

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

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)

Meeting Date #1 11/12/2018 Minutes Attached? yes
 Meeting Date #2 1/28/2019 Minutes Attached? yes
 Meeting Date #3 December was @ Minutes Attached? n/a
Centenary United Methodist — Nativities display

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)

email _____
 newsletter X
 other announcement? (please specify) Facebook and website

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)

Yes No X

Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.

Date of Newsletter December 2018 Copy Attached? (required) Ted delivered copies in person in February

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)

NLIA meeting 11/12/18

Officers present: Ted Boyle, president; Jeff Joseph, vice president; Alison Dishinger, coordinator/secretary. Attendance: 14

Guests: Michelle Dillon, John Davis, Rick Renfro

In lieu of a treasurer, Alison gave the treasurer's report. It was available for view during the meeting.

Ted reported on the new neighborhood cleanup scheme that we tried. He got a rolloff dumpster from the city and put it behind the church at 4th and Elm. It's full; he is going to get one more delivered this week and have it removed next week. He reported that people didn't practice "good dumpster etiquette" — not filling the dumpster correctly. He got this fixed, and there was a little room left for a few days. We kept neighbors apprised of this on Facebook. Ted hopes that this will help residents get rid of larger items that the city will not pick up. The money for this is coming out of our balance. The deposit was \$99; the rate is \$160, and we pay tonnage when they take it to the landfill. Each dumpster will cost us around \$300. The city will pick up 5 tires per year per house. All household hazardous waste has to go to the facility up near the box factory (it is free to do so). Ted said that there is a lot of good stuff at the facility — paint, motor oil, antifreeze, etc. and it's all free for the taking.

Michelle from the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging ("J triple A") was the first guest speaker. She is the outreach coordinator for Douglas, Shawnee, and Jefferson Counties. Their office is out at Independence Inc, and they travel to meet potential clients as well, anywhere in Douglas County.

They provide information and outreach for seniors and their caregivers, such as matching them up with services that are available based on income or veteran status. There are services for caregivers as well. They have one-on-one meetings with people and their caregivers, which helps them find the resources that work for their needs. They don't provide caregivers, but they can help people find home health agencies, etc. that are tailored to their specific needs, e.g. speech therapy, or caregivers that specialize in certain medical conditions. They also provide caregiver support groups in the county.

They also provide case management services, a direct service, where they help people in a variety of ways, including finding transportation, establishing disputes with landlords, etc. They are funded by city, county, state, and federal money to provide services. They provide funding to Meals on Wheels, Senior Wheels, CHAMPSS (a program that they developed in which people 60 and over can take a class at the Library and then get a card that allows them to buy reduced-price meals at local grocery store cafes). They also connect people up with the Veterans' Administration to find out what services they can receive.

She showed the "red file" that is a place to centrally house emergency information like medications, phone numbers, etc. People can keep these on their refrigerators in case of an emergency. She had brochures available as well.

A residents asked the age requirements for services. Michelle said that The Older Americans Act was established for people 60 and above. The Area Agencies on Aging were created out of this act. There are AAAs available all over the country; not all of them provide the same services.

Alison asked if she could describe the process for the CHAMPSS program. People who want to sign up attend a meeting the first Monday of each month at 2 pm at the Library is to explain how the program works at HyVee and Dillons. People get CHAMPSS cards — meal credits rather than money — and the class tells people how it works, then they can sign up for the program at the library that day.

Ted talked about the traffic calming devices that we have designated for the 700-900 block of Lyon Street. We have the money already to do these. Now we need 70% of the people on Lyon to agree to

them. There is a sign-up sheet available for residents to submit back to the city. Ted had these at the meeting and someone needs to go door-to-door to get residents to turn these in.

Ted introduced the next topic — development behind Johnny's Tavern. Rick Renfro, along with Paul Warner, are working on this and are with us tonight. Rick started by talking and Paul brought a map to show what they're planning. Rick talked about how long it took to purchase the properties and coordinate with the Corps of Engineers. Rick said he wants feedback from neighbors.

They have turned plans in to the city, and have to go before the City, Planning and Historic Resources commissions along with coordinating with the Corps of Engineers. Rick said that he loves working at Johnny's and he wants to re-invest in the tavern to keep it going and have more amenities like better drainage and cooling.

