



## **Neighborhood Update for LAN**

*July 7, 2016*

### **Item #1: CDD Information**

The Community Development Division has submitted the 2016 Action Plan to HUD for the grant year beginning August 1, 2016. The City of Lawrence continues to utilize the "Step Up to Better Housing" strategy as the basis for funding decisions made by the Community Development Advisory Committee. Funding in the 2016 grant year will once again focus on five key areas: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent/Supportive Housing, Revitalized Neighborhoods and Community Facilities.

Community Development Staff continues to support the staffing efforts of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. Information and agendas can be found at <http://lawrenceks.org/boards/affordable-housing/>.

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 #2: 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.

From January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, owners of rental units in non-RS zoning districts were required to license their rental units. Owners/ownership entities with names beginning with A or B were required to license their rental units by the end of January 2015; owners/ownership entities with names beginning with C or D were required to license their rental units by the end of February 2015; owners/ownership entities with names beginning with E or F were required to license their rental units by the end of March 2015. Proceeding in this manner throughout 2015, all rental units in Lawrence (previously estimated to be about 20,000) were to be licensed by the end of 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, there was a total of 7,704 issued/active rental licenses, representing 19,922 rental units (a single "master" license is issued for a rental property with three or more dwelling units located on single parcel or on adjoining parcels under the same ownership).

During 2015, 975 dwelling units were inspected under the Program. From inception of the new program on July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, 1,147 units had been inspected. Rental program violations were found in about 60% of all units inspected, with about 90% of all violations corrected within 60 days. Most violations found (and corrected) have been significant life safety items, such as installed/working alarms, GFCI receptacles, properly protected electrical outlets and properly installed/vented mechanical appliances (often gas-fired).

As of December 31, 2015, about 40 rental program cases had been forwarded to the City Prosecutor's Office for prosecution in Municipal Court, with good results.

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at [www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing) or [www.lawrenceks.org/rent](http://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](mailto:rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org).

### **Item #3: July Planning Commission Items**

The Lawrence/Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on July 25, 2016 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, July 25, 2016 meeting:

Review projects proposed for inclusion in the 2017 – 2021 Capital Improvement Plan.

USD 497 Vehicle Storage: Z-16-00147: Consider a request to rezone approximately 7.7 acres located at 711 E 23rd St from GPI (General Public and Institutional Use) District to IG (General Industrial) District. Submitted by Lawrence Public Schools USD #497 and BG Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Douglas County, property owner of record. Deferred by Planning Commission on 6/20/16.

Z-16-00215: Consider a request to rezone approximately 2.11 acres from IBP (Industrial/Business Park) District to IL (Limited Industrial) District, located at 1300 Research Park Drive, Lot 3, Block 3. Submitted by Wallace Engineering, for Lydia L. Neu and Robert M. Neu, property owners of record.

Bauer Farm: FDP-16-00216: Consider a Final Development Plan for PetSmart, located at 4820 Bauer Farm Dr. The plan proposes a new 18,000 sq. ft. building west of Sprout's. Submitted by Treanor Architects, for Wakarusa Investors, LLC, property owner of record.

SUP-16-00217: Consider a Special Use Permit for Seeds From Italy, located at 1501 Learnard Avenue. The applicant proposes to renovate an existing building on the property for office and warehouse use supporting their mail-order garden seed business. Submitted by Lynn Byczynski, for Sunrise Green LLC, property owner of record.

Z-16-00219: Consider a request to rezone approximately 13.268 acres from RM12D (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District to RS5 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District, located at 751 W 29th Terrace. Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Savannah Holdings, LC, property owner of record.

Z-16-00220: Consider a request to rezone approximately 1.262 acres from RM12D-FP (Multi-Dwelling Residential-Floodplain Overlay) District to RS5-FP (Single-Dwelling Residential-Floodplain Overlay) District, located at 751 W 29th Terrace. Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Savannah Holdings, LC, property owner of record.

PP-16-00221: Consider a Preliminary Plat for Naismith Creek Addition, for 65 single-dwelling residential lots, located at 751 W 29th Terrace. The subdivision will take access from Alabama Street and W 29th Terrace east of Belle Haven Drive. Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Savannah Holdings, LC, property owner of record.

