

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

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>11/2</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>12/7</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>1/4 (board planning)</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>yes</u>		
	newsletter	<u>yes</u>		
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>facebook and website</u>		
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes			
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Winter(November)</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<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. (recommended)				
Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended)				

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Brook Creek Neighborhood Association - 2nd Quarter Report

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

- November business meeting
 - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - 13 in attendance

- December business meeting and holiday party
 - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - 17 in attendance

- January board planning meeting (open meeting)
 - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - 10 in attendance

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

- We started a weekly E-newsletter using Mailchimp email service, we currently have 99 subscribers.
- We continue to encourage neighbors to utilize our LISTSERV to communicate with each other in an informal, electronic way. We currently have 69 members enrolled.
- We continue to provide neighborhood and relevant city updates through our official Facebook page and also keep a neighborhood forum page that allows neighbors to interact with each other.
- We developed a brochure about the neighborhood association to hand out at community and school events where neighborhood residents will be in attendance. We were unable to attend the New York school chili feed due to weather cancelation, but plan to attend another event in the near future.



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Holiday Party on
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Brook Creek Neighborhood, 1406 Oak Hill Ave., Lawrence KS 66044

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The Brook Creek Breeze

Neighborhood Events

November

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Board and officer nominations
East Lawrence Rec. Center

December

- 2 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m,
Holiday party and
Board and officer elections
East Lawrence Rec. Center

January 2016

- 6 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m,
East Lawrence Rec. Center

Come together to celebrate and serve Brook Creek!

What do you want your neighborhood to be like? Make it happen! Brook Creek residents can always bring issues and ideas to BCNA meetings. If you have a little more time to give to neighborhood improvement, consider joining BCNA as an officer or board member. We will collect nominations and volunteers at the Nov. 4 meeting, with elections to follow at the Dec. 2 meeting. Board members can monitor and address issues that affect the neighborhood, organize social events, and offer assistance to neighborhood residents.

The December meeting brings our annual holiday party as well as annual elections! Bring treats to share and enjoy good company after a quick business meeting and elections. Join your neighbors at 7 PM on Dec. 2 at the East Lawrence Recreation Center at 1245 E. 15th St.

Updates on Issues

Trail access at Burroughs Creek: In October, Brook Creek representatives urged the City Commission to retain green space along Burroughs Creek in the plat for the property at the northeast corner of 12th and Haskell. Green space was included in the 2013 preliminary plat, but not in the submitted draft final plat.

Verizon Cell Tower: As reported earlier, Brook Creek and nearby neighbors organized a large opposition to a new Verizon cell tower adjacent to homes at 17th & Bullene Ave. In response, the City Commission denied the application. Verizon sued the City, but also proposed a cell tower next to the grain elevator south of 19th Street (2001 Moodie Rd.). The new site is expected to replace the first proposed site, with less impact on residential areas.

Traffic on 19th St.: See meeting notes inside newsletter for more information.

Recycling Dates

North of 15th Street

Nov. 4

Nov. 18

Dec. 2

Dec. 16

South of 15th Street

Nov. 6

Nov. 20

Dec. 4

Dec. 18

A Note from the President

Fall Greetings, Brook Creek Neighborhood! This will be our final newsletter of the year as we begin to wrap up 2015, and begin planning for 2016. We have had a great year with a few neighborhood events as well as informative speakers at our meetings. I'd like to thank everyone in our neighborhood who has helped, volunteered, or given their time to come speak with us in a meeting about important happenings!

In the next few months, we will be nominating and voting on the 2016 board members and we'll also have our annual holiday season social at our December meeting. Please join us to share your ideas for 2016, volunteer your time to help your community, or meet more of your neighbors. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

Rena Figures, BCNA President

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Stay Active at East Lawrence Center

Cool weather and the busy holiday season often get in the way of staying physically active, but regular exercise is important for managing stress and staying fit. Your local recreation center is offering these classes, open gym times and programs for the upcoming months. Registration is open now.

- Senior Strength Training | Tuesday/Thursday | 9-9:50 a.m. | November 10
- Silver Steppers | Wednesday | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | November 11
- Open Walking | Monday-Friday | 7-9 a.m.
- Pickleball | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday | Call the center for times-832-7950
- Toddler Open Gym | Tuesday Thursday 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Saturdays 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- Family Game Night 3rd Saturday 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Always feel free to call in about Free Play Basketball- 832-7950

Did you know that members of the United Healthcare KanCare program can use their benefits to pay for parks and recreation classes? If you are eligible and have questions, call Gayle Sigurdson at 832-7920.

