

2014-2015 Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Two (November-January) Due Feb. 10

Neighborhood Brook Creek NA Completed By Julie Banhart, Coordinator Date: 2/10/15
 Phone Number/Email 785-841-4997; BrookCreekNA@gmail.com

Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>Nov. 12, 2014</u>	Minutes attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>Dec. 14, 2014</u>	Minutes attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>No meeting in January</u>	Minutes attached?	<u>None to submit</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email	<u>_____</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> newsletter	<u>_____</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other announcement? (please specify)	<u>phone calls to those on the call list</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes	No
----------------------------------------------------------------------	-----	----

Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Nov-Dec 2014</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
-----------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------	---------------------	----------------	------------

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 2014-2015 QUARTER 2

November 12, 2014 General Meeting

Method of Notification:

Email notification to those on the email list.

Telephone calls to those on the call list.

Estimated Attendance: 12

December 14, 2014: General Meeting.

Method of Notification:

September – October Newsletter.

Email reminder to those on the email list.

Telephone calls to those on the call list.

Estimated attendance: 21

October 15, 201 BCNA General Business Meeting.

Method of Notification:

September – October Newsletter.

Email reminder to those on the email list.

Telephone calls to those on the call list.

Estimated Attendance: 7

**BCNA Neighborhood Accomplishments
2nd Quarter (November 2014-January 2015)**

- The successful campaign to sell print advertisements in the newsletter begun in January 2014 continued with the November-December 2014 newsletter, and new advertisers were added.
- We continued collecting email addresses to reach more members with announcements of importance to the neighborhood.
- We continued regular announcement emails to members, including notices from the City and other events of interest.
- The new website is up and running. Newsletters from the past year have been posted in the archive section.
- A list-serve for the neighborhood is further in the process of being created and prepared for use by neighborhood residents.
- We participated in LAN

BCNA List of New Officers
for Calendar Year 2015

President:	Rena Figures
Vice-President:	Byron Wiley
Secretary:	Michael Almon
Treasurer:	Jenna Coker

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT), 12 November 2014
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

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

No guests this month

Agenda: Andrea passed around an agenda which we reviewed and approved.

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

Treasurer's report: \$193.60 petty cash. \$948.90 in checking account. \$1142.50 total revenues.

Nominations Committee Report: The Committee consisted of Byron Wiley, Beth Anne Mansur, and Emily Winters. The Officer nominations recommended by the Committee were: President – Rena Figures; Vice-President – Byron Wiley; Secretary – Michael Almon; Treasurer – Susan Miller. There were no objections. Susan Miller nominated Doug Miller for the position of Secretary, and he accepted.

Anticipated action: The nominees will send a brief biography to Andrea within one week that will be made available to the membership at the election.

Anticipated action: Elections will take place at our 10 December regular meeting.

Bylaws amendment update: As announced at our September meeting, Andrea has been developing some amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws to create a multi-member Board for the Association. The October regular meeting provided notice to the members that a formal draft proposal will be voted upon when ready to present. Over the past few weeks, Andrea had received a number of suggested changes from some Officers and members. She then composed a first draft which she presented for all to read. More suggestions are welcome, and she will convene a Bylaws Amendment Editing Committee to write the formal draft (per our current Bylaws, Article 7, Section 2, by which the President can call a meeting of the Officers).

The motivation for this proposal is that we are beginning to become a more focused and proactive organization dealing with increasing pressures from urban development, and the four Officers would benefit from additional Board members to share the work load. There are also situations in which a response is called for before the next regular meeting of the membership – which sometimes is a two month gap. Any preliminary actions under these circumstances would be subject to ratification by the members at the next regular meeting.

Disapproval of making any changes to the Bylaws was expressed by some present. Their thinking was that a Board would isolate some decisions from the members, and that it is preferred that all decisions be made by the membership only at regular meetings. A Board would be “too top heavy and it says it right there in black and white”. Another objection was that it is hard enough to get member attendance now, so how could we ever get more Board members to attend?

In response, it was pointed out that what we were looking at was only a rough draft, and people are welcome to suggest changes for the formal draft that will be voted on. Someone suggested geographic reps on the Board, but another person thought it impractical. Someone else suggested getting input from other organizations about their Board structures. Emily Winters said she had done some research on that. She reported that Pinkney has 4 Officers and 2 secretaries, Oread has 4 officers and 6 Board members (2 at-large), North Lawrence has 4 officers, Hillcrest has 4 officers and 4 Board members, and East Lawrence has 4 officers and 10 Board members. Someone suggested that “at large” Board members would probably be easier to find. Another member said that our Board could operate like most not-for-profits and make only policy decisions that are ratified by the members, rather than decisions about community issues.