Oread Design Guidelines: Consider a Text Amendment, TA-12-00171, to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 regarding the adoption of the Oread Design Guidelines. Initiated by City Commission on 8/28/12. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9211, for a Text Amendment (TA-12-00171) to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 regarding the adoption of the Oread Design Guidelines. (PC Item 2; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Apply Urban Conservation Overlay District (-UC) to 190.8 ACRES; OREAD NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN GUIDELINES. Districts 1 – 6 as identified in the interactive map available here: [http://lawrenceks.org/pds/draft\\_plans](http://lawrenceks.org/pds/draft_plans)

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Consider Rezoning, Z-12-00172, Oread Design Guidelines District 1 (Low Density), 38.1 Acres, from RM12 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM12D (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, U-KU (University) District to RM12-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM12D-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, U-KU-UC (University – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9212, to rezone (Z-12-00172) Oread Design Guidelines District 1 (Low Density), 38.1 Acres, from RM12 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM12D (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, U-KU (University) District to RM12-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM12D-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, U-KU-UC (University – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (PC Item 3A; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Consider Rezoning, Z-12-00175, Oread Design Guidelines District 2 (High Density), 43.7 Acres, from MU (Mixed Use) District, MU-PD (Mixed Use – Planned Development Overlay) District, PCD (Planned Commercial) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM32-PD (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Planned Development Overlay) District, RMG (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Greek Housing) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District, U-KU (University) District to MU-UC (Mixed Use – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, MU-PD-UC (Mixed Use - Planned Development Overlay - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, PCD-UC (Planned Commercial – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-PD-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Planned Development Overlay – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMG-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Greek Housing - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office District - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, U-KU-UC (University - Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9213, to rezone (Z-12-00175) Oread Design Guidelines District 2 (High Density), 43.7 Acres, from MU (Mixed Use) District, MU-PD (Mixed Use – Planned Development Overlay) District, PCD (Planned Commercial) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RM32-PD (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Planned Development Overlay) District, RMG (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Greek Housing) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District, U-KU (University) District to MU-UC (Mixed Use – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, MU-PD-UC (Mixed Use - Planned Development Overlay - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, PCD-UC (Planned Commercial – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-PD-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Planned Development Overlay – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMG-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Greek Housing - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office District - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, U-KU-UC (University - Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (Z-12-00172) (PC Item 3B; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Consider Rezoning, Z-12-00177, Oread Design Guidelines District 3 (Medium Density), 63.5 Acres, from CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CS-UC (Commercial Strip - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office - Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9214, to rezone (Z-12-00177) Oread Design Guidelines District 3 (Medium Density), 63.5 Acres, from CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CS-UC (Commercial Strip - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential - Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office - Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (PC Item 3C; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Consider Rezoning, Z-12-00173, Oread Design Guidelines District 4 (Hancock Historic District), 4.8 Acres, from RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District to RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9215, to rezone (Z-12-00173) Oread Design Guidelines District 4 (Hancock Historic District), 4.8 Acres, from RM32 (Multi-

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Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District to RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (PC Item 3D; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Consider Rezoning, Z-12-00174, Oread Design Guidelines District 5 (Oread Historic District), 28.9 Acres, from CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District, RSO (Single-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CS-UC (Commercial Strip – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RSO-UC (Single-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9216, to rezone (Z-12-00174) Oread Design Guidelines District 5 (Oread Historic District), 28.9 Acres, from CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District, RSO (Single-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CS-UC (Commercial Strip – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RSO-UC (Single-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (PC Item 3E; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Consider Rezoning, Z-16-00058, Oread Design Guidelines District 6 (Commercial), 11.9 Acres, from CN2 (Neighborhood Commercial) District, CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CN2-UC (Neighborhood Commercial – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, CS-UC (Commercial Strip – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9217, to rezone (Z-16-00058) Oread Design Guidelines District 6 (Commercial), 11.9 Acres, from CN2 (Neighborhood Commercial) District, CS (Commercial Strip) District, RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office) District to CN2-UC (Neighborhood Commercial – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, CS-UC (Commercial Strip – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RM32-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Urban Conservation Overlay) District, RMO-UC (Multi-Dwelling Residential – Office – Urban Conservation Overlay) District. (PC Item 3F; approved 8-0 on 3/21/16)

Legal descriptions for public hearing properties listed above are on file in the Planning Office for review during regular office hours, 8-5 Monday - Friday.

Communications to the Commission:

Written comments are welcome and encouraged on all items to be considered by the Planning Commission. The Commission has established a deadline for receipt of all written communications of no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016. This ensures your transmittal to the Commission can be received and read prior to their meeting.

