Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter One (August-October) Due Nov. 10								
Brook Creek Neighborhood Association			d Association	Emily Winters, Coordinator				
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be			Meeting Date #1	Sept 6	_	Minutes Attached?	yes	
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Brook Creek Neighborhood - 1st Quarter Report 2017-2018

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

- September business meeting
 - o notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - o 14 in attendance
- October business meeting
 - o notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - o 11 in attendance
- November business meeting
 - o notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
 - o 11 in attendance
- Fall Picnic
 - o 30-40 in attendance

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- Continued E-news every Tuesday, we currently have 121 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 fall picnic where BCNA provided drinks, food to share was brought by the neighbors.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, DRAFT, 6 September 2017

(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

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

Special guests: Jarod Kilgore & Rachel Lietz, RepresentUS, as speakers.

Agenda: Melissa distributed an agenda. We added a City election item, and then approved.

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

Minutes of prior meetings: The May minutes were presented.

Action taken: Motion to approve by Jenna, 2nd by Emily. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Jenna presented the report covering 1 June 2017 to 31 August 2017.

Totals: \$92 in petty cash; \$685.04 in checking account. \$777.04 total revenues.

Action taken: Motion to approve by Michael, 2nd by Ron. Approved.

Jenna said it's unnecessary for her to keep \$92 in petty cash, and proposed we transfer \$50 into checking.

Action taken: Motion to approve by Ron, 2nd by Jennifer Meyers. Approved.

Guest speaker: Jarod Kilgore & Rachel Lietz of Represent.US explained that the organization is working to end government corruption at all levels. Major areas of focus are: public funding of elections, ranked-choice voting, end gerrymandering, automatic voter registration, make lobbyist donations illegal, and end secret political donations. To achieve these things, they want adoption of the The American Anti-Corruption Act. The organization is beginning at the grassroots level, beginning in each state with city and county governing bodies. They want them to adopt a non-binding resolution of support. Once there are significant numbers of communities signed on, they then move to the state level. When a significang number of states are signed on, they will take it to the national Congress. They realize that the strongest resistance will come from corporations, which is why they are building widespread grassroots support. They will keep us informed as the local effort gets going.

Success By Six grant followup

The grant was not awarded, but Rich Minder wants to pursue the idea through K.U. Urban Planning Dept. and Social Welfare Dept. Kennedy School is also included in the project. The program can be viewed at https://www.raisingplaces.org/. Prof. Stacy White is holding an Urban Planning class with this as the focus. We hope she'll present the findings to BCNA.

Fall picnic:

The Fall picnic will be on Saturday, 9 September, from 3-6pm, at the gazebo. Free State Brewing Company will donate beer, which Emily will pick up with some ice. We need cups along with other utensiles. Food is all by pot luck, with none provided by BCNA this year. We will provide bottled water.

Music will be acoustic solo by Lance Feyhe, who has bought a house near 19th & Maple Ln. Next year, we may want to hold the picnic in late August to avoid busy Fall conflicts. We have invited the first year Urban Planning students, connected with Success By Six.

Coordinator Report:

Emily said the CDBG grant application is due by 1 December. She's researching the basics now, and will begin writing in October.

Additional funds can come from a restaurant fund raiser in February, with newsletter promotion in January. Papa Keno's is no longer part of the program. Chipotle does only school fund raisers. Other options are LaParilla, Quinton's, Jefferson's, and Papa Murphy's.

The Brook Creek Nextdoor commercial list-serve is getting more active. It has gone from 25 participants to 200, though that's only 13% of the neighborhood. Emily sends a "welcome to the neighborhood" message when someone signs up.

November 7th elections

There will be City Commission and School Board elections on 7 November, as well as a referendum on three sales tax proposals. The following candidate forums are scheduled: League of Women Voters - 24 September, and Voter Education Coalition - 21 & 22 October. Melinda will research if the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods will hold a forum. There also is the Safe Routes for All Town Hall on 21 September, but it's focus is on bicycle and pedestrian transportation only.

The three sales tax proposals are to renew for ten years a sale tax totaling 0.55% ($5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on the dollar). The proposals are 0.2% for the transit system, 0.3% for infrastructure (streets, sewers, sidewalks, bikeways, etc.), and 0.05% for affordable housing. The current 0.55% sales taxes will sunset in April of 2019. This election is a trial run by the City, and if they don't pass, they will try again in November of 2018.

