

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter One (August-October) Due Nov. 10

Neighborhood BCNA

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>09/05/18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>10/3/18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>11/7/18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>not yet finished, will send</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email		<u>Yes</u>	
	newsletter		<u>Yes</u>	
	other announcement? (please specify)		<u>Facebook and Nextdoor</u>	
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	No			
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>August 2018</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>yes</u>

Also to be attached:

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended)

Brook Creek Neighborhood - 1st Quarter Report 2018-2019

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

- September business meeting
 - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
 - 10 members in attendance
- October business meeting
 - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
 - 12 members in attendance
- November business meeting
 - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
 - 12 members in attendance
- Fall Picnic
 - notification by newsletter, email/e-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor
 - 30 people in attendance

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- Continued E-news every Tuesday , we currently have 132 subscribers, continues to grow, added 4 this quarter
- We continue to encourage neighbors to utilize our LISTSERV to communicate with each other in an informal, electronic way. We currently have 69 members enrolled.
- We continue to provide neighborhood and relevant city updates through our official Facebook page and also keep a neighborhood forum page that allows neighbors to interact with each other, we currently have 208 likes and 113 members in the forum, both continue to grow and had significant growth this quarter
- Nextdoor continues to be another social outlet we have used to gain members. We are able to link our other resources for all new members on that site.
- We had a good turnout at our annual fall picnic held in September

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Neighborhood Events

September

5 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm
East Lawrence Rec. Center
30 Brook Creek
Neighborhood Picnic
3-6 pm Brook Creek Park

October

3 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm
East Lawrence Rec. Center

November

7 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm
East Lawrence Rec. Center

December

5 BCNA Meeting and Holi-
day Party, 7 pm
East Lawrence Rec. Center

Meet Your Neighbors at Sept. 30 Picnic

Join us for the Annual Neighborhood Picnic! September 30th, 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will provide drinks and paperware—although we encourage the use of reusable plates and silverware! Please bring a dish or snack to share. There will be games and fun times with neighbors. This is a great opportunity to connect with other neighbors and build community!

Updates from the 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition

The four neighborhoods of the 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition formed to guard against more traffic on 19th St. The City wants to connect 19th St. to O'Connell Rd. in Venture Business Park, and widen 19th St. to 47 feet. In all likelihood, this would funnel business and commuter and game day traffic on to 19th St. and into all four neighborhoods.

Our coalition has opposed this plan, but the City claims it's necessary because the water line must be fixed, and that emergency vehicles have to get through to Venture Business Park. Although both are true, a full blown connection and pavement more than twice as wide as the current street are not necessary.

The coalition would welcome a new waterline and sidewalk and bike path, but we want 19th St. repaved at 22 feet wide – not widened. We also want a partial closure at O'Connell Rd. that would allow east bound traffic to pass, but not west bound – just like at 23rd and Vermont, 6th and Schwartz, and other places.

In March, the Transportation Commission told the City staff they have to back off from the 47 foot design, and come up with narrower options. In May, The City Commission thought 31 feet wide would be better than 22 feet, but didn't rule out 47 feet either. At a July City budget meeting, coalition members requested that the design team include an option for a 22 foot wide street, and they agreed.

The City plans to hire an engineer to provide design options for all street widths. Brook Creek and the other neighborhoods should stay on top of events to make sure the option selected will keep 19th St. a residential street that is walkable and livable and safe for school children and bicyclists.

Help us update our address list!

BCNA strives to get a paper newsletter in the mailbox of every Brook Creek resident twice a year, but it can be difficult to keep the list current. Talk with your neighbors, make sure they get the newsletter too. If they don't please have them email us with their name and address and we will get them added to the list! You can also pick up a copy at the Rec center.

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Note from the President

Hello Neighbors.

Did you know that you live in the Brook Creek Neighborhood or have opted to receive this newsletter? We are a large and diverse neighborhood with range of issues that we try to address as an association that represents you as Brook Creek Residents. Whether you own your home or rent, we want to hear from you. What do you love about Brook Creek; what do you have concerns about; these are the things we want to hear about and please feel free to reach out to any of our officers or directors. Our goal is to bring the community together and to create a better environment for those who live here.

Over the past spring, we have had some great discussions and some good speakers, from Derek Rogers from Lawrence Parks and Recreation to meeting Chief Burns, Jr. of the Lawrence Police Department. We had a great turn out for the Annual Brook Creek Clean Up this past April. Thank you for all who helped, Emily Winters for coordinating the event, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for partnering with us, and Pita Pit and Dillon's for providing food and drinks.

A concern for the neighborhood, we had a rash of break-ins and thefts in the neighborhood, so we asked the Lawrence Police Liaison to come speak to us. We ask that if you see something suspicious to please contact the police right away and don't wait but be safe.

On a good note, we are having a Fall Picnic at the end of September. We invite you all to come and enjoy the time with us. Please bring a dish to share and yourself, family and friends. See more in this newsletter, future Facebook, and NextDoor posts.

