

**Meeting minutes were not recorded Jan – March due to secretary vacancy.**

NLIA Monthly Meeting

April 12, 2015 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Board members present: Ted, Beverly, Jeff, Dylan.

Meeting Minutes:

Speed hump at 300 Elm Street should start soon, will attempt to get 1 installed a year from now on.

Woodlawn: There will be a few million dollars worth of multi-story expansions to the school as well as installation of elevator. The Woodlawn River Hawk mural will be removed for the expansion but will be redone by original artist who will donate his time to the mural.

Supposed to start on new pump installation last month, but has been delayed due to high bids. The city has 4 million dollars to spend on the project, and the bids came in at 5 million. The project should start in May or June of 2015. There will be interruptions to street traffic near project, specifically at 6<sup>th</sup> and Locust. Drainage pipe size will increase from 9" to 48" and will drain storm water. This is the culmination of 20 years of persistence, and finally getting upgrades to storm water removal.

Ted will go to city planning since, in the 400 block of elm, there is a lot at that location only 40' wide (approx. 2000 sq ft) and purchasers of lot will be building 2 story micro-house. This is RS5 zoning and Ted doesn't want this to become the norm.

- Natalia – expressed concern/reservation regarding objection to micro-houses. Still doesn't want it to become norm, but for existing lots it would be ok.
- Ted – Property owners on either side have expressed concerned with obstruction of view. Want to preserve rural atmosphere, city failed to contact on new development. Problem is lot size not the micro-house concept.

Sandrat reunion: Normally it would be held at Woodlawn, but due to construction it will be moved to the Depot. It is held the first Saturday in June 9am – 12pm.

Neighborhood cleanup is April 14, 2015, anything but chemicals will be picked-up.

Neighborhood garage sale will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup> – See newsletter

Treasurer Report:

NLIA Chili feed and shelter house picnic resulted in \$212 of donations from chili supper.

Shane from ICL - NLIA business update

- 160 employees 24/7 operations, cohabitates with Chemtrade
- Phosphate chemicals & acids
- Products in many food/chemical/electronic applications
- Currently diversifying portfolio
- 2007-2015 60 million in capital investments in Lawrence
- Leap partnership with Woodlawn, numerous other community involvement
- Historical FMC disposed of them improperly, and resulted in ground water contamination. Arsenic reduced from 20 ppm to 1 ppm, but goal is to reduce further to 10 ppb.
- Remediation directed by state (KDHE)
- Using method of Biostabilization to clean groundwater: pump soybean oil into ground to promote bacteria growth which make arsenate that is water immobile, currently waiting on full scale results.
- Have 40 acres of wildlife improvement area

Drew Flemming (Plant manager) from Chemtrade

- Been in current plant since 2006 – 30 employees
- Primarily have products using Sulfur chemicals
- Also 24/7 operation at least 4 people in plant at all times
- There will be significant safety drill next year
- If there is catastrophic failure fires will be localized
- There is a neighborhood alarm system, which is tested every month, and there would be emergency broadcast alert on radio/TV.

Cassandra Ryan: There have been Huskies running through North Lawrence lately dogs belong to Christian frank at 773 Lauren. This has been going on since January. Some dogs were tethered in the front yard. Have killed 7 chickens and charges were filled. Court date was last Tuesday, and she failed to show up.

- Ted is in conversation with city manager and will be in contact with mayor and the situation will be remedied.

NLIA Monthly Meeting

May 11, 2015 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Board members present: Ted, Beverly, Jeff, Dylan, Police NRO: Aaron Hachmeister.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

#### President Report:

Urban Planning Fantasy Government Meeting: Put on by the urban planning dept at KU. Looked at different forms of municipal government. All have pros and cons

Coffee with Mayor Farmer: Talked about many issues RS5 zoning, and new storm water pump.

1. RS5 zoning: This has been problematic due to ongoing storm water issues, 439 Elm is latest example. Now with new two-story house run off will go to adjacent properties.
2. Pump: Have been advocating for new pump for 20 years to deal with storm run-off. Based on 2005 storm water study. Initial design has been downgraded to one 48" line with one pump that can handle 100 CFS and 10-year events. Trying to get pump bid down to 4.5 million dollars. Ted has been lobbying new commissioner for bid and alternate, Amyx and farmer seem to be in favor with Boyle showing promise, Herbert and Soden are unknown.
3. Drainage: Keep storm water ditches clean, property owner is responsible for routine maintenance; Storm water dept will clear drainage tubs. Some standing water in ditches due to unkempt drainage tubes.
4. CDBG Money: Comes from Federal Government for lower to moderate-income neighborhoods and is divided among non-profits/neighborhoods. We have got what we have asked for this year. Capital Expenditures: Traffic calming at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Elm.

#### Treasurer Report

Gave financial report.

