Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10				
Neighborhood Brook Creek NA Completed By Julie Banhart, Coordinator Date 5*14*14				
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1 Meeting Date #1 Meeting Date #1	2/12/14 3/12/14 4/9/14	Minutes Attached?	Yes Yes Yes
How was the neighborhood X notified of the meeting(s)? (check X all that apply) X	email newsletter other announcement	? (please specify)	phone calls to those on call list	
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes	X No		
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	Feb May, 2014	Copy Attached?	Yes

Also to be attached:

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome.

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments.

BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY LIST FOR 2013-2014 QUARTER 3

February 12, 2014 General Meeting Method of Notification: February - May Newsletter. Email reminder to those on the email list. Telephone calls to those on the call list. Estimated attendance: 18

March 12, 2014 BCNA General Business Meeting and Holidays Party. Method of Notification: February - May Newsletter. Email reminder to those on the email list.

Telephone calls to those on the call list. Estimated Attendance: 8

April 9, 2014 BCNA General Meeting

Method of Notification: February - May Newsletter. Email reminder to those on the email list. Telephone calls to those on the call list. Estimated attendance: 9

April 12, 2014 BCNA Annual Park Clean-up

Method of Notification:

February - May Newsletter. Email reminder to those on the email list. Telephone calls to those on the call list. Estimated attendance: 32 (including KU students as part of KU's "Big Event").

BCNA Neighborhood Accomplishments 3rd Quarter (February-April) 2014

- We redesigned the BCNA Newsletter
- For the first time for the BCNA, we conducted a successful campaign to sell print advertisements in the newsletter.
- We cleaned Brook Creek Park in our annual cleanup, with the help of neighborhood residents and KU students as part of their "Big Event."
- We started collecting additional email addresses to reach more members with announcements of importance to the neighborhood.
- We started regular announcement emails to members, including notices from the City and other events of interest.
 - A new website was created and is undergoing continuing development.
 - We supported efforts that would be of benefit to the neighborhood:
 - to create a downtown grocery store.
 - to further an extension of the East Lawrence Burroughs Trail.
 - to support the transition of land use at 12th & Haskell to something appropriate for the neighborhood.
- We participated in LAN

We set annual goals for the neighborhood association,

Minutes of BCNA meeting 02-12-2014

(taken by Byron Wiley)

Attendance: 18

- 1. Agenda review
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Treasurer's report
- 4. Miscellaneous announcements
 - a. We won a new playground in Edgewood Park. The City will hold information meetings on Feb 19th at 6:00 and on March 4th.
 - b. KDOT and the City are working on a plan to support a trail from the Burroughs Creek trail to Downtown.
 - c. The annual Brook Creek cleanup is scheduled for April 12th. The suggestion was made to ask for help from KU's "Big Event." This is a student volunteer initiative which happens on the same day.
 - d. Kendra and Aaron Marable who live at 1300 Haskell have purchased the house at 1340 Haskell. There will be a public hearing on Feb 20th about the proposed use of that property (HRC designation). Kendra and Aaron spoke about the project. They have lived at 1300 Haskell for 3.5 years. They plan to get their home on the local historic register. They plan to create a business at the 1340 Haskell house. The business idea is in the early stages of development, but they plan a hospitality based business, such as a bed and breakfast. They want it to be more of a local type of operation. They want to restore the property and maintain/preserve the green space. They are seeking to put both properties on the Historical Register.
- 5. Website Report
 - a. Emily Winters has taken on this task. The website will contain minutes, past newsletters, photos, history, etc.
 - b. Emily is also maintaining a Facebook account for the neighborhood.
- 6. 1146 Haskell (former junkyard) Update
 - a. The site plan was on the City Commission agenda on 2/11/14, but BCNA raised concerns about insufficient protections in place to manage noise, whether from activities of the new owners or any owners in the future. The item was pulled from the CC agenda. The neighborhood association will visit with city planning staff and Struct/Restruct Friday, 2/14 to discuss noise restrictions, the setbacks, sidewalk plans, pedestrian facilities, and the potential trail along the north end of the property next to the creek. It will be on the 2/18 CC agenda.
- 7. Presentation by David Crawford about the downtown grocery store proposal
 - **a.** David asked for our support of a downtown grocery. The old Borders Bookstore building has been identified as a very good spot for a grocery store.. He stressed the importance of community involvement and some marketing approaches to make this successful. The building has 20,000 sq

feet, which would be considered a smaller grocery store, similar to an Aldi, General Dollar or WalMart Market.

