

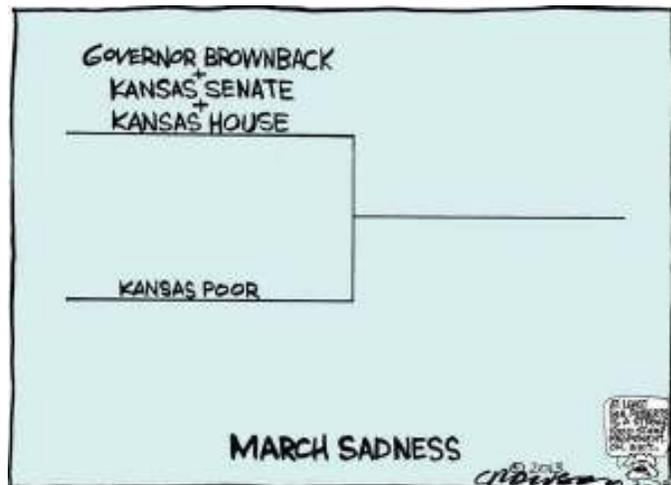
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Since I am resigning from the League after the Annual Meeting and won't be the Voter Guest Editor any more, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of my favorite Richard Crowson political cartoons that gave me a chuckle, no matter how true to form they really were! (These appear only in the online version of the VOTER).

—Melinda Henderson, President LWV L/DC





The VOTER

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League Calendar

Wed Apr 17 7:30PM	Dole Institute Student Advisory Board Presents Gun Control: Freedom vs. Safety. <i>Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Dr</i>
Sat Apr 20 11:00AM	LWV L/DC Annual Meeting. <i>Smith Center, Brandon Woods, 4730 Brandon Woods Ter</i> All League members are invited to attend.
Sat Apr 27 8:00AM	LWVK State Convention. <i>Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Rd, Overland Park</i> All League members are invited to attend. Reservation info on Page 8.
Mon May 6	Deadline for May VOTER. Email submissions to VoterEditor@lawrenceleague.com
Thu May 9 7:00 PM	LWV L/DC Board Meeting. <i>Home of David Burress, 912 Holiday Dr</i> All League members are invited to attend.

Message from the President

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your president for the past eight months. Before I sign off, I have a few people I want to thank for their help and mentoring, as I came into the presidency wholly unprepared for what awaited me.

First, to Carrie Lindsey, who, for reasons beyond her control, felt it necessary to resign from being President after four months. Carrie is a voice of reason and has an infinite amount of League knowledge and was always ready to share with me whenever I came calling.

Past President, Kay Hale, also stepped up whenever I was unsure about how to deal with something. Thank you so much, Kay, for always being there when I had a "Presidential" question. You're the best.

Next, to Lee Ketzler and Marguerite Lohrenz, for creating one of the most fabulous Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award luncheons ever. With you both in charge, I knew I didn't have to worry about a thing and it all went off without a hitch. Even the Mediterranean Chicken was a delightful surprise!

And then to Kay Hale and Marlene Merrill and Aline Hoey who took control of the Mabel Stucky Scholarship Award process. Because we have lost a lot of crucial documentation on this award, it was comforting to know that this was in good hands with members who had participated on this committee before.

Our Land Use Committee guided us through some rocky planning issues this past year and I received many compliments from City Commissioners and Planning Commissioners who expressed appreciation for the input LUC provided. Many thanks to Alan Black who chaired the committee and Betty Lichtwardt who educated the rest of us who participated in LUC meetings this year.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Sharon Brown, chair, and board members Marjorie Cole and Bonnie Dunham, and members Kay Hale and Mary Lou Wright, did an exceptional job of creating an awesome Board of Directors for the next year. Good work, ladies!

Carol Jacobson and Marlene Merrill guided us through a somewhat complicated process to reach consensus on the State League Re-Study on Taxes. Thank you both for all the hard work and time you spent helping us understand the study and reach consensus.

James Dunn, Milton Scott and Marilyn Roy managed to do an excellent job of engaging our membership to re-examine our Low-Income Housing Policy and come up with some recommendations for our Annual Meeting. Thank you for your work on this very timely issue.