Please sign up for our neighborhood Facebook page, email ListServ, NextDoor alerts or visit our website to get updated information on what events will take place either from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association or around town.

I hope to see you at the next event or meeting,

Melissa Fahrenbruch, *President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association*

BCNA Meeting Notes

March meeting

Nancy Thellman, County Commissioner and other county employees were present to discuss the mental health crisis center and jail expansion ballot measure. They provided insight into the evolution of their proposed plans and current jail operations. The coordinator provided a report on upcoming events. An update from the 19th street coalition progress was given and several other updates on projects going on in the neighborhood were discussed.

April Meeting

Derek Rogers, the new Parks & Recreation Director, was our speaker. He updated up on several projects going on in the neighborhood and listened to ideas and concerns. He shared information about the new KU bike share program.

Suzan Hampton of Friends of Lawrence Area Trails

(FLAT) told us of a project she's working on to rehabilitate the natural prairie plants through that section, and also to make a creek crossing between the Burroughs Creek Trail and the Lawrence Community Orchard. There were brief coordinator and 19th street updates.

May Meeting

Police Chief Burns was the speaker. He provided history of his career and his policing philosophy. He gave updates on police training practices and answered neighbors questions. This was followed by a coordinator report and review of fall events including the annual picnic planning.

BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website:

<https://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com/>

Spring Clean up

We had a chilly but successful park and trail clean up in April! A big thanks to the KU Big Event volunteers, neighbor volunteers, and Dillon's on Mass and Pita Pit for their donations.



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Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes, 5 September 2018
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

Present: Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Jenna Coker (Treasurer) Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Andrea Repinsky, Melinda Henderson, and Emily Winters (Coordinator), two other members, and one member of the public.

Agenda: Melissa distributed an agenda which we approved.

Introductions: Melissa asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

Minutes of prior meetings: The March 2018 minutes with corrections were distributed.

Action taken: Moved by Melinda, 2nd by Ron to approve. Approved, 2 abstentions. The April 2018 minutes were presented.

Action taken: Moved by Ron, 2nd by Jenna to approve. Approved, 3 abstentions. The May 2018 minutes were presented.

Action taken: Moved by Melinda, 2nd by Ron to approve. Approved, 3 abstentions.

Treasurer's report: Jenna presented the May 1 – Aug 31 Treasurer report, and we still had the March and April reports to review.

Action taken: Moved by Melinda, 2nd by Ron, to approve all 3 Treasurer reports. Approved.

Guest speaker: Courtney Shipley, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Her topic was the process for public notification by the Planning Commission, but the discussion ranged into notifications by other public bodies. She said that the Planning Commission had initiated a request for feedback about what the criteria should be to trigger public notifications by them, and also by developers with Planning Commission approved projects. Some of the actions that require public notification are: site plans, demolitions, plats and replats, and street closings. It was also mentioned that many other public bodies like the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Transportation Commission make policy decisions and send out public notifications. The problem is that there is little consistency across all of these situations for what criteria apply. And sometimes notifications come by mail, but other times by e-mail. We want to develop a list of any and all circumstances that we think there should be public notification. There will be an October 1 meeting on this at the Planning Comm.

Other related concerns were that most developers never reach out to neighborhoods before they launch a project, and we hear only after the tentative approval has been given. A resident on the east side of Brook Creek wondered what kind of development was going in at 17th and Genessee St. It seems there are more units planned than the 5 lots would allow. Is it a replat, or will they be duplexes?

Coordinator Report: The Fall picnic will be on Sunday, 30 September, from 3-6pm. Jenna said she had lined up Lance Fehey to play music from 3:30-5:30pm. It's a snack pot luck, and BCNA will provide water and place settings. The sidewalk gap program is building a sidewalk along the south side of 15th St. from the East Lawrence Community Center west to Learnard Ave. They will avoid cutting down the trees along the Hanscom-Tappan subdivision. Parks & Rec is rewriting the Cemetery Rules, and they invite us to send comments. The printer's mailing list is an Excel file, easy for us to manipulate (thanks to Melinda). She also checked with the Appraiser for their list to cross check.

Neighborhood infrastructure: Michael presented a proposal to request CDBG Capital Investment funds to apply pavement markings of "20 MPH", a pedestrian image, and a bicycle image in the 20mph areas of our neighborhood. He will attend the October CDBG meeting to learn how.

Michael presented the revised Nature Area Agreement proposal that is ready to send to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Action taken: Moved by Melinda, 2nd by Jenna to approve. Approved.

Anticipated action: Michael will send the proposal to P. & R.

Michael mentioned that the City Commission approved a funding method for a 13th Street Neighborhood Greenway (AKA bicycle boulevard), between Massachusetts St. and Haskell Ave. Next they will conduct a hearing on approving money to hire a consultant to design it.

Anticipated action: Michael will contact the City to learn when this will be.