- **b.** He wants to approach a local grocery store company to consider occupying this spot. He currently has an unnamed local grocery business that has a strong interest. The current owner of the building is willing to lease it below market value to make this possible. Currently they are conducting a marketing survey, a \$7,000 cost.
- **c.** Needs need to let folks know this is happening. Would appreciate general support.
- **d.** The library is currently scheduled to move out in July but they have a 6-month extension, designed to protect the building they are in right now.
- **e.** Neighbors attending the meeting expressed support in developing a locally-owned store with a good selection of fresh foods and local food.
- 8. 1146 Haskell legal fund update

Melinda Henderson appealed to the neighborhood to help her pay off the remaining outstanding legal fees that she paid on behalf of the neighborhood. Byron stated that some recent donations have brought the remaining outstanding balance to about \$500.00

- 9. Salvation Army update
 - a. Lt. Matt McCluer talked about the Salvation Army's plans for the large property that they own, bordered by Haskell, Homewood St, Bullene Ave and Lynn St. He said that the Salvation Army does not have a homeless shelter anymore (at their old location at 10th and New Hampshire). Their capitol financing campaign for a new building started in 2004.
 - b. McCluer said that The Salvation Army started in 1865, with an approach of 'Soup, Soap and Salvation,' a holistic ministry. They serve people if or if not interested in religion.
 - c. McCluer said that they have done a community needs assessment. This will let them know about the current needs in Lawrence. They do not just cater to the poor and destitute, but have a youth program, singing company of kids(?), and summer camps. %85 of the funds they receive stay in the community. He asked our neighborhood to comment on local needs. He said that the new building will probably not be a homeless or transitional housing for families. They have, instead, been working with local landlords on providing transitional housing. He said that there will not be any overnight accommodations, and activities will be limited to daytime office hours. Their timeframe to break ground is about 2-3 years. They will plan on about 18 months of construction after that, and then they will vacate the old building at 10th and New Hampshire.
 - d. Two neighbors expressed their concerns. They are concerned about the influx of strange people coming into the neighborhood, a security issue and loitering. McCluer stated that at their current location their building has some office space for staff, a fish and loaves café (the feeding program) and they do all of their programming on site. They also provide emergency assistance, women's ministry, and youth programs. The offices close at 4:30. They will have daytime activities only. The new building

might have a regulation size gym, classrooms, computer labs, after school programs (partnering with the Boys and Girls Club), a sanctuary, dining room, offices and it will be a one-story building. Their plan is not finalized at this time, but are seeking feedback and research before moving forward with construction.

- e. Concerns Two neighbors who live near the property discussed their concerns. They are worried that their property values will be dragged down by the facility.
- f. There was a question about the status of the current zoning on the property. McCluer said that other groups in town are taking care of some of the traditional issues of homelessness. They bought the land before they created a local homeless task force and now there is a larger shelter. They are interested in kids' needs. They are working with Just Food.
- g. McCluer said they do not have people hanging around their old building anymore. He mentioned their "Safe from Harm" program, background checks (for staff) to identify potential bad situations, and they have video security. Other neighbors also noticed that there are not people loitering around the current Salvation Army building.
- h. He said that the "Community Needs Assessment" is nearly done. They can disclose that information when they are through studying the results. The neighborhood should follow up with this developing plan.
- i. Emily Winters noticed that a Salvation Army vehicle has been seen at the old Four Winds Native Center at 15th and Haskell. McCluer said they leased the building on a temporary basis over the holiday season.

Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting March 12th 2014

8 people in attendance

Introductions

Treasurers Report given and approved

Communication/Technology Update

- Facebook insights show a fair amount of interaction
- Discussion about Nextdoor site decided to hold off for now
- •

LAN Meeting update

- Update on rental licensing
 - Moving forward, to hire about 5 people to better allow them to follow up on violations, expanding to include all rental units in the city
 - Several public meetings for concerned citizens
- David Crawford presented more about downtown grocery
- Annual goal planning retreat scheduled for March 29th

Announcements

- Edgewood Park update
 - Might be ready as soon as May; will be a more free form design similar to Burroughs Creek Park
- City compost and woodchips will now be available throughout the spring and summer
- Big Event
 - Residents may send a request to have KU students help with things around their house or yard
 - We have also sent out a request for help at our clean up
- Site plan for 1146 Haskell approved
- Asked Salvation Army for update about needs assessment

 have not heard back
- Letters of support sent for downtown grocery and trail extension grant

Presentation from Robert Baker, Tenants to Homeowners

- Change in the housing market caused them to restructure their practice
- Now use a land trust style program
 - Cost of purchasing the home is lower because land does not need to be purchased.
 - Energy star builder, \$10,000 energy efficiency credit given to help with energy bills
- Also have rental units available
- Counseling and education programs, very low eviction rate

- 65% of tenants have been in place for at least 5 years
- Resale contract
 - Must go to another low income family, sellers get ¹/₄ of resale profit
- People buying houses at an older age, around 30
- Always trying new innovative ideas, interested in energy efficiency
- New senior living community being built near 25th and Cedarwood
 - Lots of integrated technology and green designs

David Corliss scheduled to speak at April or May meeting about 19th street expansion

• Ask on Facebook about suggestions or other questions

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, 9 April 2014 (by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Andrea Repinsky (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Susan Miller (Treasurer), Michael Almon (Secretary), Julie Banhart (Coordinator), and four other Association members.

Guests present: six invited employees of either the Lawrence Utility Department or Trekk Design Group, LLC, who spoke about the Lawrence sanitary sewer infiltration control program.

Introductions: Andrea asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

Treasurer's report: \$177.65 petty cash. \$785.92 in checking account. \$963.57 total revenues.

Guest presentation:

Mike Lawless, Nicholas Hoyt, and Charles Garzillo of the Lawrence Utilities Department explained about the "Eco-flow Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program". It is a program to find situations on private properties where rainwater is being incorrectly discharged into the sanitary sewers, rather than into street gutters, drainage channels or storm water sewers.

The problem with excess rainwater entering the sanitary sewers is that during heavy rains, the excess water overwhelms the Lawrence Sewage Treatment Plant so that the normal microbial treatment of sewage becomes ineffective, and they must resort to less desirable and more expensive chemical treatment. In the very worst case, some diluted raw sewage may find its way into the river. The maximum capacity of the Sewage Treatment Plant is 85,000,000 gallons per day. To address the problem of excess rainwater exceeding the plant capacity, they can either expand the sewer pipes capacity and the plant capacity (very expensive), or reduce the rainwater infiltration.

Several years back, the first phase of reducing rainwater infiltration was a program to line and seal many of the porous sanitary sewer pipes where rainwater seeped into the pipes. The "Eco-flow Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program" is the next phase of addressing the problem. It is an eight year program that will be conducted in various parts of the City each year. They are starting with the area north of 23rd Street and east of Haskell Ave., which includes Brook Creek Neighborhood. They will be evaluating many properties, both residential and commercial where their tests indicate there may be a problem of incorrect discharge. It's a voluntary program, so they want all property owners to understand the issue, and hopefully be willing to participate. They are asking us to help inform our neighbors.

The hired contractor, Trekk Design Group, LLC, will be contacting selected properties to set up an appointment for an evaluation. They will be looking for rainwater infiltration from downspouts, sump pumps, floor drains, exterior drains, damaged sewer cleanouts,

and other similar places. If any incorrect discharges are found, the City will pay for any repairs, both materials and labor. The property owner must sign an agreement as such. Property owners must give tenants a three-day notice of an inside evaluation. Tenants may make the appointment themselves. The City has compiled a list of about twenty plumbers licensed in Lawrence to do the repairs. A property owner can request a different plumber if they are unhappy with whomever the City has chosen.

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods report: our L.A.N. representative was not here so there was no report.

