



Neighborhood Update for LAN

October 17, 2018

October Planning Commission Canceled

The October 24, 2018 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled. The Planning Commission will not meet in October.

At their Monday, November 12, 2018 meeting, the Planning Commission will discuss the draft revised comprehensive plan, *Plan 2040*. The Planning Commission will consider other planning related items at their Wednesday, November 14, 2018 meeting.

Planning Commission Orientation

The Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission Orientation is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2018. The meeting will be held from 8:00-4:30 in the City Commission Room. Orientation is open to the public; however, breakfast and lunch are not provided for the public.

Topics of note include a discussion on the Smart Code from 9:15-10:45, a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners, and City Commission to receive a presentation on *Plan 2040* from 12:00-2:30, and a presentation on the planning process from 2:30-4:15. The full orientation agenda is located at <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/pds/planning/agenda-2018-10-18.pdf>.

Countywide Bikeway Plan – Public Engagement Opportunities

Learn more about the E's of bicycle planning (engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation) and share your thoughts about how to make Lawrence more bicycle friendly. There are multiple ways to share your thoughts and ideas:

Attend the Open House:

- Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St., October 25th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

* Open houses/mobile meetings will be held in Eudora, Baldwin City, and Lecompton in the spring.

Participate in the Survey:

- <http://lawrenceks.org/mpo/tellus> - The survey will be available until December 1st and takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Talk to Transportation Planners & Bicycle Advisory Committee Members at Mobile Meetings:

- Cottin's Farmers Market - Indoors, 1831 Massachusetts St., November 9th, 4 pm – 6 pm
- Sports Pavilion Lawrence, 100 Rock Chalk Lane, November 12th, 6 pm – 8 pm

Members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) will be at all of these events. Additional mobile meetings will be posted online as they are scheduled.

Visit https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bicycle_planning for more information.

* If your group or club is interested in participating but can't make it to one of our events, contact the MPO to schedule a short presentation about the planning process and we'll bring surveys.

Questions - contact Jessica Mortinger, Senior Transportation Planner, Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, at jmortinger@lawrenceks.org.

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 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.

- 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 be found at: <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://www.lawrenceks.org/city_maps or <http://www.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>.

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

The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information regarding CDBG information, please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108 or email ddresslar@lawrenceks.org or for any other information contact Becky Pepper by phone at 785-832-3153 or email bpepper@lawrenceks.org. Comments are always welcome.

- 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. 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
Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Amy Miller, Assistant Director - Planning

CC: Scott McCullough, Director – Planning and Development Services

Date: September 12, 2018

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.

Notable Development Projects in the Planning Phase:

The following list details notable and large development projects that have filed applications with the Planning Division:

- LMH Health West (Northeast corner 6th and SLT)
- Grocery/Residential Mixed-Use (700 New Hampshire Street)
- Logie's (728 Massachusetts Street)
- Multi-Family Structure (929 Arkansas Street)
- Hawker II Apartments (1011 Missouri Street)
- Climate Controlled Mini-Storage (1300 Block Research Park Drive)
- Fairfield Apartments (2115 Exchange Court)
- Bishop Seabury Academy – Addition (4120 Clinton Parkway)
- Zoning to accommodate CC200 (2110 Exchange Ct)
- Hi-Tech Interiors Warehouse (725 N 2nd St)
- Garage Condos (3661 Thomas Ct)
- Casey's General Store (1703 W 6th)
- Resteraunt (900 Mississippi St)
- Woof's-Dog Day Care (1519 W 23rd St)
- Kansas Zen Center (1200 Laura Ave)
- Wagmore Canine Enrichment (1735 Haskell Ave)
- Yankee Tank Brewery (807 E 23rd St)
- Heritage Tractor (1110 E 23rd St)

Comprehensive Plan Update – On July 16, 2018 the *Horizon 2020* Steering Committee approved the release of the draft Comprehensive Plan for the Planning Commission, City Commission, and Board of County Commissioners consideration. Using the Issue Action Report as a basis, which was unanimously approved by all 3 commissions, the Steering Committee reviewed the draft plan in the

context of that report and the public input received as part of their process. The next steps for the draft Comprehensive Plan include public hearings before the Planning Commission, City Commission, and Board of County Commissioners. The three commissions are scheduled to receive a presentation on the draft plan on October 19th, 2018, beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room. The Planning Commission will be the first commission to review and consider the draft plan at their November meeting. Dates for each hearing will be announced as they are scheduled. Information on this effort can be found at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/comp-plan/>. Jeff Crick is the staff contact.

Short Term Rental Uses – On August 15, 2017, the City Commission directed staff to pursue a framework to regulate properties being used as short-term rentals. Staff conducted an extensive public participation program and presented findings to the City Commission at their November 14, 2017 work session. Staff drafted a text amendment to permit short-term rental units, which was recommended by the Planning Commission at their May 23rd meeting. The City Commission will consider the text amendment and licensing program at their September 18th meeting. Danielle Buschkoetter is the staff contact. You can find more information at <https://lawrenceks.org/short-term-rentals/>.

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. The code was revised on July 19, 2016 to require a storm water plan for any residential construction project on RS5 and RS3 zoned lots that are protected by the levee. The Commission 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. The analysis of RS5 zoning density and dimensional standards is underway. Becky Pepper 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, 2016 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. Mary Miller is the staff contact.

Downtown Master Plan - Through the City's strategic planning process, the City Commission identified a priority initiative of creating a Downtown Master Plan that includes identifying needed and desirable assets, identifying existing infrastructure and uses, and discovering potential uses and obstacles in response to the critical success factor of Economic Growth and Security. The desire is to create a sustainable plan that recognizes the existing successful nature of downtown and enhances downtown by

incorporating innovative and creative initiatives through intensive stakeholder and community input. The plan will explore all elements of a master plan including, but not limited to, land use relationships, opportunities for development and redevelopment, programming of public space, landscaping, transportation, infrastructure and streetscape, with a heavy emphasis on cultural and historical resources and activities.

Through a Request for Proposal process, the city has hired Houseal Lavigne Associates as the consultant to lead, manage and write the plan. Staff is in the beginning stages of working with the consultant to lay out a project timeline, and a project kickoff is to be expected near the end of October. A Steering Committee has also been established (<https://lawrenceks.org/boards/downtown-master-plan/>) and appointments are currently being made from the various groups. Staff is working with the consultant to get a new and improved project website live and that can be expected in the next few weeks. The project website can be viewed here: <https://lawrenceks.org/strategic-plan/downtown/> and is also the place to sign up to receive email updates throughout the process. Amy Miller is the staff contact.

Community Development Initiatives

The Community Development Division is currently in the 2018 CDBG and HOME program year in accordance with the 2018 Action Plan.

The 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2018 Annual Action Plan have been approved by HUD. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will hold a public hearing on September 27, 2018 regarding public input for the upcoming 2019 program year and for the 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The 30-day public comment period for the 2017 CAPER will begin on September 20, 2018. The CAPER will be due to HUD by October 31, 2018

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/> .

Danelle Dresslar is the staff contact.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Studies

Countywide Bikeway Plan Update

The Countywide Bikeway Plan will reconcile the various bicycle related plans into one vision for the future of bikeway infrastructure in Lawrence-Douglas County. The purpose of this plan is to develop a low-stress bicycle network that can make bicycling an attractive choice for transportation. MPO Staff and the MPO BAC held 5 open houses, 3 guided bike rides, and 18 mobile meetings since the first phase of public engagement began in late May thru the end of August. The second phase of public engagement will begin in October and a joint study session of the MPO BAC and the Lawrence Transportation commission is planned for the November 28th Transportation Commission Study Session at 3:30pm in the City Commission Room. More information can be found online at: https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bicycle_planning/

23rd St Multi-Modal Corridor Study

KDOT awarded \$80,000 of Competitive Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funding to 23rd St Multi-Modal Corridor Study (Learnard Avenue to eastern City Limits). The study requires a \$20,000 local match. This study will develop a vision and implementation strategy for 23rd Street: Learnard Street to the eastern city limits, providing an opportunity for the public to reimagine the street for comfortable and inviting multimodal transportation. The removal of the state highway designation, the passage of the City complete streets policy, the crash history, and the multimodal vision of Transportation 2040 warrants a study of 23rd Street before reconstruction of 23rd Street from the Haskell Bridge to 600' east of Anderson Ave. Lawrence's CIP has this project beginning with design in 2020 and construction in 2021-22. This visioning process will provide the basis for the design, which will be included in the scope of work at a local expense. The study is planned for 2019.

Bike Share Implementation

The City of Lawrence signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Veoride to implement bike share in Lawrence following the agreement that KU established with [Veoride \(www.veoride.com/ku\)](http://www.veoride.com/ku). KU's interest in Bike Share was motivated by the MPO's 2016 [Bike Share Feasibility Study process \(https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare/\)](https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare/). MPO staff will track usage and follow how bike share implementation impacts mode share.

Jessica Mortinger is the staff contact.