

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Four (May-July) Due August 10

Neighborhood: Brook Creek Neighborhood Completed By: Emily Winters Date: 8/10/2016
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)
 Meeting Date #1 5/4/2016 Minutes Attached? yes
 Meeting Date #2 n/a Minutes Attached? _____
 Meeting Date #3 n/a Minutes Attached? _____

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)
 email yes
 newsletter yes
 other announcement? (please specify) facebook and website

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

Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.
 Date of Newsletter none this quarter Copy Attached? (required) _____

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)

Brook Creek Neighborhood - 4th Quarter Report

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

- May business meeting
 - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - 11 in attendance
- Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale
 - 10 households participated

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- Continued E ~~every~~ Tuesday , we currently have 96 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 had a neighborhood park clean up in coordination with volunteers help. About 20 neighbors help out.
- We had our first neighborhood wide yard sale that was publicized by the neighborhood organization in return for a \$10 donation as a fundraiser to help cover newsletter costs.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes, DRAFT, 4 May 2016
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Melinda Henderson, four other Association members, Emily Winters (Coordinator), and two members of the public.

Guest speaker: Melissa Freiburger, Sunrise Project

Agenda: Melissa distributed an agenda,. We approved the agenda.

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

Minutes of prior meetings: Michael presented the April 2016 minutes which had also been posted on the website.

Action taken: Moved by Emily and seconded by Ron to approve the minutes.
Passed with Melinda abstaining.

Treasurer's report: Jenna was absent, but had e-mailed the report. As of 30 April 2016: \$41 in petty cash; \$1953.04 in checking account. \$1995.04 total revenues.

Action taken: Moved to approve by Ron, seconded by Michael. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting:

There are no general meetings during the Summer, so we will have an executive meeting sometime this Summer. Depending on our meeting date, topics can include: ideas for our Woods Wilderness Park Plan prior to meeting with Parks & Recreation, preparation for our traffic calming items at the 6 June Traffic Safety Commission, a meeting about the Downtown Grocery, follow-up with our projects in the City budget, next newsletter.

Guest speaker: Melissa Freiburger, Director of Programs, Sunrise Project

The Sunrise Project is the not-for-profit arm of Sunrise Green LLC, the organization that is developing a food oriented community center at the old Sunrise Garden Center, 15th St. and Learnard Ave. Other entities are Central Soy Foods, Seeds From Italy, and Optimal Living healthy fast food, all being for-profit businesses. The Sunrise Project itself consists of several programs that focus on education and hands-on food growing: Healthy Sprouts, Food Rocket (after school cooking lessons), Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, and Summer of Service (youth volunteers at local agencies).

Since getting zoning approval in November of 2015, they have been doing fundraising and working at developing the site. They currently are operating at schools, conducting some of their programs. Their target date for completion of renovating the historic greenhouse and the former store into classrooms and office is Winter 2016. They are holding a garden plant starts sale this Sunday from 11:00am-4:00pm. For more information, people can visit their website at <http://www.sunriseprojectks.org/>.

Lawrence Facilities Survey:

Logan Isaman from the Lawrence Library had an update on the Library Needs Assessment, a survey to identify gaps in information and resources. She wondered if we could include it as an insert in our September Newsletter. The Library would pay for printing the insert.

Urban Ag – Update:

On Tuesday a week ago, the City Commission passed the new zoning code for Urban Agriculture uses. They removed the section about slaughtering animals, because some commissioners felt queasy about it. The second reading was last night, so it's in effect.

Brook Creek projects in City budget:

Michael reported on the two Public Works projects we formally commented on for the 2017 Lawrence budget. We stated our opposition to the upgrade of East 19th St. with its connection to O'Connell Rd, and the City Manager's recommended budget moved the \$1.35 million from 2017 to 2018. We also submitted our support of the new \$250,000 bridge over Brook Creek at 13th St. and Brook St. There will be a budget listening session on 12 May from 6 to 8:00 pm here at the ELRC. Michael has met individually with each City Commissioner to explain our position on 19th St. Ron mentioned that one of the two auto salvage businesses on E. 19th has closed, and that there are tires there collecting water that we should investigate.

Dollar General:

The site plan was not discussed last month because Melinda was ill. It got final approval, so there's nothing we can do now.

Restaurant fundraiser:

Papa Keno's Restaurant has a promotional event this Autumn where they will donate 15% of purchases on a given date to BCNA if we team up with them. All we have to do is get as many people as possible to buy pizza that day.

Newsletter:

Because the April-May Newsletter was not delivered last week, Emily negotiated a 23% discount from our new publisher, and got assurances that they will print and publish in a timely manner next time. We will publish again in mid-August. But the mailing delay may be irrelevant now.

A new Brook Creek neighbor has offered to desktop publish for free (we would still pay \$326 for postage). The new owners of 1300 Haskell, Christopher Dougherty and Rachel Brown (she grew up in Lawrence) just moved here from Oakland CA where they ran Madison St. Press. They offer a shorter turnaround time, will format the layout, and fold and collate it. The CDGB money would be freed up to print a newsletter more frequently, or apply for another use such as the neighborhood survey we've wanted to do for years.

Anticipated action: Emily will explore the free publishing with Christopher and Rachel.

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Meeting adjourned