Motion made by Susan Miller to table any Bylaws amendment activity until 2015, seconded by Sharon Vaughn. Motion failed 5-4.

Anticipated action: In the next couple weeks, Andrea will coalesce the various ideas into a working draft of Bylaws amendments. Andrea suggested, and it was agreed, to hold a Bylaws Amendment Editing Committee of the Officers and other interested members at 7pm on 3 December. This Committee will review the draft and make any changes that may be considered to be improvements.

Anticipated action: The draft Bylaws will be presented at our 10 December regular business meeting, to be voted upon by the membership.

Historic assets of BC Neighborhood:

We briefly revisited the question of how important are the historic assets of our neighborhood to those who live here and the City as a whole. This question had sparked some contention about whether our Officers could speak for the Association to preserve historical structures, or whether the question should be left to private land owners alone. Some members claimed the historical registration of 1300 Haskell And 1340 Haskell came about in vague and sketchy ways that were done too suddenly. As a result, our President shouldn't have spoken for our Association in support of these homes at the 18 September HRC hearing. Three explanations were offered.

As the HRC audio revealed, our President did not say she was speaking for BCNA, but simply identified herself as President. She said “I am Andrea Repinsky, the President of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association. And actually all four of our Officers are here tonight”.

The second explanation was that the Marable family purchased both 1300 and 1340 Haskell,

and filed in December of 2013 to list them on the Historical Register. Both properties were listed in June of 2014, after public hearings at the HRC. They had every right to do this.

And the third explanation was that our Association has valued our various neighborhood historical assets for a long time. As BCNA, we have taken a number of public actions to protect the environs of 1300, 1320, and 1340 Haskell from being threatened. These were BCNA actions like downzoning that block from apartment zoning to single family zoning, blocking East Heights School from becoming a District warehouse and distribution center, and enforcing City Code to stop 1246 Haskell from being used illegally as a commercial pest control business. Our interest in having the owner of 1320 Haskell do a historically sensitive remodel is well in keeping with our longstanding policy for protecting these historical assets.

CDBG funding for Sept. 2015-Aug. 2016:

CDBG funding requests are due to the City by 10 December, 5pm. Julie Banhart wants any suggestions provided to her soon. Our standard budget items are for Coordinator salary, five newsletters, and office expenses. Last round we had requested money to conduct a door-to-door survey to drum up interest in BCNA, get ideas about important issues, and get e-mail addresses to expand our communications (which is part of our mission statement). We decided to apply for those funds again.

CDBG funds can legitimately be spent on organizations working for low to moderate income residents, and for capital improvements in CDBG neighborhoods. Capital improvement requests have typically been for things like sidewalks, parks, drainage issues, etc. But they can also be for private property if the property is owned and occupied by low to moderate income persons. There was a question whether the stone “trolley barn” that is on the lot at 1247 Prairie would be eligible for environmental clean up funds. The owners are considering tearing it down, because they can't afford the clean up.

Anticipated action: People can send ideas to Julie soon, and she will draw up a proposed 2015 budget by the next regular meeting. Julie will look into eligibility of the trolley barn.

Microwave tower proposal by Verizon:

Next Monday, 17 November at 6:30pm, the Planning Commission will hold a hearing for a Special Use Permit for Verizon to construct a 120 foot tall microwave cell tower right next to the Burroughs Creek Trail. The site is an industrially zoned (but commercially used) property at 1725 Bullene Ave. This is immediately adjacent to residential zoning and uses to the north where Tenants To Homeowners built ten houses.

Our concerns include: it's too close to many homes in Brook Creek and Villo Woods, it would go counter to the Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan, it would have potentially negative health effects especially on children, it might be in the flood plain, it would be visually blighting. Someone questioned whether the antenna couldn't be placed on top of the grain elevators south of 19th St. Someone asked if there could be some cultural resources and artifacts in the area that might block it.

We thought that we should send a letter of opposition to the Planning Commission. Michael said that a legal protest petition should be pursued by the property owners within a 200 foot radius of the tower site. If it is a valid petition, it would force a super majority vote by the City Commission to grant the permit.

Motion made by Emily Winters, seconded by Andrea, to send a letter to the Planning Commission in opposition. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Rena Figures, seconded by Byron, to launch a protest petition. Passed unanimously.

Anticipated action: Andrea will write a letter and run it by the Officers for input or approval. It will need to be sent at the latest by Monday morning at 10am.

Anticipated action: the Officers and possibly others will attend the Planning Commission to voice our opposition.

