

Neighborhood Update for LAN

February 6, 2014

Item #1: City of Lawrence Subscription Services

How can I stay involved with the latest City of Lawrence Notifications?

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for the City Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Resources Commission, Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), as well as City News, Public Meeting Notices, Recreation Announcements, and Neighborhood news. All these subscriptions can be found at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

Item #3: Project Submittals

Planning project submittals can now be accessed on the Planning Division's website through the following address: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/submittals>. The list is updated every Monday and also includes a link to an interactive map that shows the locations of the projects.

Item #3: CDD Information

The Community Development Advisory Committee has two openings for appointments to the committee. The open positions are for low-moderate income area representatives. The appointees must come from an area that is 51% or more low-mod and is not already geographically represented on the committee. Please forward any letters of interest to either Danelle Dresslar or to the City Manager's office.

Item #4: Rental Licensing

During the 12/17/13 City Commission meeting, expansion of the current RS zoning district-based rental licensing program to a City-wide program was again considered. Although no specific ordinance was presented for a vote, an alternate draft ordinance (Draft 2) to the one presented during the 12/3/13 City Commission meeting (Draft 1) was reviewed. A staff memo outlining documents presented on 12/17/13 (including the alternate draft ordinance and the one presented on 12/3/13) may be found on the City's Web site at http://lawrenceks.org/assets/agendas/cc/2013/12-17-13/pl_rental_licensing_rental_inspection_memo.html. The Draft 2 alternate ordinance includes many suggested revisions/clarification to Draft 1; the most significant revisions include the following: (1) re-inserts the 15-unit cap on the number of units owned by a single licensee that could be inspected during any required inspection cycle; (2) establishes a sub-set of minimum property maintenance codes that would be applied to required rental license program inspections; and (3) establishes an automatic termination of the program at the end of 2017 unless the Commission specifically votes to extend the program (a "sunset provision").

After public comment and significant discussion, the Commission voted 3-2 to direct staff to bring back an ordinance for a vote in January 2014, based conceptually on Draft 1 (which includes all elements of the property maintenance codes and no sunset provision). In their motion, the Commission also directed staff to: (1) include an ordinance requirement for licensees to post a notice or "placard" advising tenants how to register a complaint about a property with the City when a landlord is non-responsive; and (2) incorporate some proposed Draft 2 revisions in the ordinance (such as, re-insertion of the 15-unit inspection cap; adding a definition for "Qualified Vacant Unit" and setting a policy to inspect such units as a priority of the inspection process; requiring at least 72 hours of notice to enter a unit with consent or with the granting of an administrative search warrant; and requiring that inspectors be certified to perform their duties). The Commission also directed staff to develop, with input from Commissioners, metrics for measuring the success of the program.

Revised packet materials should be available on the City Commission's agenda in the coming weeks, specifically on the Future Agenda Memo that is located at the end of each week's agenda

(<http://www.lawrenceks.org/agendas>) It is anticipated that the revised ordinance will be presented as a City Commission regular agenda item in the next 4-6 weeks.

****Item #5: Neighborhood Contact Information****

Is your neighborhood a registered neighborhood? By registering your neighborhood group, you are given notification regarding pending development applications received by the Planning Department, giving your group the opportunity to comment on development projects that may impact your neighborhood. Register your neighborhood at http://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_registration. To find out if your neighborhood information is current, see the neighborhood list at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts>.

Item #6: Horizon 2020 Update Process –

The City and County commissions adopted a joint resolution setting up a steering committee to oversee and guide the review process. The Steering Committee will hold its first meeting the week of February 10th. People can sign up for emailed updates on the process through the City's subscription page or by visiting the Horizon 2020 Update Process website at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process>.

Item #7: February Planning Commission Items

*The Planning Commission will meet on February 24th and 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street. The deadline for receipt of all written communications is no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24th, 2014. Visit our website at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/pc_agendas_minutes for more information or call us at 785-832-3150. The order in which the items will appear is not set. **The following is a tentative list of the items being presented at the January Planning Commission meeting and is subject to change. The official legal notice will be published in the newspaper on February 2nd, 2014.***

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, February 24, 2014 meeting:

Consider making a finding that the North Project Plan for the 9th & New Hampshire Redevelopment District is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan.

Z-13-00513: Consider a request to rezone approximately .5 acres from IG (General Industrial) District to RS5 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District, located at 830 E 13th St. Submitted by William Price, property owner of record.

Z-13-00516: Consider a request to rezone approximately 2.391 acres from RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District to MU-PD (Mixed Use with PD Overlay) District, located at 1101 Indiana St. Submitted by Hartshorne Plunkard Architects, for Berkeley Flats Apartments LLC, property owner of record.

PDP-13-00518: Consider a Preliminary Development Plan for HERE @ Kansas, a mixed use multi-dwelling residential apartment building with ground floor retail uses, located at 1101 Indiana St. Submitted by Hartshorne Plunkard Architects, for Berkeley Flats Apartments LLC, property owner of record.

TA-13-00488: Consider a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, to allow for Participant Sports & Recreation, Outdoor uses with a Special Use Permit in the CN2 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) District. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects.

Z-13-00483: Consider a request to rezone approximately 10.97 acres from RSO (Single-Dwelling Residential-Office) District to CN2 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) District, located at 4300 W 24th Place. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects, for Corporate Holdings II LLC, property owner of record.

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SUP-13-00486: Consider a Special Use Permit for Participant Sports & Recreation, Outdoor uses as part of a Family Fun Center, located at 4300 W 24th Place. The development includes a 28,000 square foot clubhouse and outdoor tot lot, batting cages, electric go-kart tracks and an 18-hole miniature golf course. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects, for Corporate Holdings II LLC, property owner of record.

SUP-14-00026: Consider a Special Use Permit for a fast order food with drive-thru as part of the future commercial pad site development, to be located on the west portion of property located at 4300 W 24th Place. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects, for Corporate Holdings II LLC, property owner of record.

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Wednesday, February 26, 2014 meeting:

Z-13-00519: Consider a request to rezone approximately 3.35 acres from RM12 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District to RM24 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, located at the NE corner of Bob Billings Pkwy and K-10/SLT to be known as part of the Langston Commons Subdivision. Submitted by Tim Herndon on behalf of RSR Holdings LLC, property owner of record.

CUP-13-00492: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for a Lodging House and Recreation facility to be known as a hostel and banquet hall, located at 1804 E 1500 Rd. Submitted by Shane Powers, for Earl Stagg, property owner of record. *Deferred by Planning Commission on 1/27/14.*

TA-13-00451: Consider a Text Amendment to Section 12-319-7 of the Zoning Regulations for the Unincorporated Territory of Douglas County, Kansas to establish criteria and review process for Agritourism uses which may have significant off-site impacts. *(Amendment was initiated by the Board of County Commissioners at their October 16, 2013 meeting.) Deferred by Planning Commission on 1/27/14.*

TA-6-14-09/TA-13-00235: Receive an update on the proposed Text Amendments to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Article 9 and related sections of Chapter 20, for comprehensive revisions to parking and access standards.

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