Paul Warner then spoke up. Since they are close to the depot, they have to go through the HRC. He talked about the design. The Gaslight and the building where Third Eye Sadies is will remain. They plan to add on to that building. Underground parking, office, retail, and apartments are planned for the area north of the tavern, with apartments going up 5 stories. That is "phase one". Then they will move west toward the levy with development with a boardwalk that is level with the levy. They do have approval for borings from the Army Corps of Engineers to see where rock and sand are, to test what kind of foundations they can do on the buildings.

Paul said if all goes well, they plan to continue north along the river (where the city has planned to remove trailers that are not occupied). They hope to have retail, restaurants, office, and living spaces in the new development.

Site drainage: There is a large pipe already through the levy for drainage that is rarely closed. Water from the property goes directly to the river at this time.

In the materials they provided, they have to show several years of plans, though the phase one is highlighted in yellow.

Jeff asked about another access to the properties somewhere on the North. There is currently a right out south of the southernmost stone building that leads onto the southbound bridge. They have to go back into negotiations with the railroad to talk about a more northern egress/ingress. They had talked about a third, northern entrance with officials years ago, but are starting over.

Ted said that a gravity feed system (the current system on the river that Paul mentioned) may not work for these properties with that much development and asphalt. Paul said that there are large parts of the property on which they could do retention ponds and other ways to remove water from the property. City Engineers would be responsible for telling them what they need to do on the property to prevent flooding.

Ted said they would not be able to use the underpass storm drainage that was developed when the underpass was renovated. The city has said zero water can come east from the property. Ted also said five stories is a pretty big structure, like a skyscraper (imagine three more stories on top of Johnny's as it is now). It creates a lot of shade on N 2nd Street (which would mean the roads would stay icy in the winter). The HRC will have a say in the height and the facade (architecture) of the building, since it is close to the depot. Ted said it's good thing that it's on the West side of N 2nd; it would not happen on the East side, in the residential area. (There used to be trailers there, two or three of which are still occupied).

Jeff asked about the buildings shown that run north of the tavern. They will be setback from the road and be about as wide as 70-80 feet — about as wide as the present buildings. The implement building and one

house will go away. Ted asked about the silo/elevator and whether it would be preserved. They do not know at this time whether it will be saved.

Ted talked about how he helped them get downtown zoning (it is an extension of Massachusetts Street behind the tavern). He said they need to remain mindful of the water table, which is 12-14 feet, and the levy, but overall the project will enhance our neighborhood.

Alison asked if they would put in a grocery store. Rick said that the revenue a store can generate isn't enough. Stores think that there aren't enough rooftops (which is ridiculous). They aren't seeing the 30K cars that are coming through North Lawrence every day. Ted said they need to count rooftops elsewhere — East Lawrence and Pinckney and all of Jefferson County. Yet, they don't, which is shortsighted.

A resident asked how tall the elevators are — their best guess is about 100 feet (they have not verified this). Which means 5 stories would be about half that height. Ted talked about some misconceptions people have had about the grain elevators and the noises in NL.

A resident asked Paul if they have an idea what retail uses they might want to have in the development. Paul said that it won't be like South Iowa — hopefully some restaurants, small offices, artists, perhaps some retail similar to downtown like more bike shops, outdoor shops, etc. He said this is not a "power center" for retail, only equivalent to about half a block of downtown. The whole area is part of the Downtown Master Plan now, which also includes part of Elm to 3rd Street (where the Levee Cafe is). Ted said that this committee didn't know about this project until he brought it up at a meeting. Some people were worried about competing businesses going in north of the river. A lot of people would like to see the levee and the river used more for recreational activities.

Paul said that one of the ideas for branding the project is "North Mass".

A resident who still has a shop back in the trailer park asked how long it will take to break ground back there if everything goes perfectly smoothly. John Davis said probably next fall.

A resident asked about the structures south of the Gaslight — will the tenants stay there? John said the circus school has moved to her house. Gaslight is staying. We don't know yet about Third Eye Sadie's.

A resident asked about how financing this kind of project works. Rick said oh man... There are "soft costs" like architects, engineers, consultants, etc, that come out of pocket. He said that at some point they have to talk to the city and the county, as well as find some partners to help finance the project. He said there is no big money behind it right now. That is why they are doing it in phases. Jeff asked about bonds; Rick mentioned TIFF and Star Bonds, possibly having public attractions like a museum there that would help with funding.

John said that redevelopment of a site is more expensive than new development. Rick said that the KU Architectural School did 2 semesters of an intergenerational project, 14 acres at 6th and Mercado, as well as the 14 acres at 2nd and Locust as an example. The project out west was estimated at 200 million; the one in North Lawrence was 300 million. Ted worked with the project.

