

**Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Two (November-January) Due Feb. 10th**

Neighborhood:	North Lawrence	Completed By: Dylan Shmalberg Phone Number/Email: 785-840-7153	Date: 03/12/2017
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.(minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>11/14/2017</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>12/12/2017</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>No - Holiday Mtg.</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>1/9/2017</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	Website
	newsletter	<u>Yes</u>
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>Newspaper, Facebook</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	No
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter:	<u>N/A - See Previous Report</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>No</u>
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Also to be attached:

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended)

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended)

## November 2016 – January 2017

### North Lawrence Improvement Association President Performance (Ted Boyle)

Date	Activity
11-01-16	Attended Woodlawn site council meeting to discuss how to better serve low income students that are lagging due to their circumstances. Parent outreach and other suggestions were discussed.
11-02-16	Attended grocery store meeting to talk about meeting with Hobbs loft chairman.
11-03-16	Talked to Public Works director Mark Theil to discuss the ADA ramp at 4 <sup>th</sup> and Locust and speed hump at 5 <sup>th</sup> and North Street.
11-08-16	Spoke with the Ballard Center Director to set up meeting with NLIA to discuss how to get needed donations.
11-14-16	Monthly NLIA meeting where Matt Bond talked about the Maple street pump station, drainage ditch, and driveway tube replacement.
11-15-16	Attended city commission meeting to the fire station, elevator blower noise, and RD Johnson digging large hole and filling it with clay. Met with Treanor and Barry Queen about grocery store. Hope for ground breaking late summer or early fall this year, but it depends on the city commission.
11-17-16	Attended grocery store meeting to discuss Hobbs loft, city commission, incentives, and timeline.
11-18-16	Met with the City of Lawrence public works director to determine the location of the speed hump location on North Street. Spoke with Charlie Bryant health dept. and David Crawford about Hobbs Loft and possible lawsuit.
11-22-16	Talked with the city about grain elevator blower noise. Ottawa Co-op said they will shut down fans when grain is not delivered. I suggested that they screen the blowers from the neighborhood.
11-25-16	Learned about the problems the tenants were having at 401 Elm Street. The sewer line to the residence collapsed and caused sewage to back up into the home. There were other problems as well. NLIA adopted the families.
11-28-16	Called with city code department about the dwelling at 401 Elm. There were numerous problems and the city will condemn the building until the required repairs are made. I also contacted a resident of North Lawrence about finding a new place for the tenants to live. Sent email to Public Works Director about installing a speed hump at 7 <sup>th</sup> and Walnut and 5 <sup>th</sup> and Elm. Also, asked about installing a street light near 8 <sup>th</sup> and Comfort lane.
11-30-16	Met with Public Works Director to discuss the topics sent in the email 11-28-17.
12-01-16	Attended grocery store meeting to talk about food desert with LJ World reporter. The LJ World will publish a story about the food desert. Called the residents of 8 <sup>th</sup> and Comfort lane about new LED street light.
12-05-16	Called City codes department about property at 401 Elm street.
12-09-16	Spoke with one of the tenants at 401 Elm Street and their current situation. Told them to talk with the city codes department if necessary.
12-13-16	Called the City codes department about the last inspection.