#### **Item #4: City Resources**

- Rental Licensing Program

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at [www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing) or [www.lawrenceks.org/rent](http://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.

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- Interactive Rental Licensing Map

The Planning and Development Services Department has published a Residential Rental License Interactive Map for citizens, prospective renters and landlords to access. The map can found at:

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<http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing/map>. The map identifies all rental dwelling units that are licensed and in good standing with the rental licensing and inspection program requirements. The map is intended to provide consumers information about units that comply with the city's rental program as well as help landlords market their code-compliant properties. The map is linked to the department's home page. Citizens can click on the blue map dot of a rental property and view the landlord name, zoning district, the number of units licensed and the apartment complex name, if applicable. Staff believes the map will be a valuable resource for tenants, landlords and the general public as the program continues to license properties through 2015 and beyond.

- 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](http://lawrenceks.org/city_maps) or <http://lawrenceks.org/pds/building-permits/map>.

- 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.

- 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>.

- Neighborhood Contact

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](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>.

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# Memorandum

## City of Lawrence

### Planning & Development Services

**TO: Thomas M. Markus, City Manager**

**FROM: Scott McCullough, Director**

**Date: July 1, 2016**

**RE: Monthly PDS Project Report**

The following provides an update on several city of Lawrence projects in process in the Planning and Development Services Department.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** - On August 31, 2015 the *Horizon 2020* Steering Committee approved the Issue Action Report which contains the Steering Committee's findings regarding how to best strengthen the existing plan and ensure that the document reflects the community's vision, while also setting a foundation for creating the inclusive and sustainable community we want Lawrence and Douglas County to be in the future. The Issue Action Report presents 19 major issues to address, based on community input and identified needs, and it outlines action steps to help address and resolve these issues.

The Issue Action Report was presented to the Planning Commission on September 21, 2015 and was unanimously approved. It was presented to the City Commission at their November 10, 2015 meeting and to the County Commission at their November 11, 2015 meeting and was unanimously approved by both governing bodies. Work on the plan itself is underway through a series of meetings with the *Horizon 2020* Steering Committee to review and discuss certain policies. Information on this effort can be found at <http://lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process>. Jeff Crick is the Staff contact.

**East Lawrence Neighborhood Rezoning** – On August 18, 2015, after considering a Staff memo on the topic, the City Commission directed Staff to further research land use in the area north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the East Lawrence Neighborhood and present the Commission with a follow up memo outlining appropriate zoning district(s) and a timeline of the rezoning process in order to consider rezoning much of the area from RM24 to an RS district. Research and zoning option development is underway on this initiative. Staff met with the neighborhood on March 28, 2016 to review the data in advance of the City Commission reviewing rezoning options for the area. The City Commission reviewed options at their May 24 meeting and deferred the item so that Staff can revise the boundaries to include rezoning all properties north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street to

their current use. The item will be resubmitted to the City Commission after additional research by Staff is completed. Becky Pepper is the Staff contact.

**North Lawrence RS5 Zoning Discussion** – On August 18, 2015 and April 19, 2016 the City Commission considered Staff memos addressing a request from the North Lawrence Improvement Association to review RS5 zoning in North Lawrence. At their April 16, 2016 meeting, the Commission initiated an amendment to the code to require that storm water plans be submitted in conjunction with development projects for RS5 zoned properties in North Lawrence in the areas protected by the levee and also directed Staff to continue to study density and dimensional standards citywide for RS5 and RS3 zoned properties and provide a report to the City Commission at a future meeting. David Guntert is the Staff contact.

**Parking Regulations Text Amendment** – Staff has been working with the Planning Commission for some time now on revising Article 9 of the Land Development Code related to parking standards. These revisions will address how parking is calculated, the design and location of parking, and standards related to the parking and storing of RVs, boats and trailers. The Planning Commission received an update on the progress of this item at their November 16, 2015 meeting and discussed alley parking for duplexes at their January mid-month meeting and May 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting. This item will be submitted for a final recommendation from the Planning Commission upon completion of the final draft of the code revisions. Sheila Stogsdill is the Staff contact.

**Oread Design Guidelines** – The Oread Design Guidelines were recommended as one of the initiatives of the Oread Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted in 2010. Planning staff conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium.