Anticipated action: Michael will begin the protest petition process by acquiring the property owner list from the County Clerk. He will draft the legal format for the petition, including Notarization of signatures. He will knock on doors for the 14 days after the Planning Commission meeting, the legal window according to City Code. No one else yet stepped forward to help.

Newsletter publication schedule:

The next newsletter is tentatively scheduled for late January, so that it will be delivered before the February meeting. Preparations should begin in December.

General meeting schedule:

Next general meeting will be on 10 December 2014, 7:30pm. The main issues will be election of Officers and a vote on whether to amend our Bylaws. There will be no January 2015 meeting, though we might hold an executive meeting for Officers.

Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT), 10 December 2014
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

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

Guests: Three guests were in attendance.

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

Agenda: The agenda had been sent by Julie to the neighborhood e-mail list, and Andrea passed around copies.

Susan Miller requested that items #5 and #7 be deleted, claiming they violated our Bylaws.

Item #5 was whether we wanted to include on our ballot the draft Bylaws amendments in their entirety (as opposed to voting amendment-by-amendment). Item #7 was a vote of the Officers to accept the slate of nominees. It was noted that Susan is entitled to her opinion, but the membership makes the determination. Moved by Rena Figures, seconded by Emily Winters, to retain #5 on the agenda, and discuss opposing opinions at that time. Motion passed 13-4.

Regarding item #7, we decided the Officers should acknowledge the validity of nominees, including any nominated from the floor; we deleted the word “slate”, and retained item #7.

Minutes of prior meetings: Michael had the draft minutes from 10 September, 15 October, and 12 November ready for approval. They had been sent by Julie to the neighborhood e-mail list only a few days ago, so Sharon Vaughn moved to table them until folks could review them. Emily pointed out that they had been on the web site for some time and a synopsis has been in our print newsletter also, so folks had time to read them. Moved by Emily, seconded by Melinda Henderson, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 14-3 (1 abstain).

Treasurer’s report: \$163.68 petty cash. \$1084.90 in checking account. \$1248.58 total revenues.

Susan asked if our financial reports appear on our web site, and Emily said they always have. Susan thought we shouldn't reveal them, though others thought we should maintain transparency. It was moved by Melinda, seconded by Michael, to discuss it in February, and meanwhile remove them from the web site. Motion passed 14-3 (1 abstain).

Our monthly BCNA financial report is only monies raised by us, not the CDBG allocations from the City. Julie reported that our CDBG 2016 application was submitted this morning.

Bylaws amendments: People read the proposed Bylaws amendments as they needed, while others renewed their memberships so they could vote.

Andrea described the current structure of BCNA governance, and the proposal to change from

a mere four Officers to a Board of up to nine Directors (including four Officers). As discussed throughout the past several months, a Board can bring new energy into the organization, be a mentoring process to prepare the next Officers, take some of the burden off of the four Officers, and provide for a provisional decision making process to deal with urgent issues that arise between regular meetings, the interval sometimes being more than two months. She also reviewed the word crafting process that has taken place for two months, and was announced last September at our meeting, as well as in our newsletter. She said we could vote tonight to accept the amendments, or continue with the Editing Committee and vote in February.

Doug Miller asked if the proposal is for the draft Bylaws with copies now on the table? Andrea said “yes”.

Sharon said she received the proposal at 3:00pm today, and hasn't had time to read them. (today's e-mail from our Coordinator was simply the final communication after many that had been distributed before, and all amendments are highlighted in red ink).

Susan said this just shows that we are not following our Bylaws for this proposal. We haven't given our member adequate notice, which the Bylaws say must be “sent to all members at least 7 days prior the the date of the meeting”. Sharon and others had not received the amended bylaws 7 days in advance.

Michael clarified that our Bylaws require that “notice” of such amendments be sent, which is not saying that the actual amendments themselves be sent that far in advance. Notice of this amending process was first made at our September meeting, and notice made several times hence. And anyway, the amendments have been readily available for anyone to know about them, most recently at our 3 December Editing Committee meeting in this room.

Doug asked “How do we know if all members had received the notice of the amendments?”

Emily said we don't have to prove that. The Bylaws don't say all members must receive notice, only that we send notice to all members.

James Grauerholz asked the meeting “Who isn't here who cares enough about this to be here?” Moved by Sharon to ask the meeting “How many have read the amendments?” A show of hands indicated 12 had read them, 6 had not.

Moved by Michael, seconded by Melinda, to hold the vote on tonight's ballot to adopt the amendments in total, not line by line. Motion passed 12-5 (1 abstain).

Assembly of Officer nominations:

Andrea wrote on a dry erase board the names of nominees from the Nominating Committee.

