

**Oread Neighborhood Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 22, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 925 Vermont

Approved: February 28, 2007

Attending: Candy Davis, James Dunn, Marci Francisco (6:30 p.m.), Beth Reiber, Jerry Stubbs, and Carol von Tersch (6:30 p.m.).

Absent: Nils Gore, Devon Kim, Deb Milks, Fred Sack, Laura Herlihy, Rene Diaz

Guest: Christy Kennedy

### **Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods**

LAN will be celebrating its 20 year anniversary on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The event will be held at the North Lawrence Depot/Visitor Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be tables for each neighborhood association to display information about their organization.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The Credit Union Group: There are two accounts. The regular share account has a balance of \$11.38. The special share account balance is \$2,897.45. This account is tied to the Oread Neighborhood Association supporting the Merc when it relocated to 9<sup>th</sup> & Iowa.
- Register Reports: The board reviewed reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator accounts. The balances were as follows:
  - Treasurer Account: \$5,022.61  
A Request for Payment from CDBG funds will be submitted to Neighborhood Resources in the amount of \$880.33. \$44.26 is reimbursement for operating expenses and the remaining \$836.07 is for the Coordinator salary.
  - Coordinator Account: \$4.46  
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.
- Jodi will work on year-end tax preparation before the end of this month (i.e.: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter federal taxes, W-2, W-3, and Kansas employer withholding)/
- Membership Income: Membership income received since August 1<sup>st</sup> is \$190.00.
  - Beth Reiber made a \$1.00 donation at the December 2006 board meeting. This needs to be included on the FY06-07 ONA donations report.

### **Coordinator's Report**

#### December Board Meeting Minutes

Review of the December board meeting minutes was deferred because there was not a quorum of members at the meeting.

#### Demolition Permits

None received since the December board meeting.

#### Blight

##### *1232 Louisiana*

- Daryl Beene, KU Endowment Association, is out of the office until January 29<sup>th</sup>. The sale of this property was to be complete by the end of December. Jodi will confirm this with D. Beene after he returns to work.

### *1043 Indiana – KU Property*

- Julie Wyatt continues contact with Doug Riat, Director, Facilities Operations. Painting needs to be completed by April 01, 2007. FO plans to have a contractor complete this work.

### *920 Louisiana*

- This property is being renovated by Fadila Boumaza, property owner. This is the same group that renovated the property at 1145 Kentucky. They are working with the Planning Office and the Historic Resources Commission.

### *1121 Vermont*

- The structure needs to be painted. The property owner has until March 15, 2007, to complete this work.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

There will not be a meeting on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no items for appeal.

### Historic Resources Commission – January 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

### *1019 Kentucky*

- The HRC could not approve the demolition request. To do so would be in violation of Secretary of the Interior Guidelines that the HRC must adhere to. This is because E. LeCompte does not plan to replace the existing structure with a new one. This request will now need to go before the City Commission.

### *129 W. South Park – Garage – Roof Caving In*

- This agenda item was deferred.

### **1131-1135 Ohio Dumpster Screening**

This was an Oread item on the December HRC agenda. No one has heard anything further. James called the Planning Office to ask if this would be going before the Board of Zoning Appeals. The property owner plans to put a dumpster on the city right-of-way. A city tree may need to be removed in order to do this. The HRC approved relocating the stone curb into another place. Changing trash cans to a dumpster w/ screen is significant. It is thought that the city may be supporting this because they do not want to take a trash truck up into the apartment parking lot. James will contact the Planning Office again.

### **Lawrence ½ Marathon and 5K – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Steve Riley will be providing details about where the water stations will be in Oread.

### **12<sup>th</sup> & Indiana Redevelopment**

According to Jeff Foxworthy, this project is on hold.

### **Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee**

Discussions have begun about allocating CDBG funding. None of the neighborhood groups included capitol improvements in their budget requests. There have been some discussions about neighborhood coordinators. Oread really needs to work towards identifying blight and how to correct that. The ONA CDBG request was for 100% of the budget. There are other sources of ONA income that pay for non-CDBG funded expenses (i.e.: business recognition awards, general meeting refreshment expenses, donations to neighborhood organizations, etc.).

### **Newsletter Review**

A newsletter was sent to Greg Hickam's family. Good newsletter.

## **Board Member Nominations**

Candy will announce the 2006-2007 board members at the general meeting.

## **Rezoning Feedback**

All of the responses received to date have been compiled. Those who did not respond to the mailing will be contacted by phone to determine if greater than 50% of the property owners are in support of the change.

## **Community Cooperation Committee (CCC)**

The CCC is working on a mediation effort that would address any community concern. Candy will provide additional information about this in the future.

## **Lawrence Community Shelter**

### Special Use Permit (2007-2008)

- Planning Commission: On March 26<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission will review the LCS Special Use Permit (SUP).
- Lawrence City Commission: The LCS SUP will be reviewed by the city commission on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The LCS will be asking for a 5-year SUP. Renewing the SUP annually is a time-consuming administrative task. If a five-year SUP is granted, that does not mean that the LCS and neighbors are locked into an agreement. If changes are needed, these can be addressed at any time by the Lawrence City Commission.

### Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA)

- Implementation of a GNA was a condition of approval for the 2006-2007 LCS UPR. The LCS has held several public meetings in an attempt to draft a document that can serve as a final version which will be the starting point for implementation. The GNA will be always be a work in progress. When changes / updates are requested, these will be discussed with the community and incorporated into the agreement as needed.
- Downtown Lawrence, Inc. felt excluded from the development of the GNA. Consequently, the Community Cooperation Committee decided that the current version of the GNA will be revisited to give Downtown Lawrence, Inc. an opportunity to be heard and contribute to the document before it is signed.
- It is hoped that a final document will be ready for review by the Planning Commission before the end of March.

Neighbor Volunteers: In the most current version of the GNA, it is stated that neighbors will: "Volunteer at LCS for, at least, one hour annually." It is hoped that this will be written in such a way that the community as a whole will be encouraged to volunteer at the LCS for at least one hour annually. The intent of having this in the GNA is to serve as an ice-breaker that can open the door to understanding by all parties involved.

## **Snow Ordinance**

- James spoke with Julie Wyatt at Neighborhood Resources about portions of the sidewalk surrounding the downtown Capitol Federal Savings branch that needed ice removal.
- Julie sent letters to property owners on 9<sup>th</sup> Street (south side). This receives heavy pedestrian traffic. Ice removal has been slow.

## **Implementing Fire Code**

James distributed a summary of the new code that the City is considering for implementation.