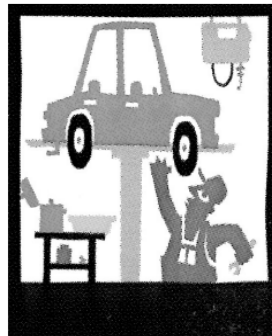
Winter Helpers Needed

Need more exercise? Sign up to shovel snow for your neighbors in need by Nov. 20 for the City's Safe Winter Walkways Program. Call (785) 832-3338 or register at: www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways.

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19th Street Traffic Concerns and Other BCNA Meeting Notes

BCNA meetings were on break through the summer.

At the September 2015 BCNA meeting, attendees voted to oppose the connection of 19th Street to the Lawrence VenturePark, due to traffic volume and safety concerns.

Community Health Planner Charlie Bryan described the Safe Routes to School program which encourages safe walking and bike access to schools. The program supports better health, and the reduction of childhood obesity, motor vehicle use, and air pollution. Bryan is working with schools to identify routes and to plan physical improvements for walking and bicycling access to schools.

Attendees discussed the lack of transit access within the neighborhood.

Attendees approved a position in favor of rigorous enforcement of the City's fireworks ban in support of veterans that may experience post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of fireworks noise.

BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website
<https://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com/>

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of Lawrence

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In October, Lawrence Transit System Administrator Robert Nugent visited BCNA. He said that some 'bus bench' chairs placed along Haskell Ave. and 11th Street will be replaced with permanent benches where bus ridership is high. Route 1 (Downtown to Prairie Park) serves the edge of Brook Creek Neighborhood with stops along Haskell. Nugent said that the route may be shifted east, into the neighborhood.

Henry Fortunato, visiting fellow at the Hall Center for the Humanities, presented a project to collect and share stories of the area along the Burroughs Creek Trail from decades of Lawrence history. Fortunato requested input from the neighborhood on which activities, events, places and buildings should be included. He can be reached at henry@henryfortunato.com.



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Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes, 4 November 2015
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Rena Figures (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Jenna Coker (Treasurer), Michael Almon (Secretary), Andrea Repinsky, six other Association members, Emily Winters (Coordinator), and one member of the public.

Guest speakers: none

Agenda: Rena had e-mailed an agenda to the Board. We added three items and approved it.

Introductions: Byron conducted the meeting until Rena was able to arrive later. He asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

Minutes of prior meeting: Michael presented the draft minutes from 7 October 2015, which he had e-mailed earlier in the day. Most had not been able to read them, so we tabled them until the December meeting.

Treasurer's report: as of 31 October 2015; \$24 in petty cash; \$1673.35 in checking account. \$1697.35 total revenues. This reflects the CDBG reimbursement for the Printing Solutions invoice of \$758.14.

Action taken: Moved by Dickie Heckler, seconded by Melissa to approve the report. Passed unanimously.

Fund raising:

We considered a few ideas for fund raising. Other than our planned yard sale, the only other one of interest is a pie sale. Lilly Mason-Paden has moved to our neighborhood, and she used to organize an annual Pi Festival on 14 March, with music (she's a musician) and a pie sale. When she's settled in, we'll see if she might want to have this again in 2016.

Anticipated Action: January discussion to organize a yard sale for early Spring, and possibly a Pi Festival on Wednesday, 14 March.

CDBG Grant application:

The grant deadline is Tuesday, 1 December. Emily had e-mailed last year's application to the Board, and passed around a few copies at the meeting. The CDBG Advisory Board will meet on 12 November to present the guidelines to the neighborhoods, and answer questions. Emily plans to attend.

Our two main funding items are for the Coordinator's salary and for newsletter printing and postage. We are applying for six 8-page newsletters. In hopes of getting more funds, we brainstormed some capital improvement ideas in Brook Creek Neighborhood. They included:

neighborhood welcome signs at two or three entry points, sidewalk gaps, bus shelters, speed humps on the 1300-1400 blocks of Maple Lane and on East Glenn, Brook Creek naturalizing and culverts under 13th Street, and fence relocation at the S.W. corner of the Public Works Maintenance Garage.