President: Rena Figures

Vice-President: Byron Wiley

Treasurer: Susan Miller

Secretary: Doug Miller, and Michael Almon

Andrea received nominations from the floor. Nominated by Emily was Jenna Coker for Treasurer. Jenna accepted the nomination. There were no more nominations.

The current officers voted to acknowledge the validity of these candidates as members.

Presentation by the candidates:

Andrea asked each candidate to give a brief bio and reason for wanting to serve, and all six candidates did. Sharon asked Michael if he will be able to provide timely minutes, because he missed four meetings last year. Michael said he would, and that he had missed the four meetings due to conflicts with other meetings, some as City task forces, some being out of town. But he had successfully designated someone else to take minutes in his stead. He produced copies of all the minutes, including the ones approved tonight. Emily also said that all minutes are on our web site.

Election – Officers and Bylaws amendments:

A written secret ballot was distributed to each qualified voting member, which included each Officer title with a line to write in a name, and the Bylaws question “Shall we adopt Bylaws amendments as proposed?”

The results were:

President: Rena Figures	12 yes		7 abstain
Vice-President: Byron Wiley	12 yes	6 abstain	1 write in for Lynn
Treasurer: Jenna Coker	12 yes	6 Susan	1 abstain
Secretary: Michael Almon	12 yes	6 Doug	1 abstain
Bylaws amended as proposed	12 yes	6 no	1 abstain

The paper ballots are attached to these minutes for the record.

General meeting schedule:

Next general meeting will be in February.

Meeting adjourned



The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the
Brook Creek
Neighborhood Association

November—December 2014

Neighborhood Events

November

- 4 Voting Day
- 12 BCNA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec. Center,
Officer Nominations

December

- 10 BCNA Holiday Party,
Meeting & Officer Elections

February

- TBD BCNA Meeting

Mark your calendar!

BCNA's election of 2015 officers & our Holiday Party on December 10, 2014

At our regular meeting scheduled for December 10, 2014, 7:30 p.m., at the East Lawrence Recreation Center, we will have election of officers for 2015. Following that, we'll celebrate with our Holiday Party.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, most of us do a lot of holiday baking. If you can, please bring some of your favorite holiday treats to share with your friends and neighbors.

We Need Volunteers

We need someone to fill the position of BCNA's representative to LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods). LAN meets the first Thursday of each month at Capital City Bank, 740 New Hampshire St. at 7:00 p.m.

As of our publication date, we still need volunteers to serve on the nominating committee that will put together the slate of candidates for the board of officers. The election of officers for 2015 will take place at our December 10th meeting. We also need to hear from any of you interested in serving as one of the officers for 2015, so your name can be added to the slate of candidates.

If you would be willing to serve as our representative to LAN, on the nominating committee, or as one of the BCNA officers, please contact our coordinator, Julie Banhart, at BrookCreekNA@gmail.com or at 841-4997.

Don't Forget to Vote!

A general election is coming on November 4 in which representatives for local, state, and federal offices will be chosen. Please mark your calendars and do not forget to cast your vote.

Public Meetings Scheduled

An update of the City of Lawrence and Douglas County's Comprehensive Plan, Horizon 2020, is underway. Several key issues have been identified for further discussion. Two public forums have been set to dedicate time to each of the key issues and allow for public comment to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. At each forum, four topics will be discussed.

November 5, 6-8 PM, Lawrence High School

November 12, 6-8 PM, Lawrence High School



Robert Taylor with wife Mary and grand-daughter

In Memoriam

Long-time Brook Creek resident, BCNA member, & friend of many of us, Robert Taylor, passed away on September 27. He is survived by his wife, Mary Taylor, children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Neighborhood Contacts

Andrea Repinsky, President

913/707-9834

adheron@yahoo.com

Byron Wiley, Vice-President

841-2829

bwiley@sbcglobal.net

Susan Miller, Treasurer

Michael Almon, Secretary

paradigm@sunflower.com

Julie Banhart,

Neighborhood Coordinator

BrookCreekNA@gmail.com

841-4997

brookcreeklaw-
rence.wordpress.com

www.facebook.com/
brookcreekneighborhood



Creek Meanders

Our gratitude goes to Dickie Heckler for representing Brook Creek at the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and to the next volunteer to do the same. Thanks to City Manager David Corliss and Chief of Police Tarik Khatib for sharing information with us at BCNA meetings.

If something near you needs attention, many problems can be addressed either through City Code Enforcement (832-7700) or Neighborhood Resource Police Officers(830-7408 or 830-7409) . If you aren't sure where to start, contact BCNA, and we'll figure it out together.