12-15-16	Went to the downtown grocery store meeting. The lawsuit and city funding were items of discussion. Met with Ballard Center director about getting city funding for playground equipment. NLIA will write a letter of support.
12-16-16	Introduced Becky Price from the Ballard Center to Steve Ruttinger who owns day cares in Kansas and Missouri.
12-19-16	Met with Mayor Mike Amyx to talk about the downtown grocery store incentives, how much public good it would do, and its return on investment.
12-29-16	Attended grocery store meeting. Talked about putting a presentation on the city commission's 01-03-17 agenda. The presentation will give the commission an update on the store.
01-01-17	Called Charlie Bryant – Health department, and David Crawford to discuss the presentation that will be made to the city commission, and how to address their concerns.
01-03-17	Went to the city commission meeting to give update presentation on the downtown grocery store.
01-05-17	Attended the grocery store meeting to talk about the recent city commission presentation.
01-09-17	Set up and attended monthly NLIA meeting. The main guest speaker of the night was the representatives of the Delaware Tribe. They spoke about the tribe's history and what their current plans are. Also, solicited feedback from the members that were there.
01-11-17	Met with County Commissioner Thelman about the potential jail expansion and downtown grocery store.
01-12-17	Attended grocery store meeting to talk about funding.
01-13-17	Met with resident in North Lawrence who was renting from a property and was recently evicted. Went to meet with the old west Lawrence neighborhood association President to talk with her about the grocery store, and she would like Steve Ruttinger to speak at the next meeting. Called Nancy Thelman to discuss recently evicted tenant's situation.
01-17-17	Called Matt Bond, City Stormwater Engineer about house to be constructed at 737 Elm street. Called Mark Theil about large pot holes at 1001 North 3 <sup>rd</sup> street. Called codes department about 401 Elm Street and trash from the Dollar Store blowing into the neighborhood.
01-19-17	Attended grocery store meeting. Health department employees were there and the progress of the last four years was explained to them.
01-20-17	Met with Ballard Center Director to help her get in contact with people that can help repair the building.
01-23-17	Called Johnnys and El Matador about bringing chili to the NLIA chili feed. Attended Parks & Recs meeting to discuss the sponsorship of parks and buildings.
01-24-17	Ordered 1300 Sandrat post cards for the upcoming NLIA chili feed. Talked with resident about how to help him through the city process regarding food trucks. Talked with codes about the property at 401 Elm street.
01-25-17	Picked up the recently ordered Sandrat Post cards, and spoke with treasurer about getting the mailing labels attached to them. Called John Davis and asked him if he could have it maintenance person go to the Ballard Center to do general maintenance work.

01-26-17	Attended ICL dinner at Oread Hotel. Thanked ICL for supporting North Lawrence. Attended grocery store meeting to talk about incentives for the project and talked with old West Lawrence neighborhood president. Met with CDBG committee to discuss how NLIA uses CDBG money.
01-27-17	Called Planning department about accessory house to be built at 737 Elm street. Stated that it was too big for the lot, and the neighbors and neighborhood do not approve. Spoke with landlord about renting to a family that was recently told that they would have to leave their current location.

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**NLIA Coordinator Performance (Dylan Shmalberg)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
11-14-16	Facebook post to NLIA page – Topic: Upcoming Meeting. Attended Monthly NLIA meeting and recorded meeting minutes.
11-26-16	Worked on CDBG grant application.
11-28-16	Worked on CDBG performance report, newsletter billing, posting minutes to the website, and NLIA Facebook post.
11-29-16	Worked on CDBG grant application.
11-30-16	Worked on CDBG grant application.
12-1-16	Worked on CDBG grant application and posted to NLIA Facebook page.
12-5-16	Facebook post to NLIA page – Topic: North Lawrence families in need
12-12-16	Facebook post to NLIA page – Topic: Upcoming Holiday Meeting. Attended monthly NLIA meeting. Meeting minutes were not recorded due to low attendance and no formal meeting announcement being given.
01-07-17	Facebook post to NLIA page – Topic: Upcoming Meeting
01-09-17	Attended monthly NLIA meeting. Representatives were there to speak on behalf of the Delaware Tribe. Recorded Meeting minutes.
01-30-17	Facebook post to NLIA page - Topic: Upcoming Chili Feed

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**NLIA Major Activities List**