To Board Members Caleb Morse and David Burress: thank you for reminding me that a vote might need to be taken on an issue every now and then. I depended on you both to make sure we didn't stray too far from Roberts Rules of Order!

And Caleb Morse is the Best. Secretary. Ever.

To Marlene Merrill: I always counted on you to have a thoughtful perspective on issues that the rest of us had perhaps not considered and I valued your input immensely. You're a great addition to the Board.

To Cille King: Thank you for stepping up to take over the Voter Services Chair position after the November elections. It was a delight to share the "bag of goodies" with you and you did an amazing job making sure we were prepared for every event this Spring. You'll be a great co-President.

The *VOTER*: Ruth Lichtwardt — You're the best damn *VOTER* editor ever. Need I say more? Sha-

ron Brown — thanks for making sure the *VOTERS* got mailed in a timely manner.

To Bonnie Dunham, Membership Chair: Thanks for working to expand our membership this year.

To Marjorie Cole: Thanks for making sure we were always in the black and never in the red. Your knowledge of League is immense and I appreciated all the time to you took to explain things to me.

To Margaret Arnold: You know I have fallen in love with you and Bill and want you to adopt me. I had so much fun this year getting to know you while working different events and researching our archives. And, Margaret, I always felt the board meetings were a little more fun when you were able to attend. Thank you so much for all the time you've put in doing League research at the Spencer archives. I look forward to some of that information appearing in future *VOTERS*.

To our new members (I consider anyone "new" if they joined since our last annual meeting): Janet Gerstner, Paula Gilchrist, Tom Harper, Carol Klinknett, Claudean McKellips, Adina Morse, Annie Reed, Laura Routh, Lucy Russell, Gayle Sigurdson, Pamela Staab, Barbara Twarog. I hope you all find a place in the League that suits your abilities and captures your interest. The possibilities are endless!

To all the volunteers and financial contributors this past year: nothing could have been accomplished without you! I am deeply indebted to all of you who helped make League so visible this past year and am so proud of all the work we were able to accomplish. Take a moment to pat yourself (and each other) on the back.

And, last, I want to issue a special Thank You to County Clerk, Jamie Shew, and his Deputy Clerk of Elections, Ben Lampe, and their entire staff, who made sure that everything that could be done to register voters was, in fact, done. We have the most awesome County Clerk's department in the entire nation (I am not exaggerating) and we are so fortunate to have them as "ours". Please think about baking some cookies or bread or something and just drop it off someday and say "Thank you for doing such a great job for Douglas County". They more than deserve it.

So many of you in the general membership took the time to tell me "thank you for all the work you're doing — you're really making a difference". I can't tell you how much your support and encouragement meant to me. You are the true spirit of League and I appreciate each and every one of you.

As both League and Board President, I did my best to try to follow the bylaws and policies as set forth, while trying to achieve the goals and objectives that Carrie Lindsey established at the beginning of the year. If any mistakes were made, they were certainly made in innocence and never with the intent to undermine our bylaws or policies. Please know that I have only ever acted in good faith as your President.

I was humbled to represent your League to the public in an honorable way and am proud of the reputation that League holds in the public eye today.

To the 2013-14 board members: please give your full support to David and Cille and try your best to follow through with their direction. They are awesome and you are in excellent hands with them guiding you.

— *Melinda Henderson, President*

Highlights of March Board Meeting

Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont St
March 12, 7-9 p.m.

Present: Melinda Henderson (President), David Burress (President Elect), Marjorie Cole (Treasurer), Caleb Morse (Secretary); Directors: James Dunn, Cille King, Marlene Merrill. Absent: Margaret Arnold, Bonnie Dunham, Ruth Lichtwardt, Milton Scott (Vice President), Sally Hayden. Others present: Patrick Wilbur.

Treasurer's report. Marjorie reported total income for Feb of \$165.54 and expenses of \$131.24. As of 1 Mar, balances in various accounts were as follows: Checking = \$512.06; Money Market = \$2,101.35; Stucky = \$6,371.72; Judiciary = \$593.58; Education Fund = \$1,732.55. Marjorie, David, and Melinda are working on a draft budget for the 2013-2014 League year.