The last newsletter contained information on the invasive amur honeysuckle, one of our bad neighbors. This is an excellent time to identify it because of its distinctive bright red berries. Find it and kill it! As long as the weather remains warm, we will continue to share the neighborhood with other bad neighbors: mosquitoes. Let's continue to patrol our yards for standing water that may house them.

Advertising in the BCNA newsletter is a great way for the neighborhood and local businesses to support each other! Contact BCNA to advertise in the next newsletter.

Our opportunities to connect and communicate continue to grow. Look for the Brook Creek group on Facebook for a great place to discuss issues and post information. BCNA has a Facebook page for neighborhood updates and reminders, too.

Recycling Dates

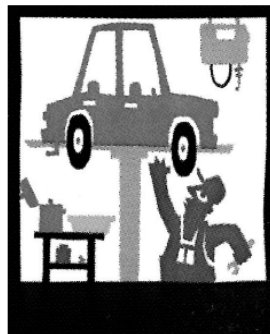
North of 15th Street: Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17

South of 15th Street: Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

BLEVINS AUTOMOTIVE

1733 BULLENE AVE.
SUITE D & E
LAWRENCE KS 66044
785-842-5079

DOUG & TIM PECK
OWNERS






Brook Creek friends and neighbors at the September picnic



Many Brook Creek residents and friends gathered on September 6 in Brook Creek Park for the annual fall picnic. Attendees enjoyed a meal together, played games in the park, and listened to live music from Byron Wiley and Theresa Martin. Our resident expert musical saw player, Tom Bogardus, retrieved his saw so he could join Byron and Theresa. Please join us in thanking The Merc and Checkers for their donations.

Also, thanks to Emily Winters and Doug & Susan Miller for their work and contributions to make the September picnic such an enjoyable event.

COTTIN'S
HARDWARE & RENTAL
 1832 Massachusetts Street - Lawrence, KS 66044
 (785) 843-2981
 hardware@sunflower.com
 Hours: M-F 7:30am-6:00pm; Sat. 8:00am-5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am-5:00pm



DECADE
 coffee & espresso
 920 Delaware St

Historic Haskell Row and the Haskell Family

Historic Haskell Row is a remarkable Lawrence treasure, originally the property of members of one of the families that founded Lawrence. In 1854, soon after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Franklin Haskell moved from Massachusetts to Lawrence in the first wave of settlers of the Emigrant Aid Society. In March 1855, Almira Chase Haskell and her son Dudley Chase Haskell joined her husband, Franklin. Their log house frequently protected free-state advocates from marauding pro-slavery rangers. In 1857 Franklin Haskell died, leaving a request that his son, John G. Haskell, come from Massachusetts to care for his family in Lawrence, which he did in July 1857.

Then on 10 October 1859, in return for full payment, President James Buchanan granted a land patent to Almira Chase Haskell for the southwest 1/16th of a section of land that today contains Historic Haskell Row. John G. Haskell sold the east half of this parcel to raise money. Being a renowned architect, he proceeded to design the three Haskell family houses on the west half of their parcel in what is now the 1300 block of Haskell Ave. in the Brook Creek Neighborhood.

