

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10

Neighborhood Brook Creek

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>March 7</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>April 4</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>not finished will send</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>May 2</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>X</u>		
	newsletter	<u>X</u>		
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>website, facebook, e-news, nextdoor</u>		
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	No			
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>March 2017</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)

### **Brook Creek Neighborhood - 3rd Quarter Report 2017-2018**

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

- March business meeting
  - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
  - 18 members in attendance
- April business meeting
  - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
  - 14
- May business meeting
  - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
  - 11 members 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)**

- 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 have had an increase in likes recently, at 181.
- We had our annual spring clean up with pretty good attendance by neighbors despite the cold weather and help from Big Event volunteers, we were able to clean up the woods, Brook and Burroughs creek.

**Brook Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes, 7 February 2018**  
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

**Present:** Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Tom Bogardus, Emily Winters (Coordinator), and two other BCNA members.

**Agenda:** Melissa distributed an agenda which we approved after adding one item.

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

**Minutes of prior meetings:** The December 2017 minutes were a collaborative effort by Melissa and Byron. However, they had not been forwarded to the full Board for review.

Action taken: The draft minutes were deferred to the March meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Jenna was absent, so Melissa gave the Treasurer's report from Jenna. It covered the period from 1 December 2017 to 31 January 2018. There were no deposits nor withdrawals, leaving \$73.50 in petty cash; \$888.40 in checking; and a total of \$961.90.

Action taken: Moved by Ron to approve, seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

**Guest speakers:** Jill Jevons, who lives at 13<sup>th</sup> and Prospect, gave a historical presentation about Woodland Park, the Amusement Park that operated in what is now the Nature Area Woods from 1909 to approximately 1930 (records are unclear). It included a horse race track, a field for baseball and football and the occasional circus, a ferris wheel, and a roller coaster called the Daisy Dozer. There was a trolley line of the Lawrence Railway & Light Co. that came east on 13<sup>th</sup> St., turned north on Prairie, and reversed at 12<sup>th</sup> St. where the roller coaster was. Jill said that in among the brush and vines of the woods are still concrete footings of the roller coaster or other amusement rides.

The poet Langston Hughes, who grew up in Lawrence, wrote a famous account of how, in 1910, the Daily Journal Newspaper sponsored a free holiday at the park for all Lawrence children. He pointedly notes though that the Daily Journal chastised black children who wanted to attend, writing "The Journal knows the colored children have no desire to attend a social event of this kind and that they will not want to go. This is purely a social affair and of course everyone in town knows what that means". The incident is going to be included in a PBS film series about Hughes, that Kevin Wilmott is contributing to. In 1911, the Daily Journal was merged with the Lawrence World owned by Wilford Simons, father of Dolph Simons, Sr., to become the Lawrence Journal-World.

Jill feels our neighborhood has a unique part of history that most of Lawrence knows little of. She would like for the City to give ample recognition to Woodland Amusement Park, in ways like: a plaque at the gazebo in Brook Creek Park, also at the Santa Fe Depot, at Watkins Museum, and the Carnegie Building, along with brochures for tourists to take. The consensus

seemed to be that first the idea needs to be spread in the community. This could be done by advocates like Jill, Katie Armitage, Dennis Brown and the Lawrence Preservation Alliance, the Watkins Museum, BCNA, and others. Next, these advocates should get a City Commissioner to be a “champion” to promote the idea, and they also should lobby the other City Commissioners.

### **Coordinator Report:**

Emily has added some resources to the website, and updated the meeting minutes. She suggested the dates of 2 June or 9 June for the neighborhood yard sale, and we decided on Saturday, 2 June. If six or more people are interested, we’ll go forward and publicize the sale on our web site, Facebook page, Craig’s List, etc. We were undecided if we’ll put up signs again, or just let the participants put up signs near their own property. Our Winter-Spring newsletter will print on 16 March, to be delivered on 26 March. Articles need to be done by 11 March, some of which will be: Board introductions, Police Chief talk at our 2 May meeting, Fall picnic, 2017 holiday party and pics.

### **Neighborhood infrastructure:**

There now is a sidewalk on the north side of East Glenn Dr., from Harper to Maple Ln., and on Cadet for a half block north of East Glenn. There will be CDBG funds spent in the 2018 sidewalk gap program for a sidewalk heading west from the East Lawrence Community Center to Haskell Ave. The question was raised, though not answered, whether sidewalks will be built on the rest of Cadet and on 18th St. and 18th Terrace.

19th Street widening and connection to O’Connell Rd. is a project listed in the Transportation 2040 Plan draft, that currently has a public comment period going until 2 March. The 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition (of which BCNA is a member) has been getting neighbors in each of our neighborhoods to send letters to the City, opposing the project. The T2040 Plan also has projects to widen other roads that will feed traffic to 19th St., such as 31st St. from O’Connell Rd. all the way east to 1900 Road, Franklin Rd. from 31st to 23rd, and 28th from E. 1700 Rd. to O’Connell Rd. Also, from 19th and Harper (where the 47ft wide 19th St. would end, Harper is planned to be widened up to 15th St.

Anticipated action: **Emily** will put an appeal in the E-newsletter, website, and list-serv for our neighbors to write letters objecting to the 19th St. project.

Anticipated action: **Melissa** will alert Phil Collison about the potential traffic impact going west on 15th St.

### **December BCNA Director terms confusion:**

Michael noticed that the December minutes said all Directors and Officers terms were reset to zero, because there had been confusion over whose terms were the even-years, and whose the odd-years. He pointed out that our Bylaws specify staggered two-year terms, with 4 Directors starting in the even-year, and 4 in the odd-year. Ron suggested a solution, which is:

Action taken: Moved by Ron to have half of our four Directors resign in November to be elected to two-year terms starting in January. Motion passed.

**Street Lights:**

One concern is that the new Westar L.E.D. street lights are very harsh and too bright. They supposedly are directed downward, but shine in our windows from quite a distance. There is a group organized to get the City to have Westar change the brightness and harsh blue color to a warmer color. They have data from the A.M.A. and others indicating that the lights disturb sleep, are bad for wildlife, and interfere with “dark sky” conditions. The group will present info to the City Commission on 20 February, and the Planning Commission will initiate a City Code amendment governing street lights on 21 February.

Another related concern is that Jenna and Fred’s neighbor immediately to their east had Westar install a 35 foot tall pole with a street light in her back yard, that has significant light pollution and spillover onto their property and into their windows. The neighbor also has security cameras pointing at Jenna and Fred’s house, and calls the police if they are in their own yard after dark. We should try to see if and how a Code amendment for lights might solve this problem.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Brook Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes, 7 March 2018**  
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

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

**Agenda:** Melissa distributed an agenda which we approved.

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

**Minutes of prior meetings:** The December 2017 minutes had been recorded by Melissa but not distributed until February, and the February 2018 minutes had been distributed and reviewed by e-mail.

Action taken: Moved by Emily and seconded by Jenna to approve the December and February minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Jenna had a draft Treasurer's report for February, but it had a small discrepancy in Petty Cash, so we tabled it for Jenna to investigate.

Action taken: Moved by Michael to defer, seconded by Ron. Motion passed.

**Guest speakers:** Nancy Thellman, County Commissioner, came at our invitation to speak about the ballot initiative for expanding the County Jail and building a County Crisis Center for the mentally and emotionally impaired. She brought along some other County employees to help explain the details – Wes Houk (Sheriff Dept.), Bob Triosky (Behavioral Health), and Mike Brouwer (Re-Entry Director). The ballot measure is for a 0.5% add-on to the sales tax to raise \$5.750 million for the mental health crisis center, and \$4 million for the jail. The two are combined in one ballot question, the explanation being that if they were separate 0.25% sales tax votes, the resulting \$487.5 million each would be not enough for the crisis center, and too much for the jail. The tax would continue indefinitely for ongoing programming, and would not sunset. They also explained that, even though a sales tax is admittedly regressive, if the vote were for a property tax increase, it would have to be for 12 mil.

The issue was first discussed four years ago to begin evaluation of possible jail inmates who might better be dealt with in a mental health facility – people who had committed a crime because they were unstable. Bert Nash, Douglas County Citizens Committee on Alcoholism, and the Lawrence Memorial Hospital got involved in the effort to try to improve services to this population, and stop the revolving door in and out of jail. The idea is to move away from a pattern of crisis intervention and incarceration over to recovery and prevention. To do this, housing has to be a priority component, and transitional housing will be part of the crisis center campus. The center will be located east of LMH and north of Bert Nash on 2nd St.

One reason for expanding the jail is because the physical size of the three levels of security don't necessarily match the inmates' levels of criminal seriousness. So about 30% of the well behaved inmates must be farmed out to nearby county jails to make room for serious offenders. Similarly, about 30% of our jail population is from elsewhere. It's very expensive for us to outsource our inmates to other facilities, so a bigger jail would supposedly lower our costs. The Douglas County incarceration rate is 1.9 per 1000 population, which is on the low end of the scale in Kansas. But our jail is over crowded, resulting in a 113% rise in violent or disruptive actions since 2016. Our jail is one of only eight county jails in the U.S. commended for best practices. Tours of the jail are available each Saturday at 9:00am and 1:00pm, for 90 minutes.

### **Coordinator Report:**

The yard sale has been canceled because we got only four people who wanted to participate. Emily will publicize the date in the newsletter and on Facebook, but people are on their own to put up signs. It's about time to finish newsletter articles and send to Andrea. We still need an article on the 19th Street corridor. The creek and park clean-up is 14 April from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Emily has reached out to East Lawrence and Barker neighborhoods to partner along the Burroughs Creek, but has not heard back. She has a request to Dillons for bottled water.

### **Neighborhood infrastructure:**

The 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition (of which BCNA is a member) has been organizing get the project for widening 19th St. east of Harper removed from the T2040 Plan. Projects listed in this 5-year plan are typically moved into the Capital Improvement Plan for funding. The Coalition also wants all of 19th St. from O'Connell to Naismith down-classified from Arterial status to Collector status (and to Local status east of Harper). So far, the planners have taken only a half-way measure of classifying it to Collector from O'Connell to Haskell. All but one of the 45 public comments sent to the City were opposed to the project. The T2040 Steering Committee will meet on 15 March, 3:00pm, at City Hall.

There also is a very important meeting on 29 March of the Transportation Commission, with the only item on the agenda being the 19th St. widening project east of Harper. The Coalition hopes for a large turnout so we can convince the Transportation Commission not to widen the street and not to connect it to O'Connell Rd. Their support is important because the City Commission looks to them for recommendations, and usually follows their opinion. The Transportation Commission will meet on 29 March, 6:00pm, at City Hall.

Anticipated action: **Emily** will publicize in the E-newsletter the 15 March T2040 meeting, and the 29 March Transportation Commission meeting which is exclusively about the 19th St. project.

Anticipated action: **Byron and Michael** will attend the 29 March Transportation Commission meeting about 19th St., and maybe the 15 March T2040 Plan meeting.

**United Way Grant and Parent Cafe:**

The Success By Six project has some grant funding through the United Way, from January through December of 2018. The current project is to hold a Parent Cafe on 29 March at 6:00pm in the Barbara Huppee Center of Edgewood Place to get families aware of the program. Another project is the Stock Healthy-Shop Healthy effort to get the Haskell Food Mart at 19th and Haskell to stock healthy food. They also want to conduct a food access survey of neighborhood residents. On Thursday (tomorrow) the CDBG Committee will meet to decide on funding levels.

Anticipated action: **Melissa** will attend the Parent Cafe meeting.

**Meeting adjourned**



BCNA May meeting minutes  
May 2, 2018

**Attendance:**

Melissa (president), Emily (coordinator), Andrea (director), Ron (director), Melinda (director), Jenna (director), Police Chief Burns, Casey Cooper police captain, 3 residents

**Police Chief report**

- Brief summary of career, has been in Lawrence for 1 year
- Policing philosophy
  - Good relationship between police and community
  - Diverse police force
- Held police academy - 24 weeks of training
- Hoping to have body camera system up and running by end of the year
- Video simulator - used as part of the citizens police academy
- Believes an updated police station is needed
- Questions/Comments
  - Appreciate police presence at big events, handling of final four
  - Firework ban enforcement
    - They are doing their best, no easy solution
  - Policing and racism
    - Increasing diversity on police force, difficult job
  - How to improve perception of police, especially for children
    - Police are in the schools, citizen police academy, summit camp, community events, public safety day

**Treasurer Report**

- Emily Winters motioned approval of March and April reports, Ron Bishop 2nd

**Meeting Minutes**

- Postponed, not available.

**Coordinators Report**

- Fall picnic is September 30, 3-6
- Potluck, BCNA will provide beer in bottles, ask for donations
- BCNA will also bring drinks
- Fall newsletter end of July/early August
- We briefly discussed topics

**Updates**

- Melissa will send out an email about August board meeting

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## The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the  
Brook Creek  
Neighborhood Association

March 2018

### Neighborhood Events

#### March

- 29 Transportation Commission meeting on 19th St, 6 p.m.
- 29 Success by 6 Parent Café 6 p.m. (see p. 5)

#### April

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center  
Guest: Derek Rogers
- 14 Brook Creek Park Clean-up 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
- 21 East Lawrence Neighborhood River Clean-up

#### May

- 2 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center  
Guest: Police Chief Burns

#### September

- 5 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Brook Creek Fall Picnic, Brook Creek Park, 3-6 p.m.

### Efforts Continue to Protect Safety on 19th St.

Since 2011, neighbors near 19th St. have objected to City plans to open 19th St. from O'Connell Rd. and Venture Business Park to traffic. The same sentiments apply, since 2015 construction began in the KU Central District, to the traffic from KU. The 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition formed to guard against more traffic on 19th St. The City insists they must widen 19th St. east of Harper St. to 47 ft., instead of repaving it at its current 22 ft. They claim it's necessary because the water line must be fixed, and they plan to add a sidewalk and a bike path. They also say that emergency vehicles have to access Venture Business Park. The Coalition response is that a new waterline, sidewalk and bike path are welcome, but 'no thanks' on a wider street. It would be a "welcome mat" for thousands of new commuter and commercial vehicles overwhelming our neighborhoods. For fire and ambulance access, the Coalition requests a simple gate at 19th and O'Connell that only emergency vehicles (and buses) could open, but not other vehicles. The Coalition says that all 19th Street neighborhoods need walkability and livability, safety for school children and cyclists, and keeping all of 19th St. a residential street. The Transportation Plan includes the 19th St. Harper-to-O'Connell project, but none of the Coalition ideas. 90% of the public comments on the plan are opposed to the widening of 19th St. The Transportation Commission will have a special meeting on 19th St. on March 29 at 6 p.m, and the City budget meetings will address the project in April. Please try to be there and advocate for safety along our residential streets.

### Meet New Parks and Police Leadership

At the April 4th Brook Creek meeting, we welcome Derek Rogers, the Director of Lawrence Parks and Recreation. He will be discussing requests to have exercise equipment located along the Burroughs Creek Trail. We would also love to hear all other requests and concerns from neighborhood residents about Parks and Recreation.

On May 2, Police Chief Gregory C. Burns, Jr will join the Brook Creek meeting. He will be addressing resident questions and concerns regarding safety, theft and other general police matters.

We are excited to have both of these speakers and would love to have a good turnout at both meetings! All Brook Creek meetings are at 7p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. All neighbors are always welcome. If you are not able to attend meetings, you can send questions or concerns you would like to share to [brookcreekna@gmail.com](mailto:brookcreekna@gmail.com).

### Annual Park & Trail Cleanup

Our annual park and trail clean-up is April 14! We will meet at Brook Creek Park at 10 a.m. Gloves, trash bags and snacks for breakfast and lunch will be provided. KU students from the KU Big Event will also be joining us! The trail spans several neighborhoods, we welcome all help. If you want to work on an area of the trail that is farther away feel free to contact the coordinator at [brookcreekna@gmail.com](mailto:brookcreekna@gmail.com) in advance to get trash bags. Trash bags can be left next to existing bins along the trail or in the park. Thanks for helping us keep our parks and trails beautiful!

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## Note from the President

Hi Neighbors,

We had a great winter and spring is looking great. We had our election in December where everyone was re-elected and we added a new Director, Tom Bogardus. Congratulations.

Upcoming events are the Park Clean-Up in April and the Fall Picnic at the end of September. The neighborhood garage sale was canceled due to not enough interest. At the monthly meeting for April, we will have the new Parks and Recreation Director, and May, we will host the new Police Chief. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There are several organizations, including KU, that are looking to get feedback from our Brook Creek community. Subjects include how to improve our community for families with young children, bringing fresh food to the neighborhood, and food access for seniors.

I also wanted to thank everyone who comes to our meetings. We try to have interesting speakers come to talk about things that pertain to Brook Creek and Lawrence at large. If you have an idea of a person or topic you would like to have at a meeting please contact me or Emily and we will see if we can get it scheduled. Melissa Fahrenbruch at meljofah@gmail.com or Emily Winters at brookcreekna@gmail.

On a sad note, BCNA is having to cut back on how many paper newsletters we create in the year. Due to the decrease in future funding from CDBG we are reducing our newsletters to two newsletters a year instead of three from past years. Any ideas for fundraising and events please let us know. Please sign up for our neighborhood Facebook page, email ListServ, NextDoor alerts, or visit our website to get updated information on what events will take place either from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association or around town.

I hope to see you at the next event or meeting,

Melissa Fahrenbruch  
President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association



BCNA Holiday Party  
December 2017

## Proposed County Sales Tax Referendum

The featured topic of the March 7th BCNA meeting was the proposed Douglas County sales tax referendum. Speakers included County Commissioner Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Undersheriff Gary Bunting, Douglas County Corrections Re-Entry Director Mike Brouwer and Douglas County Behavioral Health Projects Coordinator Bob Tryanski. The presentation covered aspects of the proposed sales tax and how it would be used to provide improved services and programs for both the criminal justice system and behavioral health in the county, along with facility upgrades.

