

OREAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Performance Report – February thru April 2009

The neighborhood association's goal is to reduce blight; structural and environmental. Blight is routinely addressed at each monthly neighborhood meeting with topics that 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 the integrity of the neighborhood as it is today; potentially resulting in disrepair of housing stock and chronic overcrowding to include cars and people. 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>

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Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
02/09/09	Oread Neighborhood Plan Meeting @ Lawrence Public Library [Improvement / Stability / Preservation]	50
02/25/09	Oread Neighborhood Plan Meeting @ City Hall [Neighborhood Improvement / Stability / Preservation]	30
02/26/09	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting: Board Member Elections</p> <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Blight Report: Discuss properties reported to the city because of excessive trash, furniture stacked on porch, cars parked on lawns, trash cans at curb, etc. [Environmental Blight]. • Expansion of Rental Registration: Discuss outcome of 2/17 City Commission meeting [Structural Blight / Preservation] • Neighborhood Plan Update: Discuss outcome of February 9th and 25th meetings [Preservation] • Historic Survey – District 1: Discuss outcome of 2/21 Kansas Sites Board meeting / grant proposal to fund survey [Preservation / Control Density]. <p><u>'Good Neighbor' Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westar Energy Presentation: Laura Lutz spoke with the neighbors about ways that they can be more energy 	14

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	<p>efficient. The presentation included a giveaway with a CFL bulb, outlet protectors, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Lawrence Cycling Event: Bob Sanner, Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau, spoke with the group about the proposed plans. Neighbors agreed unanimously to write a letter of support for this event that will occur over the 4th of July weekend. • Historic Survey: Neighbors agreed unanimously to contribute \$300.00 to the City of Lawrence for expenses that will be incurred if a grant agreement is entered into with the KS State Historical Society. 	
03/03/09	<p>ONA donated \$300.00 to the City of Lawrence to help offset some of the "In-Kind/Cash Match" that is needed to accept the grant award for the Historic Survey north of the stadium. [Good Neighbor / Preservation]</p>	1
03/11/09	<p>Renaming Missouri Street, from 10th – 11th Streets, in honor of Don Fambrough: An informal neighborhood poll was initiated via e-mail. Oread neighbors were overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal to be considered by the City Commission on 3/24. This was subsequently permanently removed from the commission's agenda. [Sense of Community]</p>	+15
03/26/09	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting: <u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Blight Report (8 properties): Discuss properties reported to the city because of excessive trash, furniture stacked on porch, cars parked on lawns, trash cans at curb, etc. [Environmental Blight]. • 928 Ohio – Rehab / New Addition: Considered by the Historic Resources Commission at their March meeting. An Oread representative left the neighborhood meeting to attend the HRC meeting that was in progress. The rehab / new addition will result in an increase in density. [Density]. • ONA Blight Survey: Discuss the top 20 properties that have been identified with poor or very poor structural condition ratings. [Structural Blight] • Historic Survey – District 1: Discuss outcome of 2/21 Kansas Sites Board meeting / grant proposal to fund survey [Preservation / Control Density]. <p><u>'Good Neighbor' Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Development Advisory Committee agreed to fully fund neighborhoods who had requested CDBG funding. The Ballard Community Center had asked for \$20,000 but only received \$6,000 after all of the allocations had been made. ONA will carefully consider how neighborhood expenses can be reduced so that addition funds can be made available to other, important community programs in need. 	6

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	<p>Oread Representation at Historic Resources Commission Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 928 Ohio Street: A rehab / new addition are being proposed for this structure. The neighborhood would like to ensure that the historical character of the neighborhood is preserved while minimizing increases in density. This will be discussed with the HRC. [Preservation / Density] 	1
04/14/09	Coalition for Homeless Concerns and Community Coalition on Homelessness Meetings	1
04/15/09	Meeting with city staff to discuss boarding house concerns [Preservation / Control Density]	4
04/23/09	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting:</p> <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Blight Report (7 properties): Discuss properties reported to the city because of excessive trash, furniture stacked on porch, cars parked on lawns, trash cans at curb, etc. [Environmental Blight]. Planning Submittals: Three were submitted for the Oread Neighborhood; one variance needed so that a duplex could be built and two for boarding house renovations. [Density] Demolition Permit: One for a garage that has severely deteriorated. [Structural Blight] Historic Resources Agenda: Plymouth Congregational nominated for the National Register of Historic Places [Preservation]. Development Code Text Amendment – Boarding Houses: Discuss the need for this and how to proceed [Preservation / Density] Progress reports provided for: Expansion of rental registration to multi-family zoned neighborhoods, Historic Survey – District 1, Updating the Neighborhood Plan, and status of 1232 Louisiana demo [Preservation / Control Density]. <p><u>'Good Neighbor' Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The electronic recycling event, scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, was included as an "FYI" on the meeting agenda. 	8
	Oread representation at the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting.	1