

Oread Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 31, 2007 @ Noon
Yello Sub on Campus
Approved: April 23, 2007

Attending: Candy Davis, James Dunn, Marci Francisco, Devon Kim, Beth Reiber, Jerry Stubbs, and Carol von Tersch

Absent: Rene Diaz, Nils Gore, Laura Herlihy, Christy Kennedy, and Deb Milks

Guests: Nancy Dunn, Devon's children and Paige Wente

District 1 Representative

Candy Davis reported that Ann Blackhurst, 931 Maine, is interested in taking Nils Gore's place on the board. Ann hopes to be able to attend the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Register Reports: The board reviewed register reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator accounts. The balances were as follows:

- Treasurer Account: \$6,544.33
Requests for Payment from CDBG funds will be submitted to Neighborhood Resources as follows:

CDBG Request for Payment – March 2007	
Coordinator Salary	\$557.38
Operating Expenses	\$44.73
TOTAL	\$602.11

With the addition of the CDBG Requests for Payment, the balance in the Treasurer's Account will be ~\$7,150.00.

- Coordinator Account: \$14.63 (The Coordinator account is used to pay routine, monthly ONA expenses. Each month, the Treasurer transfers funds into the Coordinator's account to cover the phone bill, copying, salary, etc.)

Membership Income: Membership income received since August 01, 2006 is \$231.00.

Coordinator's Report

February Board Meeting Minutes

The February Board meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Demolition Permits

None received since the February board meeting.

Blight

1232 Louisiana

- The sale of this property is still being negotiated. Neighborhood Resources reported that the Notice of Violation for Structural Blight, issued June 2006, will not automatically transfer to the new owner. It is hoped that the new owner is fully aware of the situation and will be working to take care of the blight as quickly as possible. When ownership has changed, Neighborhood Resources will be in contact with the new owner.

1043 Indiana – KU Property

- Julie Wyatt, Neighborhood Resources, has left a message with KU in regards to this property. Facilities Operations plans to have a contractor complete this work and this is the next project slated for completion.

1121 Vermont

- The structure needs to be painted. The property owner had until March 15, 2007, to complete this work. Julie Wyatt re-inspected the property and found that the property still needs to be painted. A complaint request has been filed with the city prosecutor.

901 Missouri

- Occupants had been driving through the yard and destroying it. This was reported to Neighborhood Resources. The property owner has placed timbers around the parking area and this has corrected the problem.

Board of Zoning Appeals

There were no Oread properties listed on the April 05, 2007, BZA agenda.

Historic Resources Commission – April 19th Meeting

The following properties, included on the April agenda, fall within the boundaries of the Oread neighborhood:

1307 and 1313 Massachusetts (Castle Tea Room)

- Special Use Permit / Adaptive Reuse requests.

911 Massachusetts

- Exterior Modifications. It is believed that this is for an awning already in place next to Saffees on Massachusetts Street. The board did not request any additional information about this agenda item.

Rental Registration

City Commissioners are supporting further exploration of this proposal. Rental registration will be included on the budget hearing agenda which will be considered in June or July 2007. Start up money will be needed if the city decides to proceed with the program.

This is an initiative that Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods will continue to pursue. There was some concern that the letter written to the City Commission was signed by the ONA representative on LAN. It would have been more appropriate to have the LAN President sign this communication.

If implemented, this program will essentially pay for itself through fees that will be charged to landlords. Wyandotte County charges \$18.00 per unit annually. This expense is generally passed on to tenants. A city-wide rental registration plan would help to alleviate substandard housing in our community.

There was some discussion about the inspection program. It is believed that it would be appropriate to inform landlords and tenants about upcoming inspections. This will offer landlords an opportunity to ensure that tenants have not created a code violation that would result in a citation (i.e.: blocking an egress). The City should work with tenants and property owners to ensure that the scheduling of inspections is convenient for everyone involved.

Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee

The March 22nd meeting was rescheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This resulted in a conflict for Marci. James was not able to attend as originally planned due to another obligation that he had that afternoon. Essentially, the neighborhood groups will receive base operating funds that include coordinator salary. NRAC has had some concern that neighborhoods receive different amounts.

Therefore, it was decided that all neighborhoods would receive a base amount with additional funding allocated per resident / property owner.

Water Station in Oread

The marathon will start at 8:00 a.m. Devon Kim has volunteered to serve as the Oread water station captain. THANK YOU Devon! The water station will be located at 11th and Mississippi. Devon and Jerry will be meeting with race organizers on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. to learn about the specifics for the water station. Volunteers are asked to be at the water station ~7:30 a.m. It is anticipated that race participants will be coming through the Oread site up through ~9:30 a.m. The course will need to be cleaned up after everyone has passed.

Community Cooperation Committee (CCC)

Candy Davis has completed a one-year term and is no longer serving on this committee. This opportunity is open to anyone in the Lawrence community who is interested in filling her position.

Lawrence Community Shelter – Special Use Permit (2007-2008)

Planning Commission

On March 28th the Planning Commission reviewed the LCS Special Use Permit. A 5-year SUP was requested.

- The Planning Commission was very complimentary of the efforts that LCS has gone to during this past year to get the Good Neighbor Agreement in place. The Good Neighbor Agreement had been signed prior to review of the SUP by the Planning Commission.
- The Planning Commission approved a 3-year SUP.
- The LCS will be required to continue to submit annual reports to the City. An additional condition of approval is that the LCS must hire a full-time security monitor to oversee the activities at the shelter. The LCS board had already approved a ½ time person for this purpose prior to consideration of the SUP by the Planning Commission.

Lawrence City Commission

The LCS SUP will be reviewed by the City Commission on April 17th: The City Commission will also be asked to allow the LCS to retain the awning that is located in the back of the shelter. This is a temporary structure that can be moved when the LCS relocates. This was not approved by the Historic Resources Commission because it does not meet Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Neighborhood Cleanup

The annual neighborhood cleanup will be held in the fall to allow student residents to be involved. Jodi will contact fraternities and sororities in the neighborhood to inquire about getting on their community service calendars for the 2007-2008 academic year.

12th & Indiana

Several ONA board members met with Thomas Fritzel, Fritzel Construction, recently. He is now a co-owner of this property and his group is actively considering a redevelopment proposal. The proposal extends beyond the 12th & Indiana location. Paul Warner will be the architect for this project.

District 1 Rezoning Proposal

The focus of this initiative is to switch from rezoning to creating an overlay district that will require a site plan.

Central Jr. High Fun Run – ONA Donation

This will be discussed when a quorum of the board is available to consider the request.