Voter Services Committee report. Patrick Wilbur presented on a policy of the Voter Education Coalition to exclude from forums and other VEC-sponsored activities candidates representing recognized political parties which had nonetheless received less than 15% of the vote in the previous election cycle. The policy effectively eliminated from all VEC activities Libertarian candidates. The policy makes the VEC, of which League is a founding member, effectively bi-partisan, rather than non-partisan. David suggested, with the consensus of the group, that we should let VEC know that we cannot participate unless the VEC is expressly non-partisan. Mar-

lene added, also to general agreement, that the threshold for inclusion in VEC-sponsored events should be that a candidate is listed on the ballot. Cille will inform VEC of our position at the next meeting.

Land Use Committee report. Marjorie reported total income for Feb of \$165.54 and expenses of \$131.24. As of 1 Mar, balances in various accounts were as follows: Checking = \$512.06; Money Market = \$2,101.35; Stucky = \$6,371.72; Judiciary = \$593.58; Education Fund = \$1,732.55. Marjorie, David, and Melinda are working on a draft budget for the 2013-2014 League year. Board Policy #16. The Board adopted revisions to policy #16 (expenses paid by the LWV L-DC) prior to the meeting. Revisions include addition to the list of reimbursable events State Council and 'Other Events', such as State League Day at the Capitol and workshops and conferences on issues relevant to League. The Board will reimburse the President, or her/his designee, for registration fees, and mileage and turnpike fees for out-of town events, as the budget allows. Other revisions to the policy include presentation of newly designated Life Members with a certificate from League. However, because Life Members are becoming an increasingly large part of our membership, we can no longer afford to pay for their meals at League events, and so language indicating that they would be guests of the League at such events was removed from the policy.

Death Penalty. Melinda had circulated an email message from Kristin Bollig, Topeka Area Organizer for Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, asking for League help in lobbying our legislative delegation. This issue may be the subject of a future Brown Bag Lunch.

Alan Cowles letter. Melinda had circulated a letter from Alan Cowles, citing specific instances in which he believed the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board had violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act. There was some discussion of this issue, which the (LWV L-DC) Board may take up at a future meeting.



Community Task Force to Study
Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety
(continued next page)

Members of LWV L/DC, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN), Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association and others are banding together to support an initiative to address the sad condition of sidewalks in Lawrence. The basic problem is that you can't get there from here. Or at least you can't get much of anywhere if you need pedestrian-friendly sidewalks.

We have:

- Streets with no sidewalks at all
- Sidewalks to nowhere
- Important destinations served by no through sidewalk routes
- Sidewalks on one side of the street
- Interrupted sidewalks you have to keep changing sides of the street
- Sidewalks everywhere that are in bad repair. People trip and fall. People go out in the street to avoid sidewalk cliffs and hills and mud pits and sand dunes and tree root eruptions.
- Sidewalks you cannot navigate for any distance in a wheelchair.
- Sidewalks that are too narrow.
- Tiny sidewalks edging on arterials where people drive 50 mph.
- Sidewalks covered with snow and ice still waiting to melt.
- Sidewalks where you have to compete with bicycles.
- Very rarely, long stretches of sidewalk---but with no place to sit down.
- Also we have lots of disagreements about sidewalk funding and responsibility — and we have no plan or method for seriously addressing any of it.

This is all wondrously counterintuitive for a city that claims to be progressive and claims to be ecologically sensitive and claims to want to attract retirees for economic development purposes and wants to be a tourist destination, or even just wants to be a good place to live for everyone, including some 50% who don't drive cars.

Pardon my emoting, but the hypocrisy of it all offends me. [Full disclosure: I'm handicapped. I don't use sidewalks much anymore but when I used to I always got annoyed.] The city "powers that be" can spend millions of dollars each year in money and tax relief for real estate development disguised as economic development. They can commit \$25M and counting to involve the city in a risky and almost randomly planned sweetheart deal of a regional athletic venture that really ought to be done by private enterprise. They can subsidize infra-

structure in the sprawl zone to build retailing and apartment buildings that deprive inner city enterprises of customers. Yet over decades they cannot spend one dime on a serious new sidewalk program.

