

OREAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
 Quarterly Performance Report – August thru October 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; potentially resulting in disrepair of housing stock and chronic overcrowding (i.e.: more people and vehicles). 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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	Oread Neighborhood Plan Meeting / Planning Department (Present neighborhood objectives document to Planning Staff) [Preservation]	12
08/20/09	Monthly neighborhood meeting <u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Plan Update: Review outline of proposed long-range objectives. [Preservation] • Boarding House Text Amendment: Review text amendment to be considered at the August 24th Planning Commission meeting. [Preservation / Control Density] • Joint Work Session on Oread Neighborhood Plan/Planning and Historic Resources Commissions: Discuss potential requirements for duplex development (lots need to be 7,000 sq ft or larger) and implementation of overlay districts to help facilitate the presence of single-family homes in RM12D zoned areas. [Preservation / Density / Stability] • Blight Report: Discuss the sale of 1043 Indiana (KU property), pending demolition of 1232 Louisiana, and walking neighborhood blight survey. [Structural Blight] • Duplex Variances: The city believes that there is a conflict in the development code that includes standards 	9

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	<p>that cannot be met in RM12D districts in older portions of the city (i.e.: lot sizes are too small). Planning Commission to review a code amendment in the next 2-3 months. In the meantime, property owners are asked to request a variance from the BZA to develop a duplex on lots that do not meet code requirements as they are written at this time. [Density]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Survey / District 1: It is anticipated that the Request for Quote will be published the second week of September. This will initiate the bidding process for the survey that will be conducted. [Preservation / Stability] <p><u>Good Neighbor / Sense of Community Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KU-City Agreement/Five Year Review: Representatives from neighborhood associations adjacent to KU and the University of Kansas will meet to discuss the agreement and update if needed. [Encourage a sense of community]. 	
08/22/09	Initiate the addition of pavement marking arrows on 16 th Street at Tennessee and Kentucky Streets [Neighborhood Improvement / Safety]	1
08/26/09	Oread participation in the Planning Commission / Historic Resources Commission work session [Preservation / Stability]	15
08/29/09	Oread participation in the City of Lawrence Employee Appreciation event. [Encourage a sense of community / Good Neighbors]	2
First Week of September	Distribution of Neighborhood Newsletter [Encourage a Sense of Community]	Sent to +2,000 residents
09/14/09	Oread Neighborhood Plan Meeting with Planning Department staff: Progress review. [Preservation / Encourage Income and Owner/Rental Mix]	6
09/16/09	Oread Participation in the LCS Block Party [Good Neighbor / Sense of Community]	12
09/21/09	Oread participation in the Planning Commission meeting. Revised language to code for site plan review was discussed (i.e.: trash storage sites). This topic was initiated by the neighborhood following approval of site plans that did not have any space identified for trash storage on site. [Environment Blight]	2
09/22/09	Neighborhood meeting with KU Administrative Staff (Stadium expansion, realignment of 11 th Street, plans for two new scholarship halls) [Encourage Sense of Community / Neighborhood Improvement / Pedestrian Safety]	3
09/24/09	<p>Monthly Neighborhood Meeting</p> <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blight Report: Discuss pending demolition of 1232 Louisiana. The city plans to begin documenting the structure on Friday, 9/25. When that has been done, the structure can then be demolished. [Structural Blight] 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oread Neighborhood Plan: A revised plan should be ready for review by the Planning Commission in October and the Historic Resources Commission in November. [Preservation] • Boarding House Text Amendment: Review text amendment to be considered at the August 24th Planning Commission meeting. [Preservation / Control Density] • Duplex Variances: The city believes that there is a conflict in the development code that sets out standards that cannot be met in RM12D districts in older portions of the city. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will review a code amendment in the next 2-3 months. In the meantime, property owners are asked to request a variance from the BZA to develop a duplex on lots that do not meet code requirements as they are written at this time. [Density] • Historic Survey / District 1: The Request for Quote is pending. The bidding process for the survey will begin after this has been published. [Preservation / Stability] <p><u>Good Neighbor / Sense of Community Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian Lighting Meeting: A joint KU student / city meeting will be held regarding better pedestrian lighting in the Oread neighborhood. An ONA board member agreed to serve as a neighborhood representative at these meetings. [Neighborhood Safety / Encourage Sense of Community] • KU-City Agreement/Five Year Review: Representatives from neighborhood associations adjacent to KU and the University of Kansas will meet to discuss the agreement and update if needed. Meeting date pending according to Dave Corliss. [Encourage a sense of community] • City Events: Announce the fall compost sale and the Festival of Cultures events as FYI items on the September agenda. [Encourage a sense of community] 	
	<p>ONA representation at the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting. [Neighborhood Improvement / Stability]</p>	1
09/30/09	<p>Oread representation at the KU Student Senate pedestrian lighting meeting. [Neighborhood Improvement / Safety]</p>	1
10/06/09	<p>Oread representation at the City Commission Meeting: Change in city code relevant to site plan review (i.e.: Designation of Trash Storage Sites) [Environmental Blight]</p>	2
10/15/09	<p>Oread representation at the October HRC Meeting: Stadium Expansion / 11th Street Realignment, Curb cut and driveway apron at 1000 Indiana Street. [Neighborhood Stability]</p>	3
10/22/09	<p>Monthly neighborhood meeting</p> <p><u>Blight / Density / Preservation Related Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blight Report: Discuss demolition of 1232 Louisiana and property at 1129 Vermont (burned in December 2007). The structure at 1232 Louisiana was demolished on October 15th. Neighbors were disappointed to learn that none of the interior woodwork was salvaged prior to demolition. Sporadic progress has been made at 1129 Vermont. Renovations are underway but progress has been slow and the house is not habitable. 	6

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	<p>[Structural Blight]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition Permit / 1205 Kentucky: A demolition permit for the detached 2-car garage was submitted to the city on October 12th. Photos of the structure will be sent to ONA board members to review. [Structural Blight] • Oread Neighborhood Plan: A revised plan should be ready for review by the Planning Commission in October. The Historic Resources Commission would then review the plan in November. [Preservation] • Capital Improvement Project: Improvements to the steps at 10th and Mississippi will be included as a Capital Improvement project on the 2010 CDBG grant application. These are particularly treacherous during the winter months. [Neighborhood Improvement] • Oread Neighborhood Plan: Michelle Leininger is still working a revised draft of the plan. This should be ready for review by the Planning Commission and Historic Resources Commission in November. • Duplex Variances in Oread: Scott McCullough has this high on his priority list. Work will begin on this by the end of the year. [Density] <p><u>Good Neighbor / Sense of Community Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Chancellor: A meeting will be scheduled with the KU Chancellor. This will give ONA board member representatives an opportunity to establish an effective working relationship with the new KU Chancellor. [Encourage a sense of community] • Pedestrian Lighting Initiative: Oread neighbors were asked to write a letter in support of this KU Student Senate initiative. The neighborhood would like to postpone this until more specific information is available. [Neighborhood Improvement / Sense of Community] • Electronic Recycling Event: This city event was announced at the October neighborhood meeting. [Encourage Sense of Community] • KU-City Agreement/Five Year Review: Representatives from neighborhood associations and the University of Kansas will meet to discuss the agreement and update if needed. Meeting date still pending. [Encourage a sense of community] • Historic Survey / District 1: The Request for Quote is pending. The bidding process for the survey will begin after this has been published. [Preservation / Stability] 	
10/26/09	Oread representation at the October Planning Commission Meeting: Boarding House text amendment, Status update for the Oread Neighborhood Plan [Stability / Density]	6