#### Public Comments & Input:

- Heavy vehicle has gone into drainage ditch near 5<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln, SE corner of intersection. Ted will call Matt Bond and have him send someone to look at it.
- Sidewalk at Lawrence Landscape
- Ted will talk with Frank about leaning fence at Lawrence Landscape.
- This upcoming winter there will be a discussion about drivers plowing snow onto sidewalk and not into the ditches.
- Working to get stop/yield sign near Lyon Park.

#### Police NRO: Aaron Hachmeister (785-830-7409):

- Speeding has been an issue recently in North Lawrence. Primarily a few individuals, but also in general. Quality tow drivers have also been problems

with speeding, and Ted has been in contact. Ted will be in contact with them about drivers, and potential solutions.

NLIA Monthly Meeting  
October 12, 2015 7:00pm to pm  
Board members present: Ted, Beverly, and Dylan

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Estimated attendance - 25

### President Report:

City finally approved the pump construction near Maple Street after being rebid. The final price will come close to 6 million dollars. The 2006 Storm water study concluded that North Lawrence needed 16 million in storm water investment. The 2008 infrastructure sales tax was passed and the pump was a staple justification for the tax. After the money was allocated other places it finally came back to North Lawrence. They already have the ring levee built. Completion date is around July of next year. The levee trail at that location is now closed as well. There was a problem this previous weekend with people trespassing on the construction site.

We have been working 2 years for this grocery store. Ted meets with a committee the Thursday of every week. Compton/Treanor currently manage the property at this location. Currently the potential grocery store that would go in there is Price Chopper. The committee toured Price Choppers in Kansas City area. The property management company wanted a Dakota study of the location done. The results came back last week and it was determined to be a favorable location for a grocery according to what Ted saw. Should know more in the coming weeks about the future of the location. It would be 6-9 months after the remodel begins before it is open.

Ted is still working to prevent the over-building on small lots.

Christmas donations will be collected for the sponsorship of North Lawrence families through the Ballard Center and Visiting Nurses Association.

Quiet zone will cost about \$500,000 in improvements to upgrade intersections. Ted has already begun lobbying for quiet zone.

Research Fiber options for North Lawrence, Ted will call the interim city manager to find out more.

### Guest Speaker Recommendations:

- Matt Bond
- Urban agriculture committee members
- Union Pacific Representative

### Coordinator Report:

- Website has been completely reconstructed
- NLIA now has an official Facebook Page that I control.

- Will be primarily used for NLIA updates, interactions (answering questions), and surveys
- Survey software was purchased so you will be seeing more of those in the future

**Date: 11-9-15**

**Time: 7pm to 8:30pm**

**Board Present: Ted(President), Jeff (Vice President),  
Beverly(Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)**

**President Report:**

Matt bond had to reschedule due to an urgent matter, but he will be at the January meeting. The boring machine used to create a tunnel under the railroad has broken, and is currently being repaired. The project currently is still on schedule as of now. The next meeting will be held at Centenary Methodist Church, and it will be our annual holiday party. Margaret Sanders who recently turned 100 years old and is still a member of NLIA. ICL made a generous donation to our holiday fund. Also, ICL donated \$1,500 dollars for the purchase and distribution of weather radios in North Lawrence. Once there is enough interest an order will be place. The other plant located next to ICL would also like to donate to the weather radio fund. The downtown grocery store is an ongoing process, and Ted meets with grocery store committee regularly. The proposed location in the former Borders building qualifies for federal grants since it is in a food desert. NLIA currently has a survey to gather grocery store shopping habits and other information from North Lawrence Residents. The owners of the property wish to add a couple of stories to the existing structure, but there is still debate about this. The police chief would be willing to come over and talk with the neighborhood, but it would most likely be March before he can attend a meeting. Ted has been in contact with Union Pacific about meeting with them, and has also initiated advocating for a quiet zone to be put in place. There will be a food drive at the next meeting for the Ballard Center (Canned food, Diapers, & Paper towels).

**Public Comments:**

Evan Holt gave an update about the status of the Levee Café. They will be running it, and Paul Werner is dealing with the rezoning of the property. There is a gravel lot (4<sup>th</sup> and Elm) that will be used to accommodate parking. It will most likely have around a seating capacity of 25 with an outdoor patio. The café will be open from 7am to 3pm Tuesday/Wednesday, and 7am to dinner time Thursday-Saturday. Will be using the existing signage, and adding potentially adding bike racks.

Member of the public wanted some information/forms about railroad crossing behavior.

NLIA holiday charity money would like to be collected by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Date: 12-14-15**

**Time: 7pm to 8:15pm**

**Board Present: Ted(President), Beverly(Treasurer), and  
Dylan(Coordinator)**

**Meeting Discussion:**

This was an abbreviated meeting due to the nature of the meeting and attendance level.

As indicated previously, Price Chopper is still the grocer that has expressed interest in being the tenant for the former Borders building. The NLIA grocery store survey will be ending soon, and Ted has gathered approximately 50 hard copy surveys to go along with Facebook survey. There are also potential options for a pharmacy at Hobbs-Taylor Lofts. It is still a year or two away from it being opened to the public for use if they go through with the plan.