NLIA Monthly Meeting (11-14-16) – Est. Attendance: 18

NLIA Annual Holiday Meeting (12-12-16) – Est. Attendance: 6

NLIA Monthly Meeting (01-09-17) – Est. Attendance: 35

## NLIA Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date: 11-14-16**

**Time: 7:00pm to**

**Board Present: Ted (President), Jeff (VP), Beverly (Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)**

### **President's Report:**

ICL donated \$400 for Christmas donation, There has been a lot of talk recently about sidewalks. Ted talked to public works about raised sidewalks cracks, and how they grind them down to be level for the city. He was going to look into purchasing a machine for the city to use on sidewalks. Let me or Dylan know if your sidewalk is raised and cracked. Ted is on the grocery store committee, and the process is still ongoing. They have received verbal approval from the neighbors, and Treanor is still the owner of that building. There may be some federal funding for the project. Currently, it is still their intent to move forward with this plan to have a grocery store, underground parking, and 82 lofts. 20 of these will be low to moderate income units. Trucks will make delivery on the north side of the building so there will hopefully be minimal interference with traffic in the area. The grocery store committee meetings are open meetings, and anyone can attend. These meetings are the first 3 Thursdays of the month, and the last Thursday they are in the library. On Lincoln Street, there are three houses that have been recently constructed. During which they are removing the North Lawrence soil, and taking it to sell it at various locations. Ted will be going to the City's planning department about this problem. There is already a policy in place to try and mitigate this, but there needs to be stricter regulation because of a loop hole. Due to the ground water, if the current soil is replaced with clay then the water must go around or to the surface. Ted is starting the process of telling the city that one of the next projects for North Lawrence will be getting quiet crossings. There have also been recent burglaries of unlocked cars. The police have already caught one individual, and saw another individual committing a similar crime but they were unable to apprehend the individual. Ted will be having representatives from the district attorney's office as well as the Lawrence police department next year. Ted has also talked to the city about the blower noise from the grain tower, and the complaints that he has been receiving due to it.

### **Treasurer's Comments:**

Community dinner this Wednesday at Centenary United Methodist Church, and it will be a Thanksgiving dinner – free will offering. The December meeting will be at Centenary United Methodist Church as well, and parking will be available in the rear of the church.

### **Guest Speaker – Matt Bond (City Stormwater Engineer):**

Matt showed a slide of the previous pump station, which was a repurposed sanitary lift station. In the North Lawrence Drainage Study system 6, which covers the center of North Lawrence? There was also an alternate plan that was approved by the city, which will help with the drainage of Lyons Park. There is redundancy and emergency power built into the system. The pumps will also have the ability to be controlled remotely. The final cost of the project ended up being 6.1 million. Next spring Matt will be reviewing the ditches around the community to see how the flow is, and improve them as they deem necessary.

### **Public Comments:**

Resident wants to know if Ted could talk with the county commissioners about getting a similar policy about dirt removal instated for the county as well. One resident's truck was broken into, but the police did not want to come out to the scene even though an article of clothing was left by the individual. There were also comments about the meeting minutes not being available, and the coordinator will begin posting them to the NLIA website once they are ready after each meeting.

Number of Attendees: 18

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**Date: 01-09-17**

**Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**Board Present: Ted (President), Jeff (VP), Beverly (Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)**

### **President's Report:**

NLIA adopted 6 families this year for Christmas. However, this year we adopted two families in crisis due to having to vacate a condemned property. They had to stay at a hotel in the meantime. As of last speaking with one of the families they were looking at a house in the Brook Creek neighborhood. NLIA does this Christmas fund raising drive every year, and we are the only neighborhood in Lawrence who does this. The grocery store group is still working on the grocery store and are close to getting a letter of intent, and the store will most likely be a Price Chopper with a 200-car parking garage.

### **Treasurer's Comments:**

Christmas donations totaled \$4763 and NLIA was able to adopt 6 families (20 people) in the community. The chili supper will be February 13th from 5 - 8 p.m., and KU has a home basketball game. However, the game does not start until 8 p.m. So, there is plenty of time to come and enjoy some delicious chili. Read two thank you letters from Ballard center and VNA about recent donations.

### **Wayne Dever (Weather Radio):**

He is here to talk about the weather radios, and how to program them. He will give Ted contact information in case residents will want to contact him. Weather radios will lose programming if the batteries die, if there is a power source (whether plugged in or battery) they will not lose programming. There are two radio towers that North Lawrence is close to so reception can vary depending on location.

### **Guest Speakers – Delaware Tribe Representatives:**

Nancy Thellman (County Commissioner): There were members here from the County and Delaware Tribe Representatives to gather public input on site plan and potential project. No formal project yet. Both the Bartlesville, OK and North Lawrence community will have input. 90 acres of the Pine farm is the property in question. Agricultural, Cultural, and Educational use as of now. Joshua Foley Haskell professor, Eileen Horn Douglas County Sustainability Director, Marlin Bates Kansas State research and extension agent, Victor from SKW - Consulting engineer, Zach community planner for native communities were the members present at the discussion. There has been discussion in private for three years, and now they are consulting communities and funding agents. Lisa Koch - N Lawrence resident - is part of the consulting team. There have been many community groups that have been involved with the preliminary talks with the committee and consultants. The involved members have all been given a copy of the N. Lawrence drainage study.