Both LAN and LWV L/DC executive boards have voted to support this initiative. This will be an action and advocacy effort, not a general research or policy analysis effort. At the same time, some applied research will be needed in order to come up with a sidewalk policy and a budget that will work politically. After that, we will probably need a petition drive and a referendum.

The structure of this committee has not been settled yet, but Laura Routh at lauridi@hotmail.com is acting as coordinator. If you want to be involved in this hopefully historic initiative, send her an email. Alternatively, you can give me a call at 749-1218.

submitted by David Burress

Observer Report

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18, 2013, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 7th & New Hampshire

Board Members Present: Deborah Thompson, President; Fran Devlin, Secretary; Joan Golden, Treasurer; Ursula Minor; Chris Burger; David Vance.

Absent: Terry Leibold, Board Member; Susan Craig, Friends of Library; Gould/Evans Architects; BA Green Construction.

Library Staff: Brad Allen, Director; Kathleen Morgan, Library Foundation Director; Susan Brown, Marketing Director; Sherri Turner.

Guests: Elinor Tourtellot, League of Women Voters

Library Director's Report

Building renovation/expansion: Director Brad Allen reported that the library addition and renovation continues to move forward. Bids for the Library project are due on Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. Gould Evans, architects, and BA Green, construction, will review the bids and make recommendations to the City Commission in early April. Construction on the parking garage and site work continues despite unfavorable weather conditions.

In the Library: The staff is settling in at the new location on New Hampshire. The space is working out well although the number of people using the library is a little down partly due to bad weather.

Marketing Director, Susan Craig, will be leaving in May to become the director of the Chapel Hill Public Library in Chapel Hill N.C. She has done a great job and will be missed. The Library will be hiring an Events and Programming Librarian in the near future.

Library Journal has listed its “movers and shakers” from across the nation. LPL youth services assistant Rebecca Dunn was chosen for her Read Across Lawrence program. This is the first time anyone from Lawrence has been chosen.

New Services: In the first month of providing access to online magazines through Zinio, there were 900 checkouts, a considerably higher number than the print magazine collection checkouts.

Additionally, all twelve of the e-readers are in circulation and many are on waiting lists to be checked out.

Outside the Library: Brad continues to speak to various groups about the Library. He was interviewed on the Not So Late Show with Mike Anderson on Channel 6 in February and on Jeremy Taylor’s Around The House radio program on KLWN in March.

Library Foundation Director's Report

Douglas County Community Foundation Grant: Kathleen reported that The Library Foundation is pleased to announce that it has received a \$4,500 grant from the Douglas County Community Foundation for the 2013 Summer Reading Program kick-off. The grant funds will support a communitywide “DIY Day” (Do It Yourself Day) that will teach useful and enjoyable skills. For one day in June, the library will partner with businesses, organizations and individuals to offer a wide variety of mini-courses on subjects such as how to change a tire, how to make cool Lego creations, how to train your dog, how to give yourself a haircut, how to grow an herb garden, how to count to ten in five different languages, or how to cook the perfect omelet. These classes will take place all over downtown (and possibly beyond) providing a fun educational day for everyone in Lawrence.

Tony Horwitz Program: Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, the Tony Horwitz program will be held on April 4th. Crown Automotive is generously underwriting the event. Liberty Hall is providing the venue at a reduced price. The Eldridge is providing accommodations for Mr. Horwitz, Applebee's is donating food for the VIP reception. The Raven will sell books, and Jonathan Earle from the KU History Department will serve as the guest interviewer. The evening will begin with a VIP reception from 6 pm to 7 pm. Doors will open to the

public at 7 pm and the program will begin at 7:30 pm. Tony Horwitz is a top-shelf popular historian. His most recent book, Midnight Rising, chronicles the life of John Brown, including his early years living near Lawrence.