If you would like to see first hand why the upgrades

are proposed, the county is providing 90-minute presentations and tours for Douglas County residents at least 18 years of age at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Saturday until April 28. Contact Sgt. Kristin Channel at kchannel@dgso.org no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday before the Saturday you plan to attend. Emails should include the time and date of the presentation/tour you want to attend as well as your name, address and phone number.

This will be a mail ballot election and ballots will be mailed April 25th and be counted May 15th.

### Brook Creek Neighborhood Parent Cafe

**Who:** Parents of children up to 8 years of age

**Where:** Huppee Community Facility, 1600 Haskell Ave. #149/150

**When:** Thursday, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m.

**What:** Family-style dinner, child care, facilitated discussion

**Why:** Discuss what would make the Brook Creek Neighborhood a better place to raise children

**RSVP to Success by6:** rich@dcsb6.org or 842-8719



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## Hike Through History Project Update

As many of you know, the first panel for the project was installed on the Burroughs Creek Trail, at the 23rd St trailhead, in January, in the hopes that Henry Fortunato might be able to see the project come to fruition. Unfortunately, Henry's health took a turn for the worse and he was unable to come to Lawrence to view the installation before his passing February 5th. In support of the project and in honor of Henry's memory, City Parks and Rec forges ahead with the installation of the remaining panels for the Hike Through History project on the Burroughs Creek

Trail, so that we all might enjoy it. Concrete pouring is always at the mercy of the whims of weather, but Parks and Rec has scheduled to pour pads for the signage during the week of March 12th, followed by the installation of the panels themselves within a few days. Discussion of an opening for the panels, a commemoration of Henry Fortunato's efforts, is in the works as staff time and weather permit. Stay tuned!  
— Lane Eisenbart, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

## Volunteer Help Available

Registration is open for the eighth annual Big Event, scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Big Event students have helped the neighborhood with our annual park clean-up for the past 3 years.

The Big Event is a non need-based student group that connects the KU campus with the Lawrence community. They recruit thousands of student, faculty, and staff volunteers to work at hundreds of local job sites during one day of service to say 'thank you' to the community. Big Event volunteers provide a helping hand to Lawrence residents by completing projects in their neighborhoods.

Register at: <http://thebigeventku.com/register-now/>



New and old friends at the 2017 Brook Creek Fall Picnic

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Due to increasing costs and decreased funding, BCNA will only be able to send paper newsletters twice a year. However, we do have a weekly E-newsletter! You can sign up on the Brook Creek website.

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## BCNA Meeting Notes

### September

Jarod Kilgore & Rachel Lietz of Represent.US presented about their work to end government corruption at all levels. Melissa gave us an update on the Success By Six Brook Creek grant, which was not funded, but they still hope to do a community project that focuses on families in Brook Creek. The Fall picnic was planned. The coordinator reported on BCNA business. There was a brief discussion about the ballot initiatives on the November ballot and an update on the Zen Center's lots on 1201 Laura.

### October

Brandon McGuire, David Cronin, and Bob Nugent gave a presentation on the proposed sales tax ballot items for the Nov. 7 election. Patrick Wilbur also presented from the Lawrence Sunset Alliance, a group that wants the 0.55% sales tax to expire, and not be renewed. Attendees discussed the CDBG grant and newsletter timeline for next year. Byron, Michael, and Ron volunteered for the nominating committee.

### November

Lawrence Skate Association gave an update about their progress towards their project to convert the old basketball court in Edgewood Park into a DIY skateboard park. The coordinator provided updates about the CDBG grant and the newsletter for next year. Updates were given about the East Lawrence Recreation Center site plan, the Nature Area Management Plan, and the Success by Six project.

### December

Officer Drew Fennelly from the Lawrence Police Department, Neighborhood Resource Office, spoke about a recent rash of burglaries and what to do to prevent them. There was a vote to cancel the appeal to the Rec Center's parking expansion. Elections were held.

### February

There was some discussion about getting a panel installed near the woods to commemorate the history of the area including the Woodlands Amusement Park and Langston Hughes. BCNA heard updates from the coordinator, update on a new sidewalk along East Glenn Dr., and news from the 19th Street Coalition. An update on director terms was passed and there was discussion about the new streetlights being too bright.

BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website:

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