Announcements and updates:

- The new playground in Edgewood park will be against the south side of the East Lawrence Center, and be similar to the playground at 15th & Maryland St.
- There will be a City compost and wood chip sale on every Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the compost facility on East 11th St. just east of the tracks.
- The creek cleanup is scheduled for April 12th, 10:00am-2:00pm. There will be student volunteer help from KU's "Big Event." Lunch food has been donated by Dillons, Community Mercantile, and Wheatfields. Cottin's Hardware has donated gloves, and the City has donated trash bags. We want everyone to be safe by working in groups or pairs. We thank Julia Mitchell for organizing it.
- The City will be changing the areas of the City when trash is picked up. After 6 May, our area will be picked up on Wednesdays. Yard trimmings will still be picked up on Mondays.
- 1146 Haskell (former junkyard) There has been some kind of minor glitch in the hydrological study that is delaying issuance of a final site plan. Nevertheless, Struct/Restruct is moving forward with plans. The two variances passed at the Board of Zoning Appeals, one grandfathering in the existing west parking area, and the other having to do with some aspect of the flood hazard area. There are piles of clay on site, that may be used for fill.
- We discussed how widely the invasive shrub, Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii)
 <u>http://www.invasive.org/browse/subinfo.cfm?sub=3040</u> has been spreading all through our neighborhood, our stream banks, parks, and the entire City. It is not native and out-competes and crowds out the natural vegetation quickly. It can grow to be 20feet tall and wide, has a fountain shape, leafs out earlier than other bushes, and keeps it's red berries all winter which the birds plant everywhere. When it's 30 inches or smaller, it can be easily uprooted, but must be cut and poisoned when older. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment has recommended that Cities eradicate it, but Lawrence Parks & Recreation has not had resources to do anything about it at all. We discussed the possibility of our neighborhood launching an eradication effort, but it would be difficult and an uphill battle if Parks & Rec. leaves it in the Brook Creek Woods to spread all over again.

Anticipated action: We will discuss in more detail at our May meeting.

Newsletter publication schedule: With our current C.D.B.G. budget lower than in previous years, we have funds enough for only two newsletters – Spring and Autumn. But the success of getting advertisers for our Spring newsletter has shown that it's

possible to supplement its financing, and we may be able to print one more often. Andrea calculated that if we double the newsletter size to 8 page sides and double our advert revenue, we can cover the costs. We want to publish the next newsletter in late July just before 1 August when K.U. is starting back up. Julie will inquire with our printer to learn how much the extra 4 page sides would cost.

Anticipated action: We'll discuss and decide at our May 14 meeting.

Invited speaker program: City Manager, Dave Corliss, is scheduled to be our guest speaker at our September 10th meeting. Among the things we'd like him to speak to is the planned street connection between the new Venture Park Business Center and 19th Street. If there is that connection, then 19th Street will get a large increase in traffic volume, and the City will surely widen the street. We want either no connection at all, with all the business park traffic put on 23rd St., or significant traffic calming on 19th St.

Anticipated action: We'll look into contacting other speakers for the future.

Meeting schedule:

Next meeting will be on 14 May 2014, 7:00pm, East Lawrence Recreation Center. There will be no meeting in June or August. We do have a 10 September meeting. We are considering having a meeting in July to deal with any issues that may come up, and to plan our possible July newsletter.

Anticipated action: We'll decide about a July meeting at our May meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

1944 Miller Drive

Lawrence, KS 66046



Neighborhood Events

February

12 BCNA Meeting, 7:30 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center

March

BCNA Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 12 East Lawrence Rec. Center

April

- BCNA Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 9 East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 12 Brook Creek Park Cleanup and Lunch, 10 a.m., Brook Creek Park Gazebo
- Brook Creek Park Cleanup 19 Rain Date

May

14 BCNA Meeting, 7:30 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center



Byron Wiley and Theresa Martin provided music at the December 2013 Brook Creek holiday party.

Salvation Army to Share Plans for Local Shelter

Lt. Matthew McCluer of the Salvation Army will present information on the agency's plans for developing a shelter on their property at 19th & Haskell during BCNA's February 12th meeting. Plans for the site have been under development for years. The last publicly-discussed plans were for the construction of facilities and housing to assist homeless families. Time will be allowed for discussion and questions.

12th & Haskell to Become Homes and Business

Over the years, the Brook Creek Neighborhood has successfully preserved the character of our neighborhood. We stopped a strip mall proposal on 15th St. between Haskell and the old tracks. We eliminated five square blocks of high density apartment zoning. We blocked the County Jail from building in Brook Creek Park. We expect the Salvation Army to develop family housing instead of a drop-in center.