Zach (Haskell Professor) here to talk about Delaware culture: The Native Peoples started out further east, but were forced west. This area was the Delaware Tribes last reservation before being relocated to Oklahoma. Former Chief is a KU Graduate and wanted to establish representation in the area, which is why the Pines farmland was purchased. He is often surprised with how welcoming this community has been. The committee that has been assembled to discuss this issue have been building relationships and the discussions have been positive. There is nothing determined or decided upon yet, other than to have respect for the land and to tell their story (preserve for future generations). He is not an elected or

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appointed official for the Delaware Tribe, but is here to speak from a tribal perspective. Again, emphasized the agricultural component, and was happy to see how welcome the community has been.

Marlin (farming): One of the things that has come from the talks initially were the economic development on the land and marlin put forth a proposal for some agricultural use. There has been continued discussion about using some of the land for this application, and why it made sense for them and the Lawrence community. There has been a lot of focus on locally sourced products as well.

Eileen: She has been focused on how this property can be used sustainably. Wants to know how to best engage the community? (Location - The UP Depot, Woodlawn school gymnasium) Communication sources Newspaper - special notice section, article in paper, newsletter, The flame, Social media. Time - Tend toward evening meetings.

Victor: At the end of this process (May 2017) there should be a site and business plan that is developed. By that time there should be buy in for all stakeholders. Two limiting factors: The flood plain and the airport. Eventually there will be a webpage to interface with the project on the Douglas County website. As of now the consulting team is on schedule based on some milestone dates. They have concentrated on making a plan that is actionable at the end of the consulting process.

Ted: Has been working with this committee, and hopes that agricultural use will be the final use determined from the process. Floods have been caused by the runoff from property north of the turnpike, so development could increase the potential risk of flooding properties to the south of this location. Ted is glad to see this project moving forward. Believe there should be respect between each other. Wants to advocate for agricultural and educational use. NE Sector plan took two year for it to be finalized, and one of the main goals is to remove industrial applications from the area. Water is the number one concern in North Lawrence.

### **Public Questions & Comments in response to Delaware proposal:**

#### **Agricultural is limiting. Top three uses of the land?**

Zach: Agricultural is of high importance (cannot buy traditional native ingredients at stores) and there are different farming processes. To provide other considerations were educational. Agricultural and cultural education is very important, and want to invite everyone out to the site. To answer the question more directly not much else has been considered other than agricultural or educational.

Ted: Grocery store has committed to buying local foods, so it may be a potential for some sort of agreement between the two entities.

#### **What section of land are we referring to?**

The Sod farm. 30 acres on one side and 60 acres on the other side. Victor presented maps showing the land in question.

#### **How much is impacted by the airport?**

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Victor presented map showing the airfield restrictions as well. The Airport restrictions will have a significant constraint on what can be built, but the main factor that it impacts is the height.

### Public Comments:

Why has the city not come over to fix the ditches that lead to the pump?

The city is planning to survey the ditches in North Lawrence and clear them as deemed necessary throughout this year.

401 Elm - (Current owner of the building): Stated the sewer collapsed on the day that she took ownership of it, and she is working tirelessly to correct the other 35 violations that the city found. She is hoping to have the property un-condemned soon (but she is having trouble getting on the same page with the city about some of the violations). She wants to make sure that Ted (NLIA President) speaks with her about the issue in private first before making these things public to the community and at the meetings. Especially when he knew that she was present. She has been trying to rectify the situation and said that some of the issues were caused by the tenants themselves, and they had not notified her of all the problems with the building. She wishes that Ted and NLIA have a discussion with her instead of taking the tenants word for it.

Ted: He stated that he disagreed with the property owner's comments on the matter, and that the information he was referencing was public knowledge. He also said that the building was the only building to be condemned in North Lawrence and was disappointed in that fact.