



# Newsletter

February, 2018

**Old West Lawrence Association  
General Membership Meeting  
February 10, 2018, 10 AM  
Lawrence Public Library,  
Meeting Room A**

**Agenda**

- Call to order
- Adoption of the agenda
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Proposed Slate and Election of new officers (n.b.- additional nominations will be entertained:  
President, **Daniel Poull**  
Vice-President, **Phil Minkin**  
Secretary, **Mary Carson**  
Treasurer, **Steve Lopes**
- Amend bylaws (see below)
- Discussion on format /frequency of newsletter
- Update on Tennessee Street crosswalk
- Neighborhood Watch – **Daniel Poull**
- Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods report – **Eric Kirkendall**
- Pinckney Tunnel murals and security cameras
- EcoFlow rapid rainwater reduction program
- Adjourn

**Vote on change to OWLA bylaws**

**Article IV—Election of Officers - Meetings of Members, Section 4:** “Written notice stating time and place of all meetings of members and the business to be considered shall be given by the President, or other person designated by the President, in the form of a newsletter or flyer, *in paper or electronic format*, distributed in a good faith effort to deliver one to each household in the Neighborhood, within a reasonable time before the meeting. Notice to one member of a household shall be deemed notice to all members of the household.”

**November 2017 meeting minutes**

OWLA held a membership meeting on November 4, 2017 at the Lawrence Public Library.

Approximately 25 neighbors attended. The Treasurer's report reflected a healthy increase in OWLA's bank balance, thanks to OWL Day donations.

President **Kathy Tuttle** gave a special thanks to OWL Day organizers **Maren Bradley, Suzanne Wikle** and **Justin Brown**.

**Dave Crawford** gave an update on the downtown grocery project. Plans for the

project (to be located at the former Border's bookstore location downtown) have been submitted to Historic Resources Commission review and adjusted based on that review, particularly to better match the grocery façade to the old post office building (Lawrence Journal World) on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Other adjustments including scaling down to a single story for the building facing Rhode Island street, moving the parking garage entrance to 7<sup>th</sup> Street, moving the old livery stable wall inside – likely in a coffee shop - and increasing set back requirements to 20'.

**Kirk McClure** gave a LAN report and restated LAN's opposition to tax incentives for the grocery project. He also gave an update on the revisions to the Verizon 2020 comprehensive plan, indicating that it could use better protections for older neighborhoods.

**Kathy Tuttle** reported on results of informal surveys of OWL residents regarding placement of signaled crosswalks on Tennessee St. at the intersections of 7<sup>th</sup> St. or 8<sup>th</sup> St. or both. The majority of responses favor installation of crosswalks, with most votes cast for the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> and Tennessee, preferably on the north side of the intersection. Many favor signals at both intersections. President Tuttle met with City traffic engineers to discuss possibilities. The city will perform a traffic study in the next few months to determine the best location(s) for signals. The City is considering a pedestrian activated rapid flash beacon signal.

OWLA will consider an amendment to its Bylaws at the February 10, 2018 meeting. If approved, the amendment will permit delivery of meeting notices in paper or electronic formats. The current bylaws allow for paper meeting notices only.

The group also received information on a proposed mural project for the north side of the library garage (more info at: [wocmural.ks@gmail.com](mailto:wocmural.ks@gmail.com) and received information from various city of Lawrence officials regarding the City's sales tax proposals scheduled for the November 2017 election.

- **Mary Carson**, Secretary

## LAN Report

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods' first meeting of the year was held on January 3. The monthly meeting date was changed to the third Wednesday of the month. The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 pm in Room C of the Lawrence Public Library.

The guest speaker was **Rachel Lietz** with Represent Lawrence. Represent Lawrence is a chapter of the national organization Represent.Us. The group's mission is to "bring together conservatives, progressives, and everyone in between to pass powerful anti-corruption laws that stop political bribery, end secret money, and fix our broken elections." Represent Lawrence submitted a non-binding resolution to the Lawrence City Commission stating that the city supports the American Anti-Corruption Action, but has heard nothing as of the time of the LAN meeting had heard nothing substantive from the City.

Subcommittee reports included news that PedCo and Sustainability Action Network have hired Boog Highberger to investigate the feasibility and legality of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Fund paid by all property owners in the city, as was done in Edina, Minnesota.

-**Kirk McClure**, LAN rep

## Coming events

We are considering when to hold OWL Day 2018. We try to avoid home football game days, but the football schedule for all of September is not yet available. Stay tuned.

Pinckney Panthers REALLY BIG SALE:  
Feb. 17, 8 am – 1 pm, Pinckney Elementary Gym.  
Drop-off donations outside by big storage containers: Feb. 10, 11 am-1 pm; Feb. 16, 8 am-3 pm.