Caddy Stacks: Despite the snow, Caddy Stacks went on as planned over the weekend of February 22-24. With all expenses paid, the library raised about \$16,500, very close to last year's total. Approximately 160 people attended the adult golf party on Friday night and 800 kids and parents played the course on Saturday and Sunday. With construction now under way, the Caddy Stacks' committee is considering alternate venues for 2014.

Gift: Hill's Pet Nutrition made a \$5,000 pledge to provide a large saltwater aquarium for the children's department.

New business:

- Board officer Nominations: Chris Burger and Ursula Minor volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
- New board membership discussion: Board membership terms end on April 30. Terry Leibold has been on the board for 11 years and will be retiring. Chris suggested that the membership opening be posted on the website. Anyone interested in being a Trustee can apply by filling out the form on the website.

The Board then went into executive session.

submitted by Elinor Tourtellot, League Observer

Land Use Committee Highlights

April Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013, online via email

Because of the threatening weather, our Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting originally scheduled to be held at the home of David Burress was canceled, and we did our communicating online with Melinda Henderson orchestrating the internet communication (our LUC Chairman, Alan Black, does not have a home computer). There were nine of us online with five of us specifically contributing. David wrote the first letter and Melinda wrote the second of the two letters that were sent to the Planning Commission (PC).

The major issue of our concern involved a proposed text amendment that would eliminate the requirement, now written into our Land Development Code (LDC), to conform to our Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive

Plan, Horizon 2020. Of all of the recent issues that have gone before the Planning Commission, we considered this the most destructive to our whole planning process. There were ten participants online, but five of us contributed most to the contents of the first, written by David Burress, of the two letters that we sent. Melinda wrote the second one, both convincingly making the case for our position asking denial of the text amendment (TA).

BACKGROUND: The Land Development Code (LDC) is a unified document that contains both the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations. It is current, having been officially adopted in 2006, after over six years of study and deliberation by the “Zoning Advisory Committee” (“ZAC”) and our Planning Staff under the direction of Duncan Associates, a professional advisory group hired by the City to provide unbiased expertise. (The ZAC Committee was a diverse group of citizens and professional builders and developers, eleven in all.) The final draft version of the Land Development Code released through our Planning Department was then recommended by the Planning Commission and finally adopted by the City and County Commissions. As are all subdivision regulations and zoning codes in Kansas that have subdivision regulations, it was written to implement the community comprehensive plan (CP), in our case, *Horizon 2020*. This CP was finally adopted by our City and County Commissions in 1998 and revised periodically since.

HISTORY OF THE ISSUE: This issue originally began as one text amendment initiated August 21, 2012 on the City Commission Consent Agenda combined with six other text amendments into one Agenda Item No. 9. The LUC sent a letter objecting to combining these separate, unrelated amendments into one Agenda Item, and specifically asked that the text amendment (TA) that would eliminate the requirement for the Land Development Code to conform to the Comprehensive Plan not be initiated. The City Commission proceeded to initiate with TAs with the result that this specific one appeared in this March PC Agenda as Item No. 7.

OUR LETTERS: There were two issues with this Text Amendment that we addressed, each separately in its own letter. The first letter was written by David Burress and objected to eliminating the requirement in the Land Development Code for conformance to the Comprehensive Plan on the grounds that the Land Development Code would no longer have a visible guiding framework within which to function, and therefore, would allow

itself to be used arbitrarily and not in the public interest. He made the following points:

1. Absence of need. “Streamlining” the approval process isn’t necessary because we already are ranked high in our region for efficiency in processing zoning requests. Why fix what isn’t broken?
2. We still have to follow the proper process. Requirements of State Law and court cases mandate that staff still follow the process of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, regardless of the language in the Land Development Code. The City is also morally obligated to follow the CP because it represents the vast contributions of its citizens. (In contrast, the staff says that this would allow zoning first, then changing the plan later.)
3. Loss of transparency. The public is no longer made aware of the proper process as is now written into the LDC.
4. Possible damage. “As such, lack of public documentation of the review process also invites errors into the process. If the city fails to do its due diligence, it loses regulatory power and purpose.”

He concludes by saying: “Compliance with the plan is not a mere pro forma procedural matter. Instead it has important implications for community well-being and aggregