

Neighborhood Update for LAN

January 2, 2013

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.

It is anticipated that the revised ordinance will be presented as a City Commission regular agenda item for a vote sometime in mid to late January 2014.

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. Both Commission's are in the process of appointing members to that steering committee.

Item #7: January Planning Commission Items

*The Planning Commission will meet on January 27th and 29th 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, January 27th, 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 January 5th, 2014.***

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, January 27, 2014 meeting:

Z-13-00479: Consider a request to rezone approximately .6 acre from RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District & IG (General Industrial) District to OS (Open Space) District. Property contains two lots at located at 547 Maple St. and 500 Perry St. and adjacent alley right-of-way. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record. **MKM**

CUP-13-00480: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for a meteorological tower located east of the corner of N 400 Rd & E 1000 Rd and on the south side of N 400 Rd. Submitted by Tower Associates, for Donald & Jane Schwartz, property owners of record. **SLD**

CUP-13-00482: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for Good Earth Gatherings, a recreational facility including education, community outreach, and ancillary retail sales on approximately 10 acres located at 858 E 1500 Rd with access from 854 E 1500 Rd. Submitted by Tamara Fairbanks-Ishmael, property owner of record. **MKM**

PP-13-00343: Consider a 2 lot Preliminary Plat for Going South Addition, located at 1338 E 1600 Rd/O'Connell Rd for multi-dwelling residential development. Submitted by Grob Engineering Services, for Going South, LLC, property owner of record. **SLD**

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. **SLD**

PDP-13-00477: Consider a Preliminary Development Plan for Bella Sera at the Reserve, located at 4500 Bob Billings Pkwy. Submitted by GOKU LLC, for Bella Sera LLC, property owner of record. **SLD**

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.)* **MKM**

All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website: www.lawrenceks.org/pds

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The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Wednesday, January 29, 2014 meeting:

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. **SMS**

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. **TLH**

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. **TLH**

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