeka already have major sports complexes, and this proposed facility would have to compete with the already-established facilities. The expansion of the City's revenue base by nationwide participation in competitive sporting events was, therefore, questionable. The point was made that, in all probability, construction of the proposed facility would not reduce the tax burden on Lawrence's residents. A consensus was reached wherein all agreed that the proposed complex should be scaled back dramatically or eliminated entirely.

Julie Mitchell handed out a flier announcing an open house and discussion meetings about the new T-2040 transportation plan for Douglas County. It was hoped that we will get a report about this plan at our next meeting.

The East Lawrence Recycling Center's move to 11th Street was discussed briefly. The general consensus was that, because little is known about this new development, it would undoubtedly be best to wait until more is revealed. A general and continued concern for environmental pollution was raised.

Susan Miller shared an article in the Lawrence Journal World detailing the allocation of a block grant, as recommended by the CDBG Advisory Committee, of \$40,000.00 to be allocated for sidewalk repair, particularly in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. Chuck Soules, Lawrence's director of public works has yet to work out the details of the plan and the method of application for assistance. "Soules said he hopes to have details for the program finalized later this summer and for work to begin in the fall."

Julie Mitchell reminded us that our next meeting would be in September, and that the annual potluck picnic will take place at the Brook Creek Park shelter on September 12, 2012. Julie Banhart will try to get our regular meeting room at the East Lawrence Recreation Center reserved for use in case of rain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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. Also, check us out at LawrenceMarketplace.com.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

1000 E. 11th St. - Robert B. Killough	1514 Craig Court - Alan G. Hack, III	1503 E. 18th Terrace-Jason G. & Lindsey J. Roe
1050 E. 11th St. - Robert B. Killough	1722 Genessee - Brooke McDonald	906 Ward Ave. - Lynate Pettengill
1050 E. 11th St. - City of Lawrence	914 Oliver's Court - Scott C. Jeffrey	1511 Craig Court - Alan G., III & Susan D. Hack
1539 Hanscom Road - Richard J. Crist	1535 Cadet Ave. - Brenda S. Oppert	1530 Cadet Ave. - Michael J. & Lauren Goss
1515 Lindenwood Lane - Chenaniah & Kassia Langness	1527 Hanscom Road - Keith A. Reece, III & Elizabeth A. Yeager Reece	1633 E. Glenn Drive - Matthew S. & Ashley N. Jarmer

ROOFING SCAM IN BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD

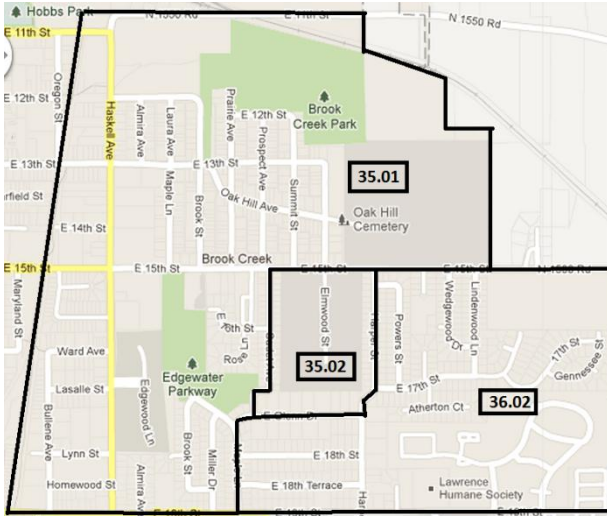
BCNA President Julie Mitchell reported that there is a man running a roofing scam in the neighborhood. He's using the name Mike Mason, and driving a new truck with A1 Construction on the side of it. He approached a resident and asked to fix her roof for \$300. When he was done, the cost was \$1,200. The man pressured her, and even looked through he kitchen cabinets. She wrote him a check to get him out of her house. fter he left, she called A1 construction and the owner said the man was his brother, who no longer worked for them. The owner promised to return her money, but has not yet done so.

The resident was referred by people at the Senior Center to District Attorney Charles Branson's office and they are preparing the paperwork for her to file a complaint.

Please, all be aware that this is going on, and do not pay people going door to door to do large home projects or let them into your home. This man is undoubtedly not the only person running similar scams in Lawrence.

Are YOU Ready to Vote on November 6th?

A general election is scheduled for November 6th. Along with the presidential election, there are many state and local races that will be on the ballots in our neighborhood. I say “ballots” plural, because with the redistricting that occurred in late May, Brook Creek neighborhood is split into three distinct precinct parts now. They are: Precincts 35.01, 35.02 and 36.02. Here is a map of the three precincts in Brook Creek Neighborhood.



So what’s the difference between a precinct and a district? Your house is assigned a precinct. Precincts usually have street or natural geographic boundaries, e.g. Burroughs Creek. Your precinct is assigned a specific district for each race. So neighbors who live across the street from each other might be in different districts for particular races, depending on their precinct boundaries.

Below is a list of races and candidates that will be on your ballot on November 6th.

U.S. Representative, 2nd District

(all precincts):
 Tobias Schlingensiepen (D)
 Lynn Jenkins (R)

State Senator, 2nd District 2:

(Precinct 35.01)
 Marci Francisco (D)
 Ronald B. Ellis (R)

State Representative, 46th District

(all precincts)
 Paul Davis (D) (no challenger)

State Senator, 3rd District

(Precincts 35.02, 36.02)
 Tom Holland (D)
 Anthony R. Brown (R)

County Commissioner, 2nd District

(all precincts)
 Nancy Thellman (D)
 Frank A. Male (R)

State Board of Education, District 4

(Precinct 35.01)
 Carolyn L. Campbell (D)
 Jack Wu (R)

Visit www.douglascountyelections.com and check out the Voter Portal for more information. You can also check there to see if you are registered.

Submitted by BCNA resident, Melinda Henderson, who is also Chair of the Voter Services Committee of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence/Douglas County. If you have any questions about this article, she can be reached via email at melinlhw@gmail.com.



Come to our annual Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park
Tuesday, September 12, 2012 -- Brook Creek Park Gazebo
 Come anytime after 6:00 p.m.

Food will be out & ready to eat by 6:30 p.m.

BCNA will provide: Fried Chicken & soft Drinks

You bring: Side Dishes or desserts
 Table service for yourself & your family

We'll all get to try new things by sharing the side dishes and desserts.

Come see old friends, meet new neighbors, and enjoy good food and good company.

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.
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GOOD NEIGHBORING

There have been, as usual, countless instances of unreported instances of good neighboring noted throughout the Brook Creek neighborhood, as individuals have been seen helping neighbors with a variety of things, pretty much as an automatic reaction to a friend or neighbor needing assistance.