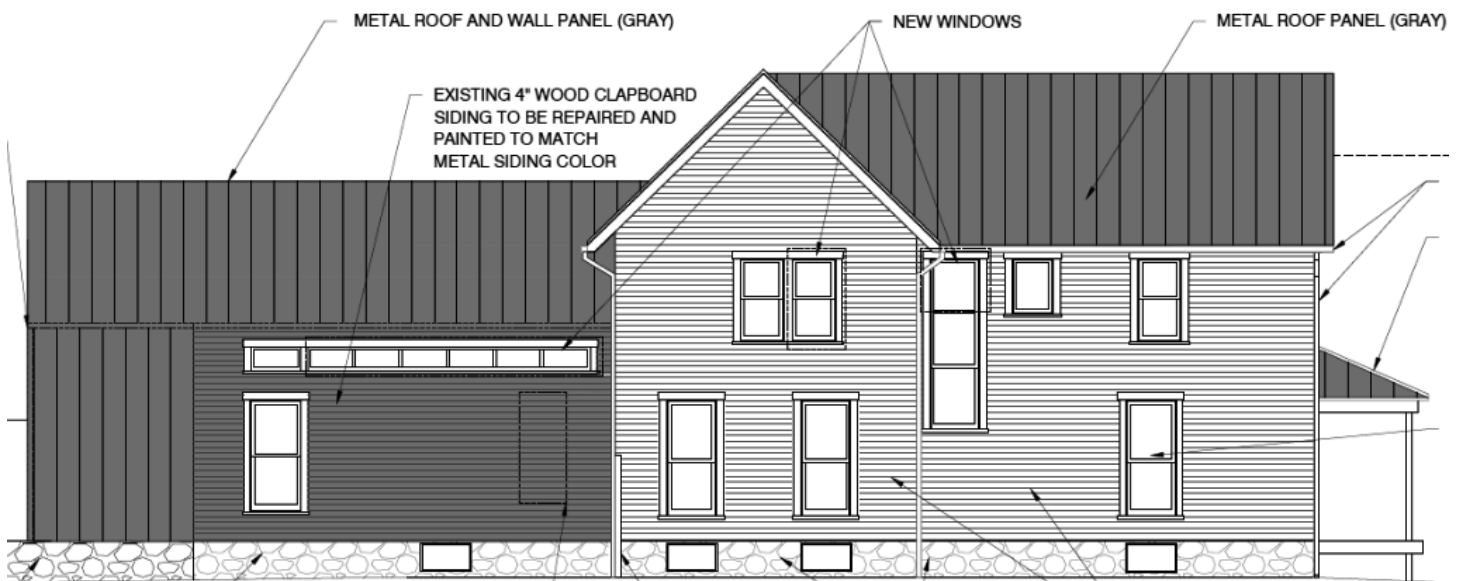
John G. Haskell built his own home at 1340 Haskell Ave. His brother Dudley C. Haskell built his home at 1320 Haskell Ave., and their sister, Elizabeth Haskell French, built her home at 1300 Haskell Ave. 1340 Haskell Ave. and 1300 Haskell Ave. both are now on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. This threesome of family homes were then referred to as the "Haskell Conclave", and now are called "Historic Haskell Row".

As Kansas State Architect, John G. Haskell designed many famous Kansas buildings including: the Kansas State House, Douglas County Courthouse (Lawrence), Plymouth Congregational Church (Lawrence), United Presbyterian Church (Lawrence), First Methodist Church (Lawrence), Snow Hall (K.U.), and Hiawatha Hall (Haskell Univ.).

As a U.S. Congressman, Dudley Haskell was instrumental in the founding of the Indian Industrial Training School in 1884. The name was changed in 1887 to "Haskell Institute" to honor Dudley Haskell, and again to Haskell Indian Nations University in 1993.

Most Lawrence residents know little of this history. But quietly over the past couple of decades, residents of Brook Creek Neighborhood have been working to stabilize this historic district of three houses. Initially, some individuals approached the owners of the properties to learn if they would list them on the historical register. None of them were interested in the mid 1990's. So instead, we worked to protect the environs of the Haskell Conclave to guard the area and the homes themselves from negative pressure.

One threat to the area came in 1997 when the School District planned to convert East Heights Elementary School to a district-wide warehouse and distribution center immediately south of the John G. Haskell home. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association wrote letters to the School Board and helped defeat the school consolidation ballot issue in 1998.



North view of planned renovation of 1320 Haskell

In 1997, a developer built a 12-unit apartment complex at 13th & Maple Lane. It was a wake-up call for the Brook Creek Neighborhood, which was 86 percent single family and largely owner-occupied. People realized that, as a vestige of the 1966 Zoning Code, four square blocks were apartment zoning including Historic Haskell Row. In order to prevent the Haskell houses and other properties from becoming apartments, the Neighborhood Organization gathered signatures from 88 percent of property owners in the four square blocks requesting single family zoning. On September 19, 1998, the City Commission voted unanimously to rezone the four blocks and Historic Haskell Row to single family zoning.

Another threat to the area came at the north end of Historic Haskell Row in 2004, when a landlord at 13th & Haskell violated their grandfather clause, installed a garage door without a building permit, and rented to a toxic pest control company. Again, the Neighborhood Organization fought it and forced them to modify the building and rent to a neighborhood beauty shop.

And from 2010 to 2012, four residents of Brook Creek Neighborhood took over the remodeling of the historic Oliver Hanscom house at 1313 Haskell, which was in danger of demolition. They brought the house into Code compliance and sold it to a couple who finished it and now live there. This anchored the west side of the street.

Our neighborhood efforts began paying off when, in 2012, Aaron and Kendra Marable bought 1300 Haskell Ave., did a historic remodel, and listed the house on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. In 2014, they also bought 1340 Haskell Ave. and have listed it on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

The center house, 1320 Haskell Ave., was recently purchased and plans made for remodeling it. The plan includes the removal of an addition built onto the west side of the house. A new addition will be built onto the rear of the house. Two of the original windows will be eliminated, two other windows will be altered, and a 20 foot long ribbon window will be added. In addition, some of the exterior walls would become gray metal or gray-painted clapboard rather than the historic white clapboard. There will also be a metal roof, and a large, new, mostly metal-clad, garage in the side yard and visible from the street.