What may be our most important victory yet is the closing of the illegal, polluting junkyard at 12th & Haskell. They greenwashed themselves with a "recycling" name, but they were an industrial salvage yard next to single-family homes, with disturbing noise on each day of operation. Spilled auto fluids polluted the groundwater in the floodplain of Burroughs Creek and Brook Creek. Machinery exhaust from the center polluted the air. Six auto fires put the neighbors' properties at risk. Due to soil tests, Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment had the junkyard owner remove loads of contaminated soil from the site.

Even though the City eventually cited the junkyard with various code violations, the illegal activity continued for 6 years until neighbors got the City Commission to send the case to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Neighborhood representatives effectively presented the facts of the case and the impacts to the neighborhood to the City by neighborhood representatives, and the junkvard owner decided to move to a more suitable location.

The Brook Creek neighbors who fought this battle kept pressure on the City to make sure heavy industrial use never happens on that site again. After reviewing plans with the innovative local construction company, Struct/Restruct, we approved their plans to plot nine homes along 12th Street, and to locate their business in the corner building and yard. The development plan includes perimeter trees, removing truck traffic from 12th St., protection of a remarkable bur oak tree, and a sidewalk. Land along the creek will become City park land, on which we expect an extension of the Burroughs Creek Trail.

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The Newsletter of the **Brook Creek** Neighborhood Association

Winter—Spring 2014

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Welcome to the Neighborhood

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Brook Creek News

The December 2013 BCNA meeting brought in several new BCNA officers and new ideas for the neighborhood's activities in 2014, such as more speakers at meetings, membership development, and outreach to new residents. Our budget in 2014 may only allow for two newsletters, so please share your email address and 'like' BCNA on Facebook in order to stay informed of neighborhood activities and issues. Also, a BCNA website is under development! We will monitor opportunities to create recreational and bicycling connections among our trails and parks as the 12th & Haskell area develops. Several Brook Creekers planted the now-maturing Lawrence Fruit Tree Project orchard along the Burroughs Creek Trail.

"Thank you" to outgoing BCNA President Julie Mitchell for her past and ongoing service to Brook Creek. She volunteered to continue to organize the Brook Creek park spring cleanup and picnic. More thanks go to Susan Miller for continuing her excellent work as BCNA's treasurer, to Larry Kelley for doing a great job as Secretary, and to Emily Winters for her great work on BCNA's Facebook page and website!

Please share your ideas for BCNA's activities in 2014, join us to make them happen, and thank our advertisers for supporting our neighborhood!

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Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

September 9, 2013

A special meeting was called at the request of Struct/ 2014 BCNA officers were elected: Andrea Repinsky, Restruct LLC to discuss their proposed purchase of the President; Byron Wiley, Vice President; Susan Miller, 12th & Haskell Recycling Center property at 1146 Treasurer; and Michael Almon, Secretary. Attendees Haskell. They plan to operate their business in the existthanked outgoing officers Larry Kelley and Julie Mitching building. Nine new homes would be built along ell, and they shared snacks and ideas for BCNA activi-12th Street, with at least 20 feet of buffer space between ties in 2014. the business and residential portions of the property.

October 9, 2013

lowing goals were set for BCNA: (a) Increase member-The meeting was devoted to a discussion of Struct/ Restruct's proposed rezoning of the property at 1146 ship and funding, (b) Develop web site (c) Research his-Haskell Ave. Questions discussed about Struct/ tory of neighborhood (d) Upgrade newsletter and pub-Restruct's plan included: flooding, ground contaminalish more frequently (e) Make meetings more attractive, tion, rezoning to Limited Industrial, effects on and (f) Develop legal defense fund, (g) Conduct neighborchanges to 12th Street, and green space on the north side hood survey (h) Institute a Coordinator performance evaluation and hiring cycle, and (i) increase email comof the property.

November 13, 2013

were the resolutions from the City Commission prohibiting commercial zoning that would allow another recycling center to be located at 12th and Haskell. Other discussion included plans for additions to the Burrough's Creek trail, the possibility of HUD funds for sidewalk repair, ways to expand membership and funding, and creation of a Facebook page for BCNA.



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December 11, 2013

January 5, 2014

During a goal-setting meeting of BCNA officers, the fol-

munication, possibly with a list-serve. Other plans are to send welcome letters to new residents, do fun gather-The "Safe Winter Walkways" program was discussed, as ings, build up a volunteer base, and have interesting speakers at our meetings.

> Full meeting details will be posted on BCNA's new website: brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com