Rick said that most river towns have done redevelopment of their river areas with access to the river, and are quite successful.

Jeff asked if they have thought about a community garden area for residents. Rick said yes, and that they have thought about having an extension of the Farmers' Market.

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Paul said it's a long-term project, and he asked for neighbor input and support.

Ted asked about phase 1B. Paul said that they could provide up to 14K square feet for a larger office. They are required to provide parking for retail and living spaces (required by the city).

Ted said that one of the advantages of this neighborhood is walking distance to downtown.

Paul said that they want to get the guardrails on either side of the bridge changed as well because it seems dangerous for small children. They may also petition to change the lights on the bridge (this would be up to KDOT, as it is a state highway).

Ted talked about the blue LED lights that Westar had replaced throughout the neighborhood and how NLIA got them to change and shade these. They were too bright for a residential neighborhood and the blue light is not good for people and animals.

Ted said that we still need someone to step up as treasurer and secretary for the neighborhood. Alison is doing the secretary job and Pat is doing the treasurer's job right now. Beverly took a much-deserved retirement from the treasurer job this year.

We are starting the Christmas donation drive. We had six families last year; we collect around \$5K each year, and the businesses up here are really good to us. Ted and Alison will go around and talk to these businesses this year, maybe with a "Beverly Sent Me" tee shirt on.

Ted said the chili feed is in February. He does not know if we will be going to the Centenary Methodist Church this year for the Festival of Nativities. We will check to see if they are having the festival this year and announce this on the FB page and in the classifieds and Datebook.

Ted said feel free to make donations tonight for the Christmas Fund.

He talked about the remodeling of Ballard Center and the unification of Penn House (from East Lawrence) to Ballard.

We did the raffle and adjourned the meeting.

North Lawrence Improvement Association Meeting 28 January 2019

Officers: Ted, Alison

Attendance: 4

We had a fairly small turnout because of the cold weather.

Ted handed out the Lawrence Business Magazine that recently featured North Lawrence exclusively. North Lawrence was originally Jefferson, when South Lawrence didn't exist. Lawrence annexed Jefferson in 1870 (after one vote for annexation that the city fathers of Jefferson vetoed. It took a change at the state level for a city to be able to annex another city). We had all of the trees on this side; we built Lawrence. The magazine focuses on positive-news stories. Ted made sure that all of the history given in the issue was factual. The research took about two months, and they used Watkins Museum for history, photos, and facts. Since the Visitor Center is moving out of the Depot, Ted has plans in the works to get some North Lawrence, Jefferson, and River Kings historical displays installed in the building. There is one of the River Kings boats on display in the lobby of the Marriott hotel (Spring Hill Suites).

Ted gave a report about the Christmas drive; we collected just under \$5000 this year from businesses and residents in North Lawrence. We adopted 5 NL families. They each got \$300 gift card to Dillons and \$300 to Wal Mart. We also bought another \$300 in \$50 Dillons gift cards and Ted gave them to people we know are "working poor" in the neighborhood. We presented the gift cards to Becky Price at Ballard Center, who found us four families. (Woodlawn school found us one family.)

Storm water drainage, the building height, and appearance of the building are the three main concerns of the project at Johnny's. Because of its proximity to the Union Pacific Depot, it will have to conform to certain appearance restrictions. Residents can submit letters of concern regarding this project to NLIA and we will present them to the city and the project managers.

Ted talked about the upcoming Cabin Fever Chili Supper and how it is open to all — folks from NL as well as S of the river, including commissioners and other dignitaries. The event will happen on Monday 11 February, starting at 5:30 pm. Bring dishes for set up between 4:30 and 5. NLIA will have provide strips and extension cords. Volunteers will be there starting around 4 pm. There are usually 20-30 different types of soups, chilis, salads and other foods, including food provided by El Matador and Johnny's.

Ellen Young talked with us about the 5k/10k Shamrock Shuffle that is happening on March 2nd at 9 am. The event has been going on for 30 years, raising funds for children's charities. The beneficiaries are Lawrence Youth Football and the Children's Choir. Ellen said participation has fallen recently. She was in charge of a benefit run for Boys and Girls club for ten years that no longer exists. She has also been on (and off) the St Pats committee for years.

So recently she has been trying to find a new route for the 10k course. She called Ted about the race because the 10k will run through the neighborhood.

The 5k won't affect the neighborhood at all (it will remain on the levee) . Previously the 10k started on the levee and was an out and back, so was not that interesting to run. This year the 10k will be on the levee for the first mile, going from Johnny's to 8th and Oak, then run on Oak to 9th St, past The Bird (where there may be a pit stop and aid station), and then turn on Maple and run to 7th. Then crossing Locust to Elm, running west to 3rd (there will be volunteers at the 7th and Locust intersection to help, because it's so busy). At 3rd and Elm, people will get back up on the levee and then run parts of South Lawrence and end at Johnny's. The faster runners will run the race in about 25-30 minutes; the slower runners will be around 48 minutes, and walkers may be done in an hour or a little longer.

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Ellen said there will be door hangers distributed in the neighborhood. For residents who live on streets where runners will be coming through, people can come out and cheer as runners pass. The recreational runners and walkers do this for fun, and love being cheered. This is a small run; not as many runners as the Turkey Trot. Last year there were 48 for the 10k and 148 for the 5k. This year there are 83 signed up for the 10k. We will have brochures available at the Chili Supper.

Ted asked if anyone had any other comments or questions (see below). Then he talked a little bit about the history of North Lawrence and the issues we have had in the past with storm water drainage (e.g. the flood in '93) and what the city has done to remediate these issues. The underpass pump went in in 1995, but that only helped the commercial areas (North 2nd St). Then we got the Maple Street pump finally 20+ years later (near 6th and Maple, the lowest spot in NL).

Ted may go back into negotiations to try to open a new-build grocery store in as part of the Johnny's redevelopment project. It's in the idea stage, and he will hopefully present it to a grocery retailer soon. The project at 7th and NH is going too slowly, so perhaps he can light a fire under their boots by proposing a competing location.

Pinwheel Farm Open Sheep Shearing will be the weekend of March 30th.

(The unofficial mayor of Vinland is Floyd Schmidt per Ellen.)

President's activities Winter Quarter 2 2018-2019 (Nov-January)

11/3/18

Talked with Marvin at Quality Tow about some residents in the trailer court on North Street. A resident brings his dog into Marvin's yard to do its business. The resident does this day and night, even at 2-3 a.m., and then says that one of the drivers tries to run him over. Ted called Police officer Trent McKinley about the problem, and Trent will send a price car to talk to both Marvin and the trailer court resident.

11/8/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting to talk about a smaller grocery store, perhaps 25,000 square feet, and how to use extra space for another business.

11/12/18

Led North Lawrence Improvement Association meeting. Guest speakers were Rick Renfro and John Davis, talking about the development project behind Johnny's, in which the first phase will be apartments and commercial storefronts. Michelle Dillon from the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging also spoke about resources in the community that are provided for no cost to senior citizens.

11/15/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee to discuss a Checkers store and how to help them at the city level. Also discussing potential 1500 square feet left over on first floor of building. Also talked to Bill Fleming about giving a donation to the North Lawrence Christmas fund.

11/16/18

Spoke with the police about the suspected drug house on North 4th Street. The police are watching it and checking out the traffic that visits the house.

11/21/18

Met with Rick Renfro about the project behind Johnny's and ow it will benefit NLIA and North Lawrence.

11/23/18

Visited Merchants to collect for the Christmas fund. NLIA will adopt 5 NL families.

11/28/18

Attended LAN meeting. Discussed city notifications of future projects in neighborhoods by developers or the city. Ted and the LAN president will draft a petition for all neighborhoods to sign and LAN and NLIA will present this to the city commission. The goal is for the commissioners to create a policy that states the city will contact the neighborhood associations or a contact person for each neighborhood regarding what type of project is scheduled and when it will be happening.

12/4/18

President's activities Winter Quarter 2 2018-2019 (Nov-January)

Attended the city commission meeting to discuss spending CBDG money in a neighborhood and public works to write an estimate on the cost of the project to be done so the neighborhood can write a grant for the project.

12/6/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. We talked about a back up plan, which would be to build a grocery store in North Lawrence in the project behind Johnny's. Also went out collecting Christmas Fund donations for our 5 adopted families from North Lawrence.

12/10/18

North Lawrence Improvement Association meeting at Centenary United Methodist Church. The church opened up for North Lawrence residents to see the Festival of Nativities. There are over 800 nativities on display on the second floor of the church, and the volunteers serve attendees hot apple cider. Beverly Cates brought cookies to share. NLIA donated \$50 to the church as well as \$50 to Visiting Nurses and \$50 to Ballard center. We also collected canned goods and dry goods for Ballard. Earlier in the day called the city to pick up the neighborhood cleanup dumpster.

12/11/18

Collected Christmas fund donations from North Lawrence businesses totaling \$500. Also attended a meeting about selecting the new city manager.

12/12/18

Collected Christmas fund donations for our 5 North Lawrence families, and we plan to give \$100 gift cards to four other families.

12/19/18

Attended the Planning Commission meeting to discuss the project behind Johnny's and to express concern about the height of the buildings and the project needing its own storm water drainage system. Also visited Becky Price at Ballard Center with NLIA Coordinator to give \$600 in gift cards to each of the 5 adopted families. We also had 5 \$50-dollar gift cards to be given to working poor families in North Lawrence.

1/4/19

Total Christmas fund donations collected were \$4600 this year from North Lawrence businesses along North 2nd and North 3rd streets.

1/10/19

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting to discuss moving the grocery store effort to the new project in North Lawrence on N Massachusetts Street (Johnny's project)>

1/11/19

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Talked with the North Mass project developers to get the current plans for their project so we can present them to Price Chopper store owner Barry Queen in February 2019. We'd like him to consider locating his next store in North Lawrence.

1/12/19

Cleared snow on sidewalks on both sides of Elm street in the 300 and 400 blocks to help residents.

1/17/19

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting to discuss the storm water drainage issues for the project at Johnny's/North Mass. They will not be able to hook up to the current city system, so will have to develop their own.

1/23/19

Met with City Mayor Lisa Larsen, LAN President Courtney Shiply, and East Lawrence Neighborhood Association President Phil Collison to discuss the idea submitted at LAN to require city staff to communicate directly with the neighborhoods about what projects the city and/or developers have coming up in each neighborhood, which would be everything from street repairs and closures to new homes and buildings being built.

1/28/19

Rescheduled NLIA meeting at Peace Mennonite Church. Ellen Young spoke with us about the route the 10k Shamrock Shuffle will take through North Lawrence. We also talked about some history of North Lawrence with a new resident who was in attendance.

1/31/19

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Continuing the discussion about moving efforts to put a grocery store in North Lawrence at the development site behind Johnny's/North Mass. We will get the plans from John Davis and talk to Barry Queen at his office in Paola, KS.

11/3/18

Social media posts about neighborhood cleanup. We had some "bad actors" at the dumpster.

11/8/18

Planning for the NLIA meeting, submitting to Datebook, social media posts

11/9/18

Social media posts again regarding the overfilled dumpster and reminding residents about the rules for bulky item pickup by the city.

11/12/18

Attended NLIA meeting.

11/20/19

Website work and GoDaddy website renewal.

11/25/18

Helped a neighbor shovel another neighbor's driveway and got her on the list for shoveling when we have heavy snows.

11/27/18

Worked on very overdue performance reports, worked on newsletter, and updating social media.

11/28/18

Working on the December newsletter and the CBDG grant.

12/3/18

Working on the December newsletter and finishing up the DBDG grant.

12/4/18

Worked on the December newsletter.

12/5/18

More newsletter work; social media reminders about next NLIA gathering.

12/9/18

Finished first draft of December newsletter.

12/10/18

Administrative work and social media posts re upcoming event

12/10/18

NLIA gathering at Centenary United Methodist Church for the Festival of Nativities (not an official meeting, so no minutes)

12/11/18

Final edits of newsletter and sent to printer.

12/19/18

Meeting with Becky Price at Ballard Center to give her the Christmas families' donations.

12//20/18

Social media work.

1/10/19

Social media and website announcements about postponed NLIA meeting.

1/11/19

Social media work.

1/14/19

Social media and website notifications, church notice (for canceled meeting), and call with Ted.

1/24/19

Social media notifications and Datebook for rescheduled meeting.

1/27/19

Social media notifications re 1/28 meeting and posting the city's update regarding estimated water meter readings.

1/28/19

NLIA meeting at Peace Mennonite Church, 7 pm.

1/30/19

Social media work, keeping residents apprised of certain activities at the city level that could affect them.

2/4/19

Social media work, same as above.

2/7/19

Working on form for submitting dishes to Chili Supper, social media notifications and other work for the supper.

2/8/19

More work for the Chili Supper, social media and Datebook, and call with Ted.

2/9/19

Quarterly report work and submission via email.

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About The North Lawrence Improvement Association

North Lawrence residents have many opportunities to stay connected through attendance at NLIA meetings, picnics, school functions, and other gatherings. Most of the information about these events is communicated through this newsletter, our website, and on our Facebook page. The North Lawrence Improvement Association is a non-profit, neighborhood organization representing the people who live in the area.

By joining the NLIA, you connect with those who share similar concerns, questions, and a love of North Lawrence. Dues are only \$1 per year, per person. The more voices we have, the more people will listen.

NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through May, 7:00pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion, we may need to change a

meeting date or location; this information will be announced on our Facebook page, the North Lawrence groups there, our website, and this newsletter.

We welcome any suggestions or improvements you would like to see for future publications.

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NEIGHBORHOOD HIGHLIGHT

The Annual Festival of Nativities is held each year at Centenary United Methodist Church, 245 N. 4th Street. Volunteers are gracious enough to open the doors to NLIA on the second Monday evening of December in lieu of our regular meeting.

The Festival of Nativities is open to the public on weekends through December 29th this year. Hundreds of beautiful nativities from all over the world are on display, with new ones arriving every year. It's a fabulous way to boost your Christmas spirit.

There are also homemade treats and crafts for sale. Call the church at 843-1756 for details.



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Lawrence Improvement
Association's Page on Facebook**

Calendar of Events

- 12/10 NLIA at Festival of Nativities, Centenary United Methodist Church, 7 pm
- 1/14/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street
- 2/11/19 NLIA Cabin Fever Chili Supper, Union Pacific Depot, 6pm–8 pm
- 3/11/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street
- 4/8/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street



NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Note Highlights

NLIA Meeting Highlights — April 9, 2018 Met 7pm-8:30 pm, Union Pacific Depot, 10 attendees

Officers present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Alison (Coordinator)

President's report: Ted talked about the spring newsletter arriving soon, the neighborhood cleanup, and limb chipping. He said the Union Pacific quiet zone was once again in the works. There have been some budget cuts, so the newsletter will be smaller and our operating budget may be challenged. We are getting speed bumps as planned by the previous grant years and should see their addition through the next 18 months. City storm water crews will also be redirecting drainage ditches toward the Maple Street pump. Dump trucks that have not been following the proper route to the clean landfill have been reported. These heavy trucks aren't meant to drive on the residential roads in North Lawrence.

Treasurer's report: Beverly gave the report and echoed that we may be short for next year. She reminded attendees about the February 2019 Chili supper and signup as well as the community dinner at Centenary United Methodist Church on the third Wednesday of every month.

Guest speakers: Shane Munsch and Gordon Leong from ICL. Gordon gave an overview of ICL's operations throughout the world and the products that they deal in (chiefly potassium, phosphorous, and bromine) for agricultural and industrial uses. He gave a brief history of the Lawrence plant and its specialty solutions that go into food, beverages, personal care items, medical and pharmaceutical applications, and electronic, technical, and industrial applications. Gordon highlighted their

investments in infrastructure at the plant as well as our community. They partner with Woodlawn Elementary, help in local emergency planning and preparedness, contribute to local charities and community boards, participate in Junior Achievement and Eagles' Day, and work with the United Way.

Shane gave a history of the groundwater issues around the plant. Previous disposal practices by FMC resulted in arsenic and phosphate contamination of groundwater. The source area was remediated in the 1970s, but contamination is still present, albeit in the 1 ppm range. The current goal is to reduce the level below drinking water standards of 1 ppb. While arsenic is a naturally-occurring element, in this case they are still cleaning up arsenic that was created and dumped after the original plant opened in the 1950s. The 53 wells on the ICL property (south of the plant) are sampled and gauged semiannually or quarterly. The river is also sampled up and downstream semiannually. The corrective action plan with the state addresses the contamination long-term and proves for active treatment long term.

Public comment: A resident asked if the city has consulted with FMC on this project regarding the plant south of town. A resident asked if tree roots and other crops are taking up the arsenic into their roots. FMC is working with ICL on this, and trees don't grow roots down to the groundwater level. A resident asked if they would be calling for volunteers from North Lawrence to help with the wildlife area. Shane said they will think about a neighborhood work day. They brought treats (made with ICL products) to share with residents and gave out carbon monoxide detectors.

NLIA Meeting Highlights — May 14, 2018 Met 7-8:30 pm, Union Pacific Depot, 10 attendees

Officers present: Ted (President), Jeff, (Vice-President), Alison (Coordinator)

President's report: After a great conversation about vegetables with some attendees, Ted updated about the budget cuts and the speed humps planned for the year. The city will install speed humps on Lincoln Street, so the grant money earmarked for that street will move to Lyon Street. He said the Health Department cited North Lawrence as having one of the highest Safe Routes ratings in the city. This is due to the speed humps and other capital improvements. Ted said the garage sale is coming up on Friday and Saturday. Alison is working on the Google Map for the sale.

