Quarte	erly Neighborhood Performance Re	port - Quarter One (Augus	t-October) Due Nov. 10		
Neighborhood: Brook Creek		Date: 11/3/2019 prookcreekna@gmail.com, s	913-620-5152		
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Each Neighborhood is required	Meeting Date #1	8/22/2019	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
to have at least quarterly	Meeting Date #2	9/4/2019	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
meetings. (minutes must be					
attached.)	Meeting Date #3	10/2/2019	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
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How was the neighborhood	email	Bi-we	ekly e-newsletters		
notified of the meeting(s)?	newsletter	Fall 2	019 print newsletter		
(check all that apply)	other announcement? (	please specify) Faceb	book & Nextdoor posts		
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Officer elections this quarter?					
(if so, attach list of new officers)	N	0			
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular	Date of Newsletter	August 2019	Copy Attached?	Yes	
newsletters.		August 2015	(required)		
	Fall 2019 print newsletter mailed last week of August				
Bi-weekly e-newsletters sent on 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21					

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 - 1st Quarter Report 2019-2020

- August
  - Sent e-newsletters on 8/12 and 8/26
  - Mailed Fall 2019 print newsletter to 1000 neighborhood households
  - Active community outreach regarding double density and rezoning issues affecting Brook Creek neighborhood
  - BCNA meeting on 8/22 29 people in attendance
  - Represented Brook Creek at monthly LAN meeting on 8/21
- September
  - BCNA meeting on 9/4 5 people in attendance
  - Annual BCNA neighborhood picnic on 9/7 at Brook Creek Park
  - Sent e-newsletters on 9/9 and 9/23
  - BCNA table at the Tenants to Homeowners Battle of the Builders event on 9/14
  - Represented Brook Creek at monthly LAN meeting on 9/18
- October
  - BCNA meeting on 10/2 7 people in attendance
  - Sent e-newsletters on 10/7 and 10/21
  - Represented Brook Creek at monthly LAN meeting on 10/16
- Bi-Weekly E-newsletters
  - We send an e-newsletter to our email list every other Monday containing relevant neighborhood events, meetings, and city news.
  - 192 active subscribers (27% growth from last quarter)
  - 8/12 e-newsletter: 47 opens
  - 8/26 e-newsletter: 47 opens
  - 9/9 e-newsletter: 81 opens
  - 9/23 e-newsletter: 61 opens
  - 10/7 e-newsletter: 79 opens
  - 10/21 e-newsletter: 68 opens
- BCNA Facebook Page
  - 266 follows (16% growth from last quarter)
  - 115 posts between 8/1-10/31
- BCNA Facebook Open Forum
  - 187 members
  - 48 discussions between 8/1-10/31
- BCNA Nextdoor Page
  - 397 neighbors signed up (28% of neighborhood)

- Sent 100 invitation postcards on 9/29 and again on 10/28
- BCNA closely followed the ongoing double density discussion and proposed rezoning in Brook Creek and provided updates to the neighborhood as we received them via City Commission and Planning Commission meetings (rezoning Z-19-00235 at 702 East 19th St.). We submitted our official position as a neighborhood association to the City Commission for their meeting on 8/6 and had a productive neighborhood discussion on 8/22.
- BCNA was active in the discussion of the 19th Street Design Options, submitting an
  official position to the Transportation Commission. We shared updates with the
  neighborhood and encouraged attendance at the 10/7 Transportation Commission
  meeting.

# BCNA Meeting Notes - August 22, 2019

Large attendance: 29 people

Introductions - Jesse, the board, etc

**Michael** - Presentation of a framed 30 year old land use map to Jesse, our current president. Jesses will take and put this on his wall and to pass along to the next president. Tom Harper provided this.

**Treasurers report** - May 1 to July 31 - \$50 petty, checking 1052.17 Cottins & Call to Greatness - \$80 in deposits 1132.17 ending \$1182.17 total balance This is our neighborhood's funds, not CDBG. Motion approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Coordinator report**: - Print newsletter will be mailed out next week. 950 residences and an extra 50 to mobil home parks. We send out two per year. An e-newsletter is sent once a week. Working on a revamping of the website. There is also a Facebook page and an open forum page. Melinda moderates the open forum and the official one is moderated by Amy and Jesse. If there are any questions send a note to the coordinator. CDBG is set to go for August.

**Affordable Housing vs Double Density** - Jesse, asking for feedback on our position. Wants to make sure we are all working together. Not against double density, but it should be kept to RS 10, 20, 40, and not on our small RS5 and RS7 lots. RS3 = 3000 sq feet. RS5 = 5000 sq feet. Text amendments are posted on Facebook, per Melinda.

Jesse, sees the need for Tenants to Homeowners (TTH), Section 8, Habitat, helping people. Not here to be against Tenants to Homeowner, we are against the way land is used on the small lots. This is a venue to share your input today.

Double Density initiated by TTH, is designed to allow two small houses on one residential lot. Right now just one house per lot. The goal is to make the two houses affordable. Any lot RS 5 to RS 40 are all include. The consequences of land use are the concern. Lack of food garden space, more noise. Too tight in this neighborhood that is already the densest neighborhood in the city.

Rebecca- need to continue the setback and parking rules. She said that if a lot is really to small, doubling the density would not fit. There would be two driveways.

Audience – It appears that Brook Creek wants no more affordable housing in Brook Creek. The "Ghetto letter" painted a bad picture of the program.

Jesse - someone has created a website that looks like BCNA, objecting to double density, but their statements are not ours.

Jesse said that there was a letter using the letter sent that used the unintentionally objectionable term. Jesse apologized for the use of that was not meant to demean anyone. Wants the entire city to embrace the the density issue, not just the east side of Lawrence.

Audience - Shared appreciation for his neighborhood. Likes that people look like him that he can work with. Want more people to have opportunities.

Audience - Don't think Section 8 has anything to do with Tenants To Homeowners, some rentals. 2) As a tenants renter, there vetting process is stringent. Part of the fear here, taking in people driving down value. Who moves in has to take care of the property. Tenants pays close attention to the design.

Audience - Does the double small house reduce or raise the property values?

Audience - A concern that other neighbors have - it is accidentally a backdoor to not give us affordable, but gentrifying. Backdoor for people who want to take advantage....

KT - Disagrees with our stance. She is behind TTH, it holds the property taxes down, makes it possible to keep people in your neighborhood. Keeps it affordable. The City is pushing density. Density without the tall developers. 40 foot lots in Brook Creek, 50 feet in east Lawrence. Collaborated in ELNA with TTH - 11th and Rhode Island, good model.

Andrea - the smaller size might make more sense for first time owners.

Michael - What you see in BC neighborhood, we see the same thing. We love the kind of people that populate this neighborhood. We chose Brook Creek for the same reasons that others have, it's diversity, affordability, and neighborliness. None of us here would want to live out in blah beige-ville. This is a result of a continuum of people who have been struggling against all odds to stabilize this neighborhood for decades. Michael succinctly summarized BCNA's accomplishments over the years. Many things done to make it what it is. Our opposing double density has nothing to do with TTH, their program, their collaboration or their people. There are other and better tools to address affordability, and he mentioned a document that had 47 pages of tools, and that double density is only one of them, and not a good one. This has negative impacts that are not because of the people, but things like parking issues, storm water, etc.

Rebecca interjected - Still have to have impervious surfaces, said it would be exactly the same. The same footprint for the double house

Audience - the whole thing included. Have half of everything, see the fear that it could be misused. What is a proactive action, not a fear based action

Nick Ward gave a TTH pitch - Not a zero sum game. Open conversation is good. TTH has looked at the numbers 51% one and two person household. Have to make good use of the space and use it responsibly.

Allowed to cover 50% of lot with three houses but using only 30% with TTH. 700 sq feet for \$80,000 \$750 per month to pay. Utilities are going to be really low. No gas, electric instead. Looking at permeable pavers. Got the idea from other communities, research.

Michael – There are two ways to consider the term clustering - 1) a project of the same demographics, all in one concentrated project area. 2) the other way is to look at it city wide, affordable housing should be scattered throughout the community. Over the last decades, it is all clustered east of Mass St. City affordable housing policy says to scatter it around the

# community, and give all neighborhoods this opportunity.

Rebecca - We don't have a neighborhood clustered poverty. Clustering of poverty (extreme poverty) where no one has jobs, blocks of distressed housing, dysfunctional schools. The negative of clustering - concerned that we are taking, is not applicable to the discussion.

Jesse - If I could redo this, would not have made it an argument about TTH. Should be about double density. Need to talk more.

Audience - a renter, loves TTH

Audience - We are looking at it like something is wrong, but should be embracing this. She loves Bullene, safest area. Agree to spread it out, the density. Prohibitive cost of property in west Lawrence, the reason TTH is here because of prices.

Jesse - There is still a group that is cut out, that are not accepted by TTH. Where do they go?

Audience - With concerns about double density, fully trust Rebecca's group to design area. No problems along Bullene. We have adequate driveways. Trust that will meet the needs of the area.

Rebecca – Claimed the double density provisions will pull it out so developers, only not for profit she claimed, permanent affordability. A huge protection.

When is meeting being decided? Next meeting Sept 4th. 1st Wed of the month. Planning commission next week. Will be live streamed on YouTube. Can also e-mail the commission. 28th, 6:30.

## Upcoming events:

TTH meeting. 9-6 Saturday 14th of September 1445 Prairie, 15 and Prairiee Picnic - September - 7 12- 3:00 PM Brook Creek park. Invited everyone to come. BCNA - Meeting Notes 9-4-2019

# **Introductions -**

**Treasurers Report** - Report was approved. Petty cash balance forward \$50.00. Dues \$11,00, total Petty cash balance \$61.00 Checking beginning balance \$1132.17. Deposits (advertisement) \$50.00, Dues \$1.00. No withdrawals. Checking ending balance. \$1183.17 and total funds \$1244.17

Meeting minutes - Meeting note corrections were not ready. Will have ready at next meeting.

**Michael - 19th Street.** Opportunity Zone issue, about one year, including Brook Creek. Part of downtown (east of Mass), Opportunity for investors to defer tax obligations to invest in these zone. Potential influx of investment money into the community. Could be an investment to put in a shopping center, housing development, etc. The City is trying to draft a prospectus to set guidelines for investors. One neighborhood representative on the steering committee, Phil Colison from ELNA. Would like representatives from other neighborhoods, BCNA, Barker, etc.

What is actually going to be in that prospectus? Some wording has been suggested by Phil and others. Could forward that wording to everyone.

Make sure that our planning process is being followed.

**19th Street update** - October 7th, Transportation department agenda. To look at four different design options. Initially there was one design, now more options to look at.

**Double density** - JW article, left out some critical information. They want lot, 3000 sq feet If not 6000 square feet don't get to do the double density. They want SUP or RS5. DD starts at RS 5, and up. RS5 SUP, and 7. SUP = special use permit. In text amendment look at affordable housing definite, dd. Really designed for TTH, a land trust model. The incentive will not spread it around, RS7, cheaper lots over here.

Melinda - There is a discrepancy between affordable housing and permanent affordable housing. Need uniformity and clarity.

Want groups to come to us with plans, does not mean will will find problems and shoot down the project. Would appreciate being notified.

Adequate notification is considered adequate by coming to our meeting. Should be consistent and let groups know what helps with basic expectations of notification. Should come up with some expectations, not so detailed as code.

**Picnic** - Starts at 12:00 to 3:00 We should all bring something. Lance played music last year. Jesse will put a video on the Facebook page.

**TTH event** - 9-14-2019 - BCNA should be there by noon. 9 to 6:00. Jesse will bring a table. 16th street and Prairie avenue.

Melinda - RS7 and double density, two different issues, land use and zoning.

Jesse - include his email contact on the meeting minutes. jesse@calledtogreatness.com

### BCNA Meeting Notes - 10-2-2019 (7 people attending)

#### Introductions

### Treasurer's Report

Checking Beginning Balance \$1,183.17

Dues, A. Foley, E. Spurlock + \$ 2.00

Michael & Mary Davidson +\$ 5 S .00

Withdrawals 0

CHECKING: ENDING BALANCE \$1,190.17\*

All funds as of 09/30/19 \$1,251.17\*

Melinda made a motion to approve, Ron seconds the motion - It was approved.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Post draft?? Procedure - get them out to the board ASAP -Send out as Draft -

Michael and Ron moved to approve May 1 and August 22 noted. Approved Making corrections to 9-4 and 6-5

## Amy' Update

Question about Zen Center, status. Talked about the alley paving. Not sure of their actual opening date. Getting close.

**Opportunity zone -** October 22, 6:30 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. - Jesse will attend. It was part of the tax from two years ago, if people have capital gains, could put in a fund, then site selectors will try to find places they can re-develop. We have two in Lawrence, BC neighborhood is not one of them. Neighbors want to be proactive, will have meeting, Phil Collison is our rep,

They want a lot of neighborhood input.

Concerned that people with money don't live here to gentrify and make a profit.

Update Studio 804, Oakhill avenue property sold. 229,900. Does not seem "affordable." **Double Density** - Michael - The last thing went to the planning commission on the 28th of Aug. Double rs 7, 10, 20 by right By RS 5 by special use and lots greater than 6000 square feet. The actual staff recommendation was no RS 5. The planning commission if have 7,10 and 20 by right, theory of disincentive. Map example, shows that in RS5, all east of of Mass on this side of town, not all empty and build able. Less than 6000 sq feet, 35%, more than 6000 sq feet 2/3. 2/3rds of the rs5 over here is fair game. Any agency could go after this. 17% less than 6000 sq feet, our neighborhood with SUP, more over on this side of town [need to clean this up]

Melinda - did have a table at the TTH fair. Did not get a lot of questions, did not have much to hand out. Jesse brought some information to hand out. One lot is not 3000 sq feet, 2nd unit will be on the Prairie Ave side, other side not built on. Can't do this till double density is passed. Going to City Commission on October 15th. Do we want to make a statement? May be pointless.

Plan 2040 annexation issue. Mark Bueler representing himself, former planning commissioner, made a good point in plan 2040 want to do infill first, don't know how many lots we have for infill and where they are located. They have done an inventory, 250 are not going to be build able, Seeking Bueler's map, not ready yet. Need to really stay on top of this to see what is vulnerable.

83% of lots are RS5, not sure if build able. Need to get the map to cross reference.

The pushback against buying bigger lots are going to cost more. The incentive is to pay the difference in the cost of the lot [need clarification]

Michael - double density, now have a battle of the yard signs. "Smart" justifies that it is good.

**19th Street Design Option** Transportation commission this coming Monday. This is a result of May 2018 Trans commission when neighborhood coalition said want more options than the 47 feet. They have pushed for 2.5 years, we don't want it widened. Last may, they said to look at more options. Will look at more design options this coming Monday. They have said there will be a 22 foot option, but has not come to the neighborhood yet, and the report for next monday is missing the 22 foot option. No mention of keeping the open drainage or constriction [need clarification]

Proposed 31 feet, is a big street, city says can't build below city standards. Standards are malleable, not part of the city code. Gates and transponders, work for the police dept, why can't that work for restricting traffic on east 19th.

Michael will take a stab at writing a letter. Meeting on Sunday, 19th Street Coalition.

Amy - at the last LAN meeting Shannon Kimbel, school board candidates, opposed, Pinckney rep voiced concerns.

**Change in the date** - Melinda, said there are complaints that there are kids that need to get to bed. Weekends are also hard to meet. Byron suggested that we meet about 1 hour earlier, 6:00. Amy will create a survey Monkey on the e-news. 6:00 to 7:00 timeframe.

Michael Could we have meetings more often? Perhaps have more meetings per year, every month.

Melinda - need to impress on other residents to participate.

Amy will post to the Facebook group in a couple of weeks, in an effort to become more inclusive.

**Nomination Committee -** Melinda (reach out via social media), Jesse, and Amy. Need to check on the chart of position terms for the board of directors. Byron can help but after many years, is wearing out.

Candidates need to attend meetings and respond to emails.

**Adequate notification** - Melinda in the zoning code, lost of items require notification. Melinda can send us the list. All of the details, notification types. Some are written, what we don't have in the zoning codes, is to figure out what we want and to ask the commission to initiate a text amendment. Wants notification if doing rezoning for a development. Need contact inform ion, who is involved, more specifics, want a requirement to make contact with the neighborhood association, perhaps 90 days in advance. A timeframe.

Suggest coming to a meeting. Working with Michael and Phil Collison for feedback. Are there other situations where we want notifications. Rezoning is the most critical situation.

Ron - got a letter invite to next door. Addressed to him at his address.

## Meeting adjourned

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

1515 Craig Court Lawrence, Kansas 66044



Joi	n Brook Creek Neighborhood Association for only \$1.00
	Support BCNA so that we can effectively represent you.
	MEMBERSHIP RATES
In-neighborh	ood individuals \$1.00 Out-of-neighborhood individuals and businesses \$5.0
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	er information is used only for neighborhood communications, and not distributed or sold.
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# Brook Creek Breeze

75% single-dwelling lots.

The Newsletter of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

Fall 2019

#### Neighborhood Events

#### September

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec Center
- 7 Fall Picnic, 12:00 3:00 p.m. Brook Creek Park
- 9 E. 19th St. Design Options, Transportation Commission 6:00 p.m. City Hall

#### October

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

#### November

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

#### December

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec Center
- **2002**: BCNA asked the City Commission to rename the creek on our west boundary from the "ATSF Ditch" to "Burroughs Creek".

Continuing Advocacy to Strengthen Our Neighborhood:

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association's Accomplishments

1981: Worked with City Planning to create the Brook Creek Neighborhood

Plan. It calls for most of Brook Creek to be low-density residential, kept at

1996: Fought off a proposal by Douglas County to locate a new County Jail

1996: Made an agreement with the City Parks & Recreation Department that

**1998:** Convinced the City to rezone four square blocks from RM-1 apartment zone to RS-2 single-dwelling zone, thus preserving Historic Haskell Row, and

1998: Fought off a proposal by USD497 to close East Heights School and to use

1999: Initiated traffic calming in Lawrence, and convinced the City

Commission to designate a 20mph speed limit for all streets north of 15th and

the Nature Area Woods will be kept natural and never developed.

the site for the School District printing facility and warehouse.

north of 12th St., in what we call the Nature Area Woods.

stabilizing single-dwelling zoning in Brook Creek

2004: A neighborhood resident got the Federal government to officially change the name of the "ATSF Ditch" to "Burroughs Creek".

east of Haskell Ave.

2004: After mature woodlands on the S.W. corner of 15th and Haskell were bulldozed, we blocked multi-dwelling zoning and achieved single-dwelling zoning instead.

2004: Initiated the Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan, which eventually created the Burroughs Creek Linear Park and Trail.

2004: Convinced the City Commission to deny a permit for a large homeless shelter and soup kitchen at Haskell Ave. and Lynn St.

**2005**: Documented the illegal building modifications at 1246 Haskell Ave. and the illegal use by a pest control business, and got the City to enforce the zoning code.

**2005**: Several residents got a house mover to move the historic Oliver Hanscomb house from 1503 Haskell Ave. to 1313 Haskell Ave., helping to stabilize historic "Haskell Block".

**2013:** After a seven year battle, we forced the illegal industrial salvage yard at 12th and Haskell Ave., euphemistically called the "Recycle Center", to cease and desist and move north of 11th St. to an industrially zoned property.

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Stay informed! Are you receiving our E-newsletter?

Due to increasing costs and funding, BCNA will only be able to send paper newsletters twice a year.

However, we do send an email newsletter every other Monday! You can sign up on the Brook Creek website:

#### Brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com

Don't miss out on important neighborhood news!

**2013**: Collaborated with Struct/Restruct to reinvent the 12th & Haskell junkyard into residential lots, open space, and their own construction offices.

**2014:** Launched a legal protest petition against a Verizon microwave tower proposal at Bullene Ave. near La Salle St., right next to homes and the Burroughs Creek Trail, convincing the City Commission to deny it.

**2015:** Unanimously voted to oppose the widening of East 19th St. from 22 feet to 47 feet, and connect it to O'Connell Rd. in Venture Business Park.

**2016**: Set up the 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition with the neighborhoods of: Barker, University Place, Schwegler, and Centennial to oppose widening of East 19th St. from 22 feet to 47 feet, connected to O'Connell Rd.

**2019:** Currently informing our BCN on the double-density zoning proposal that would allow two houses to be built on a single lot. We support affordable housing in BCN and throughout the city, but believe double-density proposals would be best suited for low density areas of RS10, RS20, and RS40.

#### Prairie Block Update: Phase 1 is Complete! Update provided by Suzan Hampton

A partnership of community, government, higher ed, nonprofit, and local businesses launched Prairie Block at Burroughs Creek Park on June 1, National Trails Day/National Prairie Day. Prairie Block features the Kaw Pavilion, a shade structure made of recycled telephone poles and street signs, natural-surface trails for nature exploration along the creek, and carved limestone boulders depicting prairie plants and creek critters. The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project planted thirty new fruit trees at the park to attract pollinators and provide free fruit for all takers, and the new restrooms and exercise equipment recently installed at the park by the Lawrence Parks and Rec were also celebrated.



Phase 2 of the project is being spearheaded by Friends of the Kaw and Grassland Heritage Foundation. This effort will demonstrate how prairie restorations along trails like the Lawrence Loop and in our public parks create green stormwater infrastructure to protect the Kaw Valley Watershed, reduce flooding, provide wildlife and pollinator habitat, and combat the effects of climate change.

The Kaw Pavilion, carved limestone art, and site design were undertaken as a design/build studio by third-year KU School of Architecture students led by designer and FLAT board member Suzan Hampton and Assistant Professor Keith Van de Riet, with guidance by the East Lawrence, Brook Creek, and Barker neighborhoods. The Kaw Pavillion can be reserved for events and gatherings by contacting Lawrence Parks and Recreation.

#### **Brook Creek Fall Neighborhood Picnic**

Join BCNA and your Brook Creek neighbors for our annual neighborhood picnic! Bring a snack or side dish to share, and enjoy an afternoon building community with your neighbors.

Saturday, September 7th 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brook Creek Park

Connect with Brook Creek Between Newsletters!

We regularly share updates and city news on our main BCNA Facebook page, and our website has meeting minutes. newsletters, event dates and more! Connect with neighbors through Neighborthood Facebook group.



Come and enjoy!!!! • the framing of two small homes by Bowden Complete Construction • live local music by Zydeco Tougeau • massage by Body Specific • food by Chef Jeremi • craft beer • bouncy house • info booths • a medley of activities and crafts friendly to kids, adults, and seniors alike!





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