



Neighborhood Update for LAN

September 3, 2015

Item #1: 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 #2: Horizon 2020 Update Process

On July 13th, the Steering Committee received input from community members regarding the draft Issue Action Report and gave direction to staff to incorporate changes to the report based on those comments. At their August 31st meeting, the Steering Committee recommended that the Planning Commission, City Commission and the Board of County Commissioners accept the Issue Action Report. Consideration of the Issue Action Report is scheduled to be on the Planning Commission agenda at their September 21, 2015 meeting. Following the Planning Commission, it is anticipated that the Issue Action Report will be considered by both governing bodies.

This comprehensive plan update process began in January 2014 with a goal of further enhancing and strengthening specific sections of the plan, while also making key changes that would bring it more in-line with the reality that Lawrence and Douglas County face today. Over the last 18 months, the Steering Committee has sought input from the public and various other stakeholders, as well as discussed how to improve and revise the plan to ensure it meets and exceeds the community's vision for both the city and the county.

We would encourage you to sign up to receive emails throughout the update process regarding meetings and progress at the Subscription website. Your input on the future of Lawrence and Douglas County is valued and important! If you have any questions about the Comprehensive Plan, please feel free to let us know.

Visit our Comprehensive Plan update website at lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process. If you have any comments, ideas, or questions, you can email them to CompPlanUpdate@lawrenceks.org, or call the Planning Office at (785) 832-3150.

Item #3: Find Active Building Permits on City Website Interactive Map

In May 2014, Planning & Development Services launched a new Building Permits interactive map that shows locations and provides basic information about active City of Lawrence building permits (for both non-residential and residential new construction and addition projects, and for non-residential remodeling or change of use projects). Zoom in on the map to see building permits that have been recently issued in or around your neighborhood. Find the map on the City's website at http://lawrenceks.org/city_maps or <http://lawrenceks.org/pds/building-permits/map>.

Item #4: 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 #5: 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 #6: 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 #7: Rental Licensing Update

The new City-wide rental licensing and inspection program became effective July 1, 2014. RS (Residential Single-Dwelling) zoned rental units (most of which were licensed under the prior program) were transitioned to the new program beginning July 1, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2015 and throughout 2015, owners of rental units in non-RS zoning districts are required to license their rental units (although many owners of non-RS zoned rental units have elected to voluntarily license before they were required to do so). Owners or ownership entities with names beginning with A and B were required to license all their rental units by the end of January 2015; owners or ownership entities with names beginning with C and D were required to license all their rental units by the end of February 2015; owners or ownership entities with names beginning with E and F were required to license all their rental units by the end of March 2015. Proceeding in this manner throughout 2015, all rental units in Lawrence (estimated to be about 20,000) should be licensed by the end of 2015.

Required rental inspections for RS zoned single family dwellings began in July 2014. Required rental inspection for non-RS zoned dwelling units officially began on July 1, 2015 (although a significant number of non-RS zoned rental unit owners voluntarily requested earlier inspections, which were accommodated by City Staff).

As of July 31, 2015, 6,120 licenses for 15,081 total rental units were issued since inception of the expanded Program on July 1, 2014 (a single "master" license is issued for a rental property with more than four dwelling units).

As of July 31, 2015, 454 rental units had been initially inspected, with a total of 719 inspections completed (including required reinspections for units where violations were found).

Other program statistics through July 31, 2015 include the following.

- 65% of all units inspected have been found to have rental violations.
- Corrections of noted rental violations have been made in about 3 weeks, on average.
- About 94% of all noted rental violations are being corrected within 60 days, and over 99% are being corrected within 90 days.
- The most frequently found violations have been inadequate or inoperable smoke alarms and electrical safety items.

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing or www.lawrenceks.org/rent. The website contains information such as a Program Handbook, the adopting ordinance, inspection forms and guidance, licensing process and inspection brochures, a tenant information brochure, diagrams of program processes and FAQs for both owners and tenants. The website also features monthly and annual program reports that have been provided to the City Commission. New or updated information is frequently being added to the website.

Please contact the City with any questions at (785) 832-3345 or by email at rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.

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

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Item #8: September Planning Commission Items

The Lawrence/Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on **September 21, 2015** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Commission Meeting Room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, September 21, 2015 meeting:

FDP-15-00373: Consider a Final Development Plan for Bauer Farm Credit Union, located at 4851 Bauer Farm Dr. Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Free State Holdings, Inc., property owner of record.

PDP-15-00378: Consider a revised Preliminary Development Plan for a multi-use development consisting of multi-dwelling structures, a detached dwelling, and construction sales and services and associated variance from building setback requirement. 6th & Monterey Way PCD Morgan Addition, located on approximately 2.5 acres at 800 Monterey Way. Submitted by Allen Belot Architect, for Robert J. and Beverly G. Morgan, property owners of record.

PF-15-00380: Consider a Final Plat for Morgan Addition, a 2 lot subdivision on approximately 2.5 acres located at 800 Monterey Way. Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Robert J. and Beverly G. Morgan, property owners of record.

PP-15-00067: Consider a Preliminary Plat for Dream Haven, a 7 lot residential subdivision containing approximately 9.3 acres, located at 2910 Peterson Road and adjacent parcels, and associated variances from the lot design and right-of-way width requirements in Section 20-810 of the Subdivision Regulations. Submitted by Treanor Architects, for David A. and Anne K. Gnojek and Dream Haven II LLC, property owners of record.

SUP-15-00334: Consider a Special Use Permit for an indoor/outdoor KU Tennis Facility at Rock Chalk Park, located at 6100 Rock Chalk Drive (associated with 100 Rock Chalk Lane). Submitted by Paul Werner Architects, for RCP LLC (City of Lawrence equitable owner, IRB), property owner of record.

Consider Issue Action Report, Adopt PC Resolution PCR-15-00414, and initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment to make changes per Issue Action Report.

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