Treasurer's report: Jeff gave the report, as Beverly is visiting family.

Guest speakers: Margretta DeVries, a resident, and Chief Mark Bradford, Lawrence Fire Department. Margretta presented on the KU bike rental program that started the second week in April. 180 bikes from VeoBike, currently all on campus. They have GPS trackers and can be rented via QR code and a downloadable app. She said in the first 5 days, 1000 people downloaded the app for a total of 1600 rides. A pass can be purchased for monthly or yearly use of the bikes as well.



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Fire chief Bradford gave an overview of what Fire and Medical currently do in Lawrence. He talked about minimum staffing requirements and all the calls that the service does — fire suppression, rescues, hazardous materials, medical calls both in the city and the county. He talked about the renovation at Station 1 and ideas for creating systems that will ensure response availability. He said reliability goes down as the number of incidents go up, so public education and awareness can help people to call immediately for help. For a regular structure fire, 17 people have to be on the scene before they can send a firefighter into the fire. This has to do with safety and backup systems and to ensure firefighter safety. All stations respond to calls from all over the town and county; there isn't such a thing as a "neighborhood" station. He said that North Lawrence has fewer calls and better response times than many other areas of the city.

Public comment: A resident asked about funding and was concerned the department is under-funded. The Chief said that they budget carefully and do so well on the money they are given, it is perceived that they don't need more. Most of the cost is staffing, but structural issues are becoming a concern at a number of the stations. A resident asked what the biggest challenge is in providing fire service in Lawrence. The Chief said a priority right now is code-driven requirements; smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, automatic sprinkler systems and implementation of proper construction and building codes can save lives. A resident asked about the department's night consultant program (inspections) and if other city employees could be trained for this job. The Chief said civilians, teachers, and veterans would be a consideration for public education and inspection jobs, rather than firefighters. A resident asked about the cycle for aging out and purchasing new equipment. All trucks were replaced between 2008-18, so that cycle is starting again. A resident asked what the "coolest stat" from the department was. The Chief responded that there have only been three line-of-duty deaths in the entire history of the department, and very few civilian deaths. Ted mentioned the pre-empts changing in NL and the Chief said that they are working on the geofencing that will trigger the proper lights in sequence when needed.

NLIA Meeting Highlights — October 8, 2018 Met 7-8:30 pm, Peace Mennonite, 10 attendees

Officers present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice President), Alison (Coordinator)

President's and treasurer's report: Ted gave the treasurer's report, as Beverly has retired from the position after 15 years. Ted asked for volunteers to bring cookies for the next meeting and announced the Chili Supper signup sheet. Ted has been working on improving communication between the city and the neighborhoods, highlighting some instances such as the mix-up regarding speed humps on Lincoln street. He talked about the speed humps that are in the works via CBDG money for 2019. He updated the group on the signalization efforts at 4th and Locust, for the train tracks, and said a representative from UP would talk about the quiet zone in one of the early meetings in 2019. He said he attended the commission meetings talking about Air BnB rentals in town and was one of the only attendees who is interested in restricting these properties to "owner-occupied." He addressed the concerns that come up with increasing density throughout our neighborhood with "tiny houses" — storm water runoff is severely affected by infill building. He reviewed the last 5 years of the downtown grocery project, as it was in the news again recently. They are at a stalemate on the project.

Public comments: An attendee asked who has the final say-so on city-county unification on projects, specifically about contracting projects out. The Vice-Mayor was present to answer that final say-so is the city commission, and there is always notification, public input, and commission debate. Jeff echoed that issues with infill relating to storm water and flooding are evident in Kansas City, and that he hopes our city will keep storm water runoff a priority. An attendee asked who determines where the speed humps go. Ted said the residents do, as long as there is 70% approval on the targeted street. An attendee asked about snow removal by the city, and commented about plows directing snow into ditches rather than plowing in parked cars. An attendee asked about a possible pedestrian crossing on North 2nd street. As it is a state highway, so the state would have to be petitioned. An attendee asked about a business north of town that is trucking in chicken manure from Arkansas for its fields. She was concerned about the health hazards and has not gotten an answer from any agency she has contacted. An attendee asked about the covered trucks running west-to-east on Lyon Street to the clean landfill. The county is responsible for enforcing the route; the trucks are not to use Lyon Street. Ted said the Treasurer position is open for 2019; those are some big shoes to fill! Our guest speakers did not attend because it was a federal holiday for them, but we weren't notified that they had the day off.

