

NLIA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-14-16

Time: 7:00pm to

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

President's Report:

ICL donated \$400 for Christmas donation, There has been a lot of talk recently about sidewalks. Ted talked to public works about raised sidewalks cracks, and how they grind them down to be level for the city. He was going to look into purchasing a machine for the city to use on sidewalks. Let me or Dylan know if your sidewalk is raised and cracked. Ted is on the grocery store committee, and the process is still ongoing. They have received verbal approval from the neighbors, and Treanor is still the owner of that building. There may be some federal funding for the project. Currently, it is still their intent to move forward with this plan to have a grocery store, underground parking, and 82 lofts. 20 of these will be low to moderate income units. Trucks will make delivery on the north side of the building so there will hopefully be minimal interference with traffic in the area. The grocery store committee meetings are open meetings, and anyone can attend. These meetings are the first 3 Thursdays of the month, and the last Thursday they are in the library. On Lincoln Street, there are three houses that have been recently constructed. During which they are removing the North Lawrence soil, and taking it to sell it at various locations. Ted will be going to the City's planning department about this problem. There is already a policy in place to try and mitigate this, but there needs to be stricter regulation because of a loop hole. Due to the ground water, if the current soil is replaced with clay then the water must go around or to the surface. Ted is starting the process of telling the city that one of the next projects for North Lawrence will be getting quiet crossings. There have also been recent burglaries of unlocked cars. The police have already caught one individual, and saw another individual committing a similar crime but they were unable to apprehend the individual. Ted will be having representatives from the district attorney's office as well as the Lawrence police department next year. Ted has also talked to the city about the blower noise from the grain tower, and the complaints that he has been receiving due to it.

Treasurer's Comments:

Community dinner this Wednesday at Centenary United Methodist Church, and it will be a Thanksgiving dinner – free will offering. The December meeting will be at Centenary United Methodist Church as well, and parking will be available in the rear of the church.

Guest Speaker – Matt Bond (City Stormwater Engineer):

Matt showed a slide of the previous pump station, which was a repurposed sanitary lift station. In the North Lawrence Drainage Study system 6, which covers the center of North Lawrence? There was also an alternate plan that was approved by the city, which will help with the drainage of Lyons Park. There is redundancy and emergency power built into the system. The pumps will also have the ability to be controlled remotely. The final cost of the project ended up being 6.1 million. Next spring Matt will be reviewing the ditches around the community to see how the flow is, and improve them as they deem necessary.

Public Comments:

Resident wants to know if Ted could talk with the county commissioners about getting a similar policy about dirt removal instated for the county as well. One resident's truck was broken into, but the police did not want to come out to the scene even though an article of clothing was left by the individual. There were also comments about the meeting minutes not being available, and the coordinator will begin posting them to the NLIA website once they are ready after each meeting.

Number of Attendees: 18