The renovation plans came under the review of the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) because of potential impacts to the environs of the two listed historic properties. The HRC did not notify the neighborhood, and a quirk of

the Code allowed no protest petition, unlike for other public hearings.

Renovation plans have proved controversial. At the September and October HRC meetings, several individuals and the Lawrence Preservation Alliance objected to details of the renovation plan that they stated are out of character with the architectural style as John G. Haskell designed it and its companion houses. Members of the public stated disappointment that the remodel would likely prevent the vision of having all three houses of Historic Haskell Row preserved as historically intact, which would have provided a major landmark for the founding of free-state Kansas. Commenters did agree that, in general, remodeling and occupation of 1320 Haskell Ave. is welcome and will prevent further deterioration.

A few changes were made to the plan as presented at the September HRC meeting in response to public input, and the new plan was approved by the HRC in October.

AAA Old Man Recycling, LLC



8:00 - 5:00, Monday - Friday

8:00 - noon, Saturday

Buyers of metal · Roll-off boxes available

501 Maple St.

785-841-4855

Lawrence KS 66044

800-217-4855

BCNA Meeting Notes

September 10, 2014

City Manager Dave Corliss was our guest speaker. He talked about the expected 19th St. improvements east of Harper and the proposed police facility. Regarding 19th St., the project has an expected completion date of 2016. The City does not plan to open access from the new business park until the project is complete. Corliss said the City can't prohibit traffic from cutting through the neighborhood, but it can be discouraged from Venture Park. He also said that plans for 19th Street are not yet determined, and the neighborhood will have opportunity to provide input at public meetings next year.

Mr. Corliss also talked about the upcoming vote on a 0.2% sales tax increase for up to 9 years for the proposed new police facility. The City proposes to put it in the central part of the city, east of Hallmark. This would move the police department into one building in a central location. The City already paid \$2.25 million for the property.

Neighborhood information: The neighborhood list serve has been created and is undergoing testing. It will be the official neighborhood site for posting comments. In other news, the Marables' project to establish a hospitality business at 1340 Haskell has been discontinued.

Park Improvements: Brook Creek will ask to meet with city staff to discuss a firm management plan for Brook Creek Park and other ideas for improvements, such as mowing the park more often.

Bylaws: Pres. Andrea Repinsky presented the idea to create a board of governors for BCNA to help increase representation and get more people involved. Attendees presented no objections to exploring the option.

October 15, 2014

Police Station Funding Campaign

Police Chief Tarik Khatib presented the reasons the Police Department is asking for funding for a new police station. Khatib described the following limitations of the current facilities. In the leased space at the County Courthouse, after-hours walk-in service is inconvenient. He said that space is inadequate for parking, interview rooms, privacy, and evidence storage. There is one shower for female officers. 120 people work there. Administration and training

occurs at the Department's building at 15th & Wakarusa. Khatib said the police do not communicate well among buildings. That site lacks features such as a backup generator, access after 5:00 for the public and adequate meeting and training space; 47 people work there. Animal Control & Parking has no public access or changing area. The Morton Block building, used for storage, has water and mold problems. The Stone Barn is used to store motorcycles, but they are not used much because of access limitations. The County Public Works space, used for evidence storage, will be demolished. The ballot issue asks voters to approve a .2% sales tax increase. The proposed location was narrowed down to a site near the Hallmark plant. Khatib said that police functions are typically under one roof in a community this size. In a larger city, the precinct model becomes practical, with multiple police stations. Khatib and Police Sergeant Trent McKinley said that Brook Creek is not a hot spot for crime, and is doing relatively well. In the future there will be a better website with citywide crime data.

Nominations: Andrea Repinsky asked for Brook Creek officer nominating committee volunteers. There were no volunteers due to low meeting turnout. Julie Banhart will send an email asking for volunteers to create a slate of officers by the Nov. 12 BCNA meeting. A nominee will be needed to fill Dickie Heckler's position as the Brook Creek representative to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods.

Newsletter: Attendees reviewed newsletter content and deadlines.

Haskell Row: An update was provided on the planned renovation of 1320 Haskell by Aron and Sarah Cromwell. The Historic Resources Commission will review the plan for potential impacts to adjoining historical properties on October 16. Several people expressed their concerns at the previous HRC meeting because of the planned use of metal siding, modern window shapes, and a garage with a modern design and setback equal to the house. In response, a new proposal was developed that featured moving the garage further back and retaining more of the wood siding.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

1233 Laura Ave. - Morgan C. Seaman & Pilar I. D'Asto

1523 Hanscom Rd. - Stephen D. & Teresa A. Reetz

1527 Lindenwood Ln. - Wayne A. Phillips

918 Oliver's Ct. - Gary P. Petrozz

1629 Haskell Ave. - Jeffrey A. McCalmon

1715 Bullene Ave. - Trudi Chavez

1621 Irving Ct. - Christopher A. & Erin M. Rectenwald

1515 Lindenwood Ln. - David J. Coachman

1643 Rose Ln. - Kevin P. Boos

Cell Tower Proposed on Burroughs Creek Trail

The Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission will consider a request for a Special Use Permit for a new 120' Verizon Wireless communications tower at 1725 Bullene Ave. on Monday, November 17 at 6:30 PM in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 6 E. 6th St. The public will be given the opportunity to make oral comments. Written comments are welcomed, and are requested to be submitted to the Planning Commission by 10 AM on Nov. 17.

The tower would be directly south of single-family homes and across the Burroughs Creek Trail from the Woods on 19th Street townhomes. There are currently no such towers in Brook Creek or Barker Neighborhoods. There are only four nearby, and they are all in commercial areas: downtown, 23rd & Naismith, and two at the East Hills Business Park.

Questions remain about this proposal. How much would this impact the scenery along the Burroughs Creek Trail? Would there be effects on the health of nearby residents? Is this creek-bottom location impractical for cell phone service? Cell towers are typically located on the highest ground for the farthest transmission potential.

A microwave cell tower emits radio-frequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMFs) by which all wireless technology operates. These EMFs are largely untested in their effects on human beings. But David O. Carpenter, Director of Environmental Health at the State University of New York says "We know that RF-EMF causes generation of free radicals, increases production of things called heat shock proteins, and alters calcium ion regulation. These are all common mechanisms behind many kinds of tissue damage."

About 91 percent of U.S. adults own cell phones but few suffer health effects that they know of. It is true however with any kind of EMFs, that the energy field is more powerful the nearer you are to the source. So it might be unwise to have a cell tower so close to where we live and work.

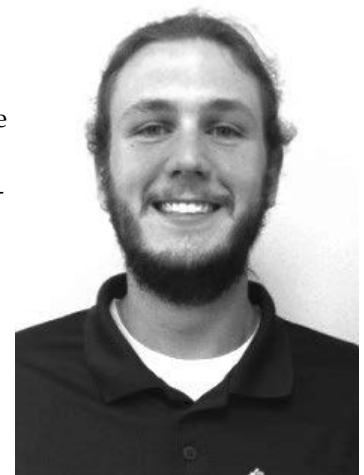
The proposal will be on the November 12 BCNA agenda.



Introducing Stephen Mason at the East Lawrence Recreation Center

Hello! My name is Stephen Mason, new Recreation Center Programmer at the East Lawrence Center at 1245 E. 15th St. I grew up in Lawrence and developed my love for recreation through participation in the City's many great youth programs. Whether playing basketball at the East Lawrence center, learning dance at the Art Center, or my summer as a volunteer at the Library, I found I preferred the variety that recreation offered. After graduating from Lawrence High, I went to Emporia State University on a football scholarship and decided to pursue a degree in recreation management. Although the football path did not pan out, my love for recreation only blossomed further. At the end of my senior year I jumped at the opportunity to intern with the Parks and Recreation Department back in my home town. I have now been with the department for going on two years. I

have two principles that drive my view of recreation. First, although I love sports, recreation is far more than just athletics; it is any constructive use of free time including games, arts, dance, and beyond. Secondly, the benefits and joys of recreation should be easily accessible. I look forward to programming for, and running, the East Lawrence Center and would like to personally extend an invitation to anyone to come and see our facilities and meet me in person!
Call Stephen at 832-7950



Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

1944 Miller Drive

Lawrence, KS 66046



PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAWRENCE, KS
66044
PERMIT #570

Join Brook Creek Neighborhood Association for only \$1.00

2014 Membership payments can still be paid! Support BCNA so that we can effectively represent you.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

In-neighborhood individuals \$1.00	Businesses \$20.00
Out-of neighborhood individuals \$5.00	Not-for-profits \$10.00

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Member information is used only for neighborhood communications, and not distributed or sold.

Please **check** ✓ any box that applies:

- I do not want my name printed in the newsletter as a new or returning member
- I would like to be included in a neighborhood e-mail list-serve
- I would like to receive a weekly e-newsletter

Mail this form and your check payable to BCNA to:
Brook Creek Neighborhood, 1235 Prairie Ave. Lawrence KS 66044

Visit us at <http://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com/>