NLIA Meeting Highlights — November 12, 2018 Met 7-8:30 pm, Peace Mennonite, 14 attendees

Officers present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice President), Alison (Coordinator)

President's report: Ted reported on the new neighborhood cleanup scheme we tried this year. NLIA got a roll off dumpster and placed it behind the church at 4th and Elm. It filled quickly and Ted had to ride herd on people not practicing "good dumpster etiquette". He repeatedly had to visit the dumpster, track down people who put the wrong items in it, and move items around so they fit in the dumpster without overfilling it. Neighbors were given notice of when they could and could not use the dumpster via Facebook. Ted figured each dumpster we filled would cost the neighborhood around \$300 and reminded residents that all household hazardous waste needs to go to the facility on Kresge road.



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Ted also talked about the changes that Westar has made in blue LED lights throughout the neighborhood, that we need a treasurer, about this year's Christmas Fund donations and families, and the chili feed which is coming up at the February meeting.

Treasurer's report: In lieu of a treasurer, Alison gave the report and it was available to view during the meeting.

Guest speakers: Michelle from the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging and Rick Renfro, Paul Warner, and John Davis talking about the proposed development at and behind Johnny's Tavern.

The JAAA office is located at Independence, Inc. and they travel to meet potential clients as well. The office provides information and outreach for seniors and their caregivers, matching them with services that are available based on income and veteran status. They also provide case management services and help people with transportation, landlord issues, and other issues. They provide support for caregivers as well. The 1965 Older Americans act was established for people 60 years of age and above, and the Area Agencies on Aging were created out of this act.

Ted introduced Rick and Paul, who brought a map showing the several years of proposed development on and behind the Johnny's Tavern site. They have turned their plans into the city and will have to go before the planning commission, city commission, and historic resources committee. They are also coordinating with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Gaslight and the stone building that houses Third Eye Sadies, as well as the original Johnny's building, will all remain. Phase 1 will add onto existing buildings, moving both north and west with development up to five stories. In the following phases, they hope to continue north along the river with retail, restaurant, office, and living spaces. They have approvals from the Corps to do boring to see where rock and sand are, to test what kind of foundations they can do on new buildings. They spoke about drainage issues and possible solutions for the site. They will not be allowed to tie into the drainage system and pump for the underpass at 2nd and Locust. Ted said the gravity-fed drains on the river might prove inadequate for site drainage.

A resident asked about the height of the proposed buildings and how this would affect North 2nd street (creating a lot of shade in winter) and also about the building's setback, which would be as much as 80 feet from the road. A resident asked about the intended retail and office uses; Paul said it would not be a "power center" for retail like South Iowa, but would only be equivalent to about a half block of downtown. Residents asked about both the remaining trailer tenants and the current shop tenants, if they would stay. The trailers will be removed before groundbreaking, which is estimated to be fall 2019. A resident asked about financing for such a project. John said that redevelopment is more expensive than new development, and that there is no "big money" behind the project right now. A resident asked if there could be community garden areas in the new development. Paul also mentioned petitioning the state to change the bridge guardrails to safer versions for small children.



A note about printing the meeting minutes...


Due to continued budget constraints, we've had to cut back on the number of pages for the newsletter. Highlights from the minutes of previous meetings will be printed here, and the full text will be posted on our website www.northlawrencekansas.com. If you'd like printed copies of the full notes for any reason, please get in touch with the NLIA coordinator. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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A note from the President

Well, it was a hot, dry summer, and fall turned into winter too soon. Christmas is just around the corner. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a safe and Happy New Year.

There's a big project starting behind Johnny's Bar & Grill. There will be 80 apartments north of Johnny's, and the current north end of the Johnny's building will be removed to make room for the project. 5 stories may be too tall; I think 4 stories would be a lot better for our neighborhood.

We are looking at the storm water drainage issue and impacts. This project has to have its own storm drainage, and it has to be done in the first phase of the project. NLIA will keep an eye on the project as it develops, and we'll have information at the NLIA meetings every month (second Monday night at 7 pm).

Thank you,

Ted Boyle — NLIA President

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Calendar of Events

- 12/10 NLIA at Festival of Nativities, Centenary United Methodist Church, 7 pm
- 1/14/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street
- 2/11/19 NLIA Cabin Fever Chili Supper, Union Pacific Depot, 6pm—8 pm
- 3/11/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street
- 4/8/19 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm, Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street

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