Doggy Day Care, Lynn St. at Haskell Ave. is up for a site plan. Melinda inquired with Planning Dept. about the comment period of 9 days. It has not been listed yet. It most likely won't have outside kennels 24 hours a day, but we want to check just in case.

Meeting speakers follow up: Melinda said Kate of the Humane Society is available in February. We would like to learn about construction of the building, and also to apprise them of our views on 19th Street. Michael said Gary Elston is not available to talk about Brook Creek history (according to his wife). Melinda will check with Watkins Museum, and Jenna will check with Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery. Michael said Dan Rockhill's track record of \$quarter million to \$half million houses is damaging Brook Creek by gentrification. We should have him talk, and let him know about our views on his houses.

Anticipated action: Melissa will contact Dan Rockhill.

Meeting adjourned

BCNA minutes, by Byron Wiley – 3 October 2018

Introductions

Rich Minder - Success by 6: [I looked them up and the group is listed as "Success By 6 Coalition"]. In 2016 Roberts Woods Johnson foundation, project, concept of bringing people together to make better communities. Bring teams together from the policy environments, around a specific place, discuss the assets and the challenges. To make it a better place to raise a child. Cultural assets, human assets, river to 23rd, Burroughs Creek trail boundary. Main challenge: Group of concerns, civic engagement, stigma in the neighborhood, 2nd - food desert, access in the area. Normally bring in a national consultant, a prototype, new infrastructure, new program, etc. Did not get funded.

Leadership of the groups involved in Lawrence, all continued to like the idea to build a project, to work without the foundation. Success by Six agreed to continue to work on this. Proposal made to United Way. Series of Parent cafes in Brook Creek area.

Discovering how people identify with place.

Rich is disappointed at the lack of participation, a cognitive bottleneck. Either a stigma, or busy or by asking for input, they think there is an "agenda" and no participation.

KU project "Our Tomorrow Project" - <http://kucppr.org/ourtomorrows/>

Maybe we should be engaging more than families with families. Maybe people could tell a story about a situation they know about. He asked that we share the website - http://bit.ly/bkcreek_edgewood_kenedy.org [Need to verify the address - this address does not work. Rich is supposed to send the corrected one.

Jared Heinzerling - Studio 804 - Started in 1995. New group every year. Designer, architect and contractor. This is a hands on project. ON the corner of Summit and Oak Hill, the new project. Metal siding, some wood, Two houses on two separate lots. Horizon 2020, plan, to stop sprawl, urban fill, split up the larger lots, this can be sustainable, nothing new to be built. To make our houses more affordable than in the past.

Research they did \$100 to 250,000 is considered affordable. Costs are driven up - already \$50,000 for the lots. Utility bills under \$20 per month however. Sizing, 800 to 1000 in the past square feet. 1000 sq feet and the other one is a one bedroom 700 to 800 sq feet. 4000 and 5500 - minimum in the city needs to be over 500 sq feet and not classified as a tiny house.

Lots cost \$32,000 each.

Certified LEED platinum because of the insulation and

\$200 to 250,000 projection. would be 350,000 if labor was included. Both will have carports. Taxes might be \$2500/year.

Treasury report - Jenna not here - 9/1 to 9/30 \$24.50 petty, dues 2 \$27.50 cash balance. Checking \$973.35 deposited advert \$30, dues \$3.00 total, no withdraws. \$1006.35 ending balance. All funds \$1033.85. Ron moved to accept, Byron seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting minutes – September minutes; defer to next meeting

CDBG opening - got funds 2018 to 2019 - have fund and got application for the next cycle. Emily will send the application from the previous year. We don't know the amount

Capital Improvement Fund from CDBG Grant Program - Paint on the street for speed limits, bike lanes, crosswalks, etc. Lisa said can use money to pull items that are lower on the CIP list. We have not gotten anywhere with police patrols. Can't apply for funds this year with a new project, only for one in the works. Need to start with transportation, could invite them to our January Exec meeting.

Go for this cap fund, money not so restricted from this fund. Anything to do with infrastructure - Lisa said to look at our sidewalk issue. For repair. Not sure of the approval process - Should we have a subcommittee to work on this. Deadline is December 3rd, could talk about non-transportation things. Could move to the board meeting in January to determine the projects that we want.

Maybe look on the national website or talk to Danni to explain what we can do. Melissa will call her.

Maybe could put in the newsletter, open to everyone to discuss this.

BCNA Mailing List - Melinda - Melinda got the Excel list from the printer. She talked to the residential appraisal office. He will get all of the addresses. Will get this done before next newsletter.

Oak Hill Cemetery - Native plants - Andrea, we have our native plant by the gazebo. Oak Hill interested in native plantings in the islands in the cemetery - Bloom Moon ranch and _____ planted the first one last June. City staff will take over maintenance. Will invite three more organizations to plant. Does BCNA want to be one of the groups. We could design the garden if BCNA involved.

Andrea made the motion: "I Move BCNA to be a Native Garden sponsor" - all approved
Byron volunteered to help Andrea with the design. BCNA can also participate in planting it.