Anticipated Action: Michael will get some capital improvement costs for these ideas.

Anticipated Action: Emily will continue preparing the CDBG application, and we will review the draft among the Board by e-mail.

Election and Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee consists of Byron and Emily and Melissa Fahrenbruch. They proposed a slate of Officers, and Directors candidates. Until Rena arrived, it was unclear whether she wanted to continue as a Director. Michael suggested we formally make our L.A.N. Rep (Melinda) a Director if she agrees.

Action taken: The Nominating Committee proposed an Officer slate of Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Jenna Coker (Treasurer), Michael Almon (Secretary). The meeting consented to this slate.

Action taken: The Nominating Committee proposed as Director candidates Ron Bishop and Andrea Repinsky.

Anticipated Action: Byron will ask Melinda and Rena if they want to be candidates for Directors.

Anticipated Action: Michael will provide paper ballots according to the Bylaws.

Coordinator Report:

Emily reported on several items she has been working on.

1. Newsletter production time line: she has drafted a time line to keep us on schedule when preparing the next two newsletters. It consist of target dates for - the start of advertisement solicitations, draft articles due date, draft layout review date, date the final copy goes to printer, and date the newsletter reaches mailboxes. The mailbox date should always be one week prior to the next meeting, and the other dates tally backwards from that.
2. List-serv expanded upon: Because so few people joined the list-serv after Emily's initial invitation a year ago, she administratively added everyone she has an e-mail address for. Her message said they could opt out if they wanted to. So right now we have 69 participants on our list-serve. She plans to send out a message explaining the workings of a list-serve discussion group.
3. Weekly E-newsletter: Julie had occasionally sent e-mail messages to all neighborhood e-mail addresses on file, but not in a consistent newsletter format. Emily plans to produce an E-newsletter sent weekly on a consistent day and with more formal content. As with Julie's messages, this will be the active outlet for official BCNA news and announcements (the website is our official passive outlet).

4. List of paid members: Emily worked with Jenna's dues accounting to come up with an official paid member list of who can vote. She will have a current list for our December election.
5. Brook Creek Next Door social media: Melinda had proposed we look into an alternative to our list-serve, a social media site called - [Nextdoor](#). This isn't necessarily preferred by everyone. Michael cautioned against creating a competitor to our Google list-serve, now that we have finally achieved critical mass for the list-serve to work. He didn't want to dilute the list-serve when it was so new for most participants.
Anticipated Action: No direction given to Emily to start up Nextdoor.

Struct/Restruct status:

Following the recent final plat of nine building lots on 12th Street, there were questions about what Struct/Restruct is doing. They still don't own those lots, Bo Killough retains ownership. Killough also didn't dedicate Tract A (the large parcel to the north) to the City for a park. And Parks & Rec has declined to put a bicycle trail through there. According to Planning Director, Scott McCullough, there are so many restrictions on Tract A, including no access from a street, that Killough can't use it in any way that might further damage the neighborhood.

As for houses on the nine lots, Killough could build houses to his liking, or he may have Struct/Restruct design and build, or he may eventually sell the lots to Struct/Restruct.

Announcements:

The Sunrise Project LLC, a consortium of Central Soyfoods, Seeds of Italy, The Community Food Alliance, the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, and Optimal Living Convenience Food, has bought the old Sunrise Garden Center at 15th & Learnard Ave. The mix of uses requires the residentially zoned land to be rezoned to a light industrial zoning. Their application will be heard at the 23 November Planning Commission.

Following the Special Use Permit approval of the Verizon microwave tower at 2100 Moodie Rd. (Co-op elevator site), Verizon had dropped their lawsuit against the City for the 1725 Bullene tower site. Michael presented a copy of the District Court dismissal decree. This final chapter of our fight against the tower seals our victory over Verizon.

Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT, 2 December 2015
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Rena Figures (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Michael Almon (Secretary), Andrea Repinsky, Melinda Henderson (L.A.N. Rep), ten other Association members, Emily Winters (Coordinator), and one member of the public.

Guest speakers: none

Agenda: Rena distributed an agenda, to which Michael added items concerning the election and two others items. We and approved the agenda as amended.

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

Minutes of prior meetings: Michael presented the draft minutes from 7 October 2015 and 4 November 2015, which had been posted to our website a week or more prior.

Action taken: Moved by Emily and seconded by Rena to approve both minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Jenna was ill and not in attendance, so Fred Sack presented the report. As of 30 November 2015; \$24 in petty cash; \$1704.35 in checking account. \$1728.35 total revenues. Also, BCNA dues are due in January.

Action taken: Moved by Rena and seconded by Andrea to approve the report. Passed unanimously.

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods report: Melinda gave a brief report, and said L.A.N. is having their elections next week. She also has informed L.A.N. about our effort to get Lawrence to more aggressively enforce the fireworks ban.

Coordinator report: Emily said the CDBG grant application has been submitted, for our standard items but not for capital improvement items.

She gave a description of how the Next Door on-line forum works. It's like a e-mail list-serv, but actually is a social networking web site run by a private company. Subscribers receive an e-mail notice, and then log onto the web site to read messages. You can also get a smart phone ap that allows you to read them on your phone. We want to emphasize our neighborhood using our own list-serv, but Next Door can reach other people and neighborhoods, so it's a good way of drawing in new members and coordinating with other neighborhoods. Our list-serv is better for round-robin discussions. Emily will include Next Door in our suite of communications options.

The Parks & Recreation request letter had been sent by Rena to P & R last month. She got a brief response saying they would like to meet. We discussed if we wanted to have them come to one of our meetings, or for the Officers to meet with them in a smaller setting. We decided that February would be preferred.

Anticipated action: Emily will contact P & R to get their preferences.

Officer's meeting in January:

Without a general membership meeting in January, we decided to have our Board visioning and planning meeting instead. All members are welcome to attend.

Action taken: We will meet on Wednesday, 6 January, at the E.L. Community Center.

Anticipated action: Emily will make sure the space is available, and make future meeting reservations too.

Spring events:

Our Spring Clean Up of the two creeks and parks will be on 16 April 2016 so we can make use of the K.U. Big Event volunteers. Our idea for a Pi Party on March 14 2016 (3.1416) may not happen because Lily Mason is resettling into a new house and working as a midwife, so she may be too busy to take it on. She isn't yet living in Brook Creek Neighborhood either.

Recap of 2015 accomplishments:

2015 was a successful year in many respects. We forced Verizon Wireless to move their proposed microwave tower to an industrial location by the grain elevators. We prompted Lawrence Transit to plan for a new bus route through Brook Creek, and we used street art to get them to place bus benches at more bus stops. We got the Police Dept. to be more diligent enforcing the fireworks ban. We held a very successful park and creek cleanup. We had a very nice Fall picnic in the park with Signal Ridge as our musicians. We formed a new relationship with Silverback on 19th St. to support their Burroughs Project. We made a great leap in hiring Emily as our new Coordinator, and she has beefed up the list-serve, and spruced up the web site and FaceBook page too.

Miscellaneous:

Mark Taylor gave us his archive of BCNA newsletters and meeting materials and other articles. They go back into the 1990's when he was President. He said that only a month after he was elected, the new County Jail location was proposed for Brook Creek Woods, one of our earliest battles to protect our neighborhood.

Dickie Heckler brought up concerns about parking downtown. Doug Compton has received approval to build apartments at the 8th & New Hampshire corner where Pachamama's had been. But even though he got beau coup tax benefits, he doesn't have to provide parking for his tenants. East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is very upset about the parking spillover into their neighborhood.

Election of Board and Officers:

Michael had election materials ready: list of nominees from the Nominating Committee, biographies of the nominees, and ballots. Emily verified the names of paid members while Fred issued member cards for recently paying members. Rena declared the Director and Officer nominations at proposed and asked if they accept nomination. The current Officers voted to accept the slate of nominees. Rena asked if there were any nominations from the floor, which they're weren't. The nominees made brief presentations about themselves, followed by a brief discussion.

The nominees from the Nominating Committee were:

Melissa Fahrenbruch for President

Byron Wiley for Vice President

Jenna Coker for Treasurer

Michael Almon for Secretary

Rena Figures for Director

Andrea Repinsky for Director

Ron Bishop for Director

Melinda Henderson for Director

Action taken: Since there were no other nominees than these, Tom Bogardis moved that we elect them by acclimation, seconded by Tom Genereaux.

Action taken: The entire slate was elected unanimously by acclimation

Meeting adjourned

Winter Holiday Party