

OREAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Performance Reports - November 2008 thru January 2009

The neighborhood association's goal is to reduce blight; structural and environmental. Blight is routinely addressed at each monthly neighborhood meeting. Topics include: follow-up on specific properties that have been identified with structural or environmental blight concerns, discussion of proposed demolitions, over occupancy concerns, and requests for parking variances which can result in increased density. The potential for increased density can compromise existing housing stock; potentially resulting in disrepair of housing stock and chronic overcrowding in the neighborhood. According to the City of Lawrence 2007 Action Plan, 91% of Oread is renter occupied while only 9% is owner occupied.

The activities of the neighborhood association support the following CDBG funding priorities identified by the Community Development Advisory Committee:

- Activities which foster neighborhood improvement, stability and encourage sense of community
- Projects that identify and address blighted residential areas
- Activities that improve quality of housing stock – decent, safe, sanitary, accessible
- Projects to encourage income and owner/rental mix

Neighborhood activities also meet the following national objective:

- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight.

ONA Meeting minutes can be viewed at: <http://www.oreadneighborhood.org/ONAMeetingMinutes.shtml>

ONA Newsletters can be viewed at: <http://www.oreadneighborhood.org/ONANewsletters.shtml>

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11/06/2008	Oread Representation at Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1005 Indiana (destroyed by fire): Two variances considered; reduce building setback and not provide any off-street parking or an 8-bedroom congregate residence. [Density]	3
11/20/2008	Monthly Neighborhood Meeting <u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1043 Indiana (KU property): KU is not ready to move forward with the sale of this property; it has been vacated. [Structural Blight]• 1232 Louisiana: On August 12, 2008, the City Commission approved demolition with conditions. [Structural Blight]<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rezoning: This is being handled as an administrative review; from University District (U) to Multi-Dwelling Residential District (RM-32).○ Documentation of Structure: This was to be done by the property owners within 30 days following adoption of Resolution No. 6791. If not, the city can produce the documentation that is needed with costs assessed to the property. A representative of the property owners has indicated that	6

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	<p>documentation of the structure is considered excessive and they would like relief from this requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 903 Alabama: Two variances to be considered by the BZA; to exceed the maximum 12 dwelling units per acre and reduce side yard setback. The plan is to move the existing structure so it is located on its own lot. This will free up the second lot for a duplex dwelling. [Density] 1005 Indiana (destroyed by fire on 7/31): The BZA approved two variances for this property at their November 6th Meeting; to reduce the building setback and to not provide any off-street parking spaces for an 8-bedroom congregate residence. [Density] District 1 Historic Designation: A letter has been sent to the KS Historic Sites Board of Review requesting an historic designation survey in District 1 (i.e.: North of KU football stadium). [Preserve Existing Housing Stock / Density] <p><u>'Good Neighbor' Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Promise: Two churches in the neighborhood will host families participating in the Family Promise program. The Family Promise day center will be located in Oread at 905 Tennessee. CDBG Capital Improvement Project – Water Pump for Community Garden: Endorsement from the property owners is pending. 	
11/24/2008	Family Promise Meeting at Plymouth Congregational Church [Good Neighbor]	3
12/04/2008	<p>Oread Representation at Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 903 & 903 ½ Alabama: Proposed variances discussed; exceed the maximum 12 dwelling units per acre standard in an RM12D district and a reduction in the 10 feet minimum exterior side yard setback for residential structures. The plan included moving the existing duplex structure north so it is situated on its own lot (Lot 1). This opens the second lot for development of a new duplex. [Increased Density] 	2
12/10/2008	Meeting with Oread Inn Developers and City Planning Staff to discuss changes to the streetscape for the hotel. [Neighborhood Improvement / Stability]	2
12/28/2008	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting</p> <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1043 Indiana (KU property): Public sale is pending. A meeting will be held on January 9th to discuss this further. [Structural Blight] 1232 Louisiana (approved for demolition): Documentation of the property is needed prior to demolition. The applicant has not officially requested relief from this condition identified by the City Commission. [Structural Blight] 	10

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 903 & 903 ½ Alabama: The BZA approved the proposed variances. The plan is to move the existing duplex north so it is situated on its own lot (Lot 1). This will open the second lot for development of a new duplex. [Increased Density] Neighborhood Plan: Tuesday, January 6th, tentatively selected to meet with Michelle Leininger, City Planner, to begin discussion about updating the neighborhood plan. [Preservation] 	
01/06/2009	Neighborhood Plan Meeting with Planning and Development Services Staff [Stability]	5
01/10/2009	Town Meeting on Homelessness [Good Neighbor]	10
01/15/2009	Rental Registration – City of Lawrence Meeting [Improve Quality of Housing Stock]	3
Third Week of January	Distribution of Neighborhood Newsletter [Encourage Sense of Community]	Sent to +2,000 residents
01/22/2009	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting <u>Special Guest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Jimenez, , spoke with neighbors about the proposed expansion of the city's rental registration program and the neighborhood's blight survey. [Blight / Safety / Preservation] <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1043 Indiana (KU property): There has been no decision yet as to exactly how/when the property will be sold. The University has narrowed their options and they are moving toward a final decision. [Structural Blight] 1232 Louisiana (Approved for Demolition): Nothing new to report. Documentation of the existing structure is still pending. This is needed before the structure can be demolished. [Structural Blight] Environmental Blight: Two properties reported to the city for excessive trash / furniture. There is concern that these conditions could pose a fire hazard. [Environmental Blight] Neighborhood Plan: A public notice will be sent to stakeholders in late January about updating the existing neighborhood plan. [Preservation] Historic Designation – District 1: The city has received the grant notification from the Historic Preservation Fund Review Committee and a public hearing will be held next month. A neighbor volunteered to speak on behalf of District 1 at that meeting. [Preservation] <p><u>'Good Neighbor' Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDBG Capital Improvement Project: Endorsement from the property owners is pending. 	10

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01/23/2009	Progress Meeting – Oread Inn: Limited bus traffic will be allowed through the construction area. [Neighborhood Improvement]	2