There was discussion that these are good causes, but Lawrence sales taxes are the highest in Kansas, and they're also regressive taxes which impact the poor the most. The City has launched a major public relations campaign to educate citizens, and the Lawrence Sunset Alliance (LSA) is a citizen group that opposes the tax renewal. We wanted to get the LSA perspective, so we decided to invite them to our October meeting.

Announcements, updates:

<u>East Lawrence Community Center site plan</u>. Michael has the City Planning office to keep us posted about revisions to the East Lawrence Community Center site plan. It's being reviewed

by other City offices and agencies. When Planning gets back all the comments, they will provide a revised site plan. It may or may not address all of our concerns. Once the Planning Director approves the new plan, we will have nine days to file an appeal if we want to.

<u>1201 Laura lot</u>. Last night, the City Commission approved a minor subdivision for the two lots of the Lawrence Zen Center at 1201 Laura St., as well as vacating 20 feet of street right of way along 12th St., which gives the 20 feet of land to the Zen Center.

<u>Harper St. traffic calming</u>. Two residents mentioned that traffic speeds along Harper St. between 19th and 15th streets. They would like the City to install traffic calming along there.

Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, DRAFT, 4 October 2017

(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Jenna Coker (Treasurer), Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Melinda Henderson, Andrea Repinsky, three Lawrence staff members, and two members of the public.

Special guests: Brandon McGuire, David Cronin, Bob Nugent, Patrick Wilbur, as speakers.

Agenda: Melissa distributed an agenda which we approved.

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

Minutes of prior meetings: The September minutes were presented.

<u>Action taken:</u> Motion to approve by Melinda, 2nd by Jenna. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Jenna presented the report covering 1-30 September 2017. Totals: \$73.50 in petty cash; \$867.20 in checking account. \$940.70 total revenues. <u>Action taken:</u> Motion to approve by Melinda, 2nd by Ron. Approved.

Guest speakers: Brandon McGuire, David Cronin, and Bob Nugent gave a presentation on the proposed sales tax ballot items for the 7 November election. There are three separate sales tax items: 0.2% for transit, 0.3% for infrastructure, and 0.05% for affordable housing. This 0.55% total amount has been in effect for the past ten years, and will sunset unless voters approve it for the next ten years. Transit and infrastructure are repeats, but affordable housing is a new earmark. Brandon covered these and other details such as that the current 0.55% tax will sunset on 30 April 2018, so if any of these fail to pass this year, the City will try again in November of 2018, possibly with a modified proposal. David described the kinds of infrastructure the tax would pay for, such as streets, fire equipment, sewers, sidewalks and bikeways. When questioned about ballot language that says "recreational trails, bikeways, and paths", he said that doesn't necessarily mean "recreational bikeways", but could be for transportation. Bob explained that the transit tax is for operations to serve the 350 bus stops. It's not for building a new hub, because they already have funds set aside for that. When questioned on the need for a central hub, he said they actually are studying a central hub with satellite hubs. Also, the City and K.U. systems don't share funding, only operations. When asked about sales tax being regressive against low income people, and that no other community applies sales tax for affordable housing, Brandon said they would research that.

Patrick Wilbur was from the Lawrence Sunset Alliance, a group that wants the 0.55% sales tax to expire, and not be renewed. Their reasons are that: our total sales tax of 9.05% is the highest in the state, special taxing districts add 1% to that, sales tax is regressive against low income people, 30% of our local tax is for essential items like food, the Kansas income tax is

going up and will again next year, our property tax is going up also, and it's more appropriate that core City services be paid out of property tax and bonds, than by sales tax. He noted that this 2017 vote is the City's first attempt, and if the vote fails, they will try a different, and hopefully improved, proposal in 2018. Someone mentioned that Lawrence really needs developer impact fees to pay for more of our new infrastructure.

Coordinator Report:

Emily was absent, so Melissa reported that we have not yet received the 2018-19 CDBG grant application. She and Emily have started doing some of the preliminary work. Andrea said we can probably print newsletters this Fall-Winter, and next Spring-Summer, with a third one optional. We should time them so as to cover events like the April clean-up and the December election, at the very lease. A question was raised about the cost of a simple post card mailer.

December BCNA Board elections:

According to our Bylaws, two members of the Nominating Committee were chosen by vote: Byron and Michael. And Melissa appointed Ron as the third member. So far there are no potential names as Director candidates, but Michael and Byron are working on the list we developed at the September meeting. Ron will try others he may think of. We will create a slate at our November meeting.

Announcements, updates:

<u>East Lawrence Community Center site plan</u>. Michael reported that City planning staff is still writing a report on the site plan. When it's ready, we will have nine days to submit comments.

Meeting adjourned

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

Fall 2017

Neighborhood Events

September

- BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
- Brook Creek Fall Picnic at Brook Creek Park, 3-6 p.m.

October

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

November

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

December

BCNA Meeting + Holiday Party 7:00 p.m., ELRC



New native garden planted at Brook Creek Park gazebo by Brook Creek, Grassland Heritage Foundation, and Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition.

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Meet Your Neighbors at Sept. 9 Picnic

Join us for the Neighborhood Picnic! September 9th, 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will provide Free State beer, drinks and paperware—although we encourage the use of reusable plates and silverware! Please bring a dish or snack to share. There will be games and fun times with neighbors. This is a great opportunity to connect with other neighbors and build community!

Local Elections: November 7th!

Due to a change in state law, we now hold our local elections for City Commission and School Board in November of odd years, as opposed to April, as we used to do it.

The six candidates running for three **City Commission** seats are: Jennifer Ananda, Mike Anderson, Bassem Chahine, Matthew Herbert (incumbent), Lisa Larsen (incumbent), and Dustin Stumblingbear.

The seven candidates (no primary) running for three USD 497 School Board seats are: Melissa Y. Johnson, James Alan Hollinger, Kelly Jones, GR Gordon-Ross, Steve Wallace, Jill Hayhurst, and Gretchen Alix Lister.

Sales Tax Initiatives

The city is planning to put three different sales tax initiatives on the ballot, as well, for a total of 0.55%. Two of those will be renewals, and one will be a re-purposing. City staff recommends asking the voters to renew the existing 0.3% infrastructure and equipment sales tax and 0.2% transit sales tax for their current special purposes. Because transit operations can be maintained without the 0.05% sales tax, staff recommends asking voters to change the special purpose of the 0.05% to affordable housing. Proceeds from the 0.05% would be placed in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and would be used to supplement existing homeowner and rental assistance programs including CDBG and HOME programs, and to leverage other dollars to increase the number of affordable housing units in Lawrence.

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Note from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Welcome back from the summer break. As we all start to get busy in our daily lives of work, school, and everything else that comes our way, I would like to reach invite you to our Fall Picnic on September 9, 2017 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Come meet neighbors, bring the kids to play, and listen to music. We are looking for people to help plan other events throughout the year so if you can't always make a meeting but want to participate in the community, please let us know.

In the last newsletter, I announced that we were asked to participate in an application for a grant through Raising Places: Building Child-Centered Communities 2017 by Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County. Unfortunately, we did not get the grant. However, Success by 6 Coalition still wants to work with Brook Creek and has been trying to find other sources to help our neighborhood. A stakeholder group has been formed to work with the Brook Creek community. We plan to team up with KU Urban Planning Department to consider topics such as: public infrastructure; existing zoning/plans; amenities; commercial uses; housing stock; history; demographics; school/educational resources, etc. to work toward the common goal of creating better places to raise children. We are still working out details and we will let you know through the e-newsletter and/or Facebook about events, needing input, and outcomes as we get them. If you have any questions, please email me at meljofah@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thanks to everyone that came out to the Lawrence Intersection Repair; Street Mural Project back in May. It looks great! If you haven't gotten a chance check it out, it can be seen off the Burroughs' Creek Trail and close to 15th Street.

We are electing officers and directors at our December 6, 2017 meeting. This is the only business besides voting on minutes from the previous meeting and treasurer's report. The rest is party time to celebrate friends, family, and neighbors. We may have a couple of positions that are opening for new people. If you wish to serve your community and help decide what direction we head, please consider running. Please let us know your intent to run by October 1, 2017 by emailing brookcreekna@gmail.com. We also hope to see you at our neighborhood meetings and events.

Thank you, Melissa Fahrenbruch, President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association meljofah@gmail.com

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BCNA May Meeting Notes

Rebecca Buford from Tenants to Homeowners updat- hood picnic. Several BCNA members are collaborated us on several projects there are currently 3 houses they are building on LeSalle St. The houses are all energy star rated, 2 will be rentals through TTH with strict guidelines and application processes and the third will be for sale through Habitat for Humanity. Katy from Intersection Repair was in attendance with updates for the mural painting event in June. Emily, Brook Creek Coordinator, gave an update on plans for a fundraising raffle, event planning and CDBG fund updates. There was planning for the upcoming yard sale day and the September neighbor-

ing with other community members for a potential grant that will impact the neighborhood. The 19th street coalition is continuing work to prevent the city from opening it to the business park and creating more traffic through the neighborhood. Lawrence Zen Center will be relocating at 1201 Laura. There was planning for a native garden near the gazebo at Brook Creek Park. Struct/Restruct has lots for sale near their shop and the lot near the park with the large Bur Oak may be donated to the city for park land.

Local Elections: November 7th!

Where to vote?

Depending on where you live in Brook Creek neighborhood, you will vote at either the East Lawrence Recreation Center (Precinct 35), or at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (Precinct 77). To verify that you are registered to vote and to determine where to vote, http://www.votereducationcoalition.org/ visit the Douglas County Clerk's website here: http://www.douglas-county.com/mycounty/votingand-elections/voter-reg-search.aspx

Meet the Candidates!

The Voter Education Coalition will hold two forums at City Hall, each one from 4-6 p.m. The City Commission candidate forum will be Saturday, Oct. 21st, and the School Board candidate forum will be Sun-

day, Oct. 22nd. If you have specific questions you'd like to have asked at the forums, please email them to our coordinator at brookcreekna@gmail.com. For more information on the candidates and other events, visit their website:

JUST REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Out of 1993 registered voters in our neighborhood, only 193 bothered to vote in the August primary election. That's less than 10%. Come on, we can do better that that in November! And it's the results of the LO-CAL elections that will affect you most in your daily life.



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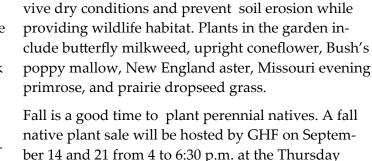
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New Native Plant Garden in Brook Creek Park

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, Grassland Heritage Foundation (GHF), and Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition representatives worked together to install a new perennial native plant garden in Brook Creek Park. BCNA Board member and GHF President Andrea Repinsky coordinated with city parks staff to select a location for the garden at the west side of the Brook Creek Park gazebo, where the garden will be visible from Brook Street. Native plants were grown by KVNPC coordinator Courtney Masterson and obtained from the GHF native plant sale. Some prairie plants grow slowly as very deep roots develop, so look for more growth and more flowers next year. These deep roots help native plants sur-



to maintain both gardens.

Farmers Market at Cottin's Hardware, 1832 Mass. Masterson also added native plants to the landscaping at the playground at 15th and Burroughs Creek. Contact BCNA for more information on volunteering



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Parking Expansion at East Lawrence Recreation Center

The City plans to increase the size of the parking lot at the East Lawrence Recreation Center at 1245 E 15th visitor parking in neighborhood streets. Questions Street. The proposed expansion will add 49 parking stalls, to be constructed in the flat area to the south of to the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at the existing parking lot. The expansion is intended to

better serve recreation center visitors and to minimize and comments on the parking expansion can be sent (785) 832-3450 or parksrec@lawrenceks.org.

Expansion of Community Orchard

The Lawrence Community Orchard is a "Free Food Park" located at 830 Garfield Street. The property was made available to the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project by the City of Lawrence urban agriculture land leasing Common Ground program. In March, the Lawrence Community Orchard expanded, adding a section of land that connects to 13th Street where the bridge crosses Burroughs Creek. Access to the food park is now easier and is marked with a new sign. Anyone is welcome to pick ripe fruit or join us for our monthly volunteer opportunities at the orchard. The Lawrence Fruit Tree Pro-

ject (www.lawrencefruittreeproject.org) is a program of Sunrise Project. (www.sunriseprojectks.org)





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- WHAT DO PEOPLE IN EASTERN LAWRENCE EAT FOR Breakfast?
- 2. WHY are there more rabbits in brook creek THAN IN EAST LAWFENCE?

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