The Lawrence – Douglas Co. Planning Commission and the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission had two joint meetings to discuss the Guidelines on Thursday, February 18, 2016 and Monday, March 21, 2016. Both commissions recommended approval of the guidelines and associated rezoning requests to implement them.

After the official hearing of March 21, 2016, Staff discovered that the rezoning effort was not properly noticed and a rehearing must be completed before the PC and HRC. New hearings for the HRC's and PC's June and July mtgs have been established and proper notice has been completed. Jeff Crick and Lynne Zollner are the Staff contacts.

**Sign Code Amendments** – On July 7, 2015 the City Commission, after receiving a Staff memo on the topic, initiated certain amendments to the sign code to address several issues to aid businesses in the use of signs; however, at that time the Commission directed Staff to delay this project as the Commission considers the applicability of the Property Maintenance Code. Now that the 2015 Property Maintenance Code and the Urban Agriculture amendments have been adopted, Staff is proceeding with incremental revisions to the sign code. Kurt Schroeder is the Staff contact.

## **Community Development Initiatives**

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## **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Studies**

### **Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis**

During May, the study team held its first public meeting for the transit study. The study will identify strengths and weaknesses of the existing system and recommend service improvements to improve productivity and serve new and existing riders better. Consultants have completed their onboard counts and are developing system and route profiles for each route for Lawrence Transit and KU on Wheels. Riders and non-riders are invited to take the online survey, so please provide your input at: [www.lawrencetransitstudy.com/survey](http://www.lawrencetransitstudy.com/survey) Additional meetings are planned for this fall and the study will be completed by the end of the year.

### **Bike Share Feasibility Study**

During June, the study team engaged stakeholders and the community through meetings and tabling events to explore the feasibility of implementing a bike share system in Lawrence. The engagement included bicycle tours of the Topeka Metro Bike Share and the Bike Walk KC BCycle. The community is invited to take the survey to share their options about bike share and suggest a station location: [www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare](http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare)

The MPO is continuing to work on the Regional Pedestrian Plan, the steering committee reviewed drafts of the plan and the public comment period for the draft plan is scheduled for late July.

Jessica Mortinger is the Staff contact.

## **Small Business**

### **Lawrence Metro E-Community Revolving Loan Fund**

The City of Lawrence Metro E-Community Loan Fund is now Accepting Applications. This program will establish Lawrence's first revolving loan fund with the purpose of providing the "Urban Entrepreneur" with access to gap financing and economic opportunities.

### **Who Qualifies?**

1. One or more must be applicable to business:
  - Businesses located in a distressed area (20%+ live below poverty level),



- Owned by woman, veteran, minority, or someone of disadvantaged status,
  - Businesses that currently employ or will employ low-income employees,
  - Businesses whose products/service supports disadvantaged/underserved populations,
  - Businesses whose mission is to serve disadvantaged/underserved populations.
2. Business must be located in Douglas County or City of Lawrence.
  3. Must operate as a for-profit.
  4. Business Plan's shall be reviewed by KU's Small Business Development Center.
  5. Each business will be required to comply with all applicable codes within the City of Lawrence or Douglas County.
  6. Applicants that are awarded will need to participate in ongoing technical assistance or Metro E-Community, BizFuel or resource partners entrepreneurial functions with a scholarship or reduced rate.

Download The Lawrence Metro E-Community Details Here:  
<http://lawrenceks.org/pds/small-business> .

Next PDS Lunch-N-Learn: 2016 PDS quarterly Lunch-N-Learn Series:

Quarter 3:

Title: Economic Development 101

Date: September 23, 2016

Time: 12:00 to 1:00pm

Location: City Commission Room

Quarter 4:

Title: BizFuel: Small to Medium Enterprise Support Network

Date: November 11, 2016

These events are attended by designers, contractors, bankers, realtors, small business professionals, PDS and City Staff. This impactful hour is also eligible to Kansas Chapter of American Institute of Architects to include: 1 hour Health, Safety and Welfare Credit – (HSW) or 1 Hour Self Option Credit.

**BIZFUEL EFFORTS:**

BizFuel Small Business Events:

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:

- Crucial Conversations: Great for entrepreneurial efforts that include employee engagement, customer service and civic engagement. This course will teach skills for creating alignment and agreement by fostering open dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics—at all levels of Small to Medium business.
- State Certification Process: Women-Owned Business Entity, Disadvantaged – Owned Business Entity and Minority-Owned Business Entity
- Kansas Department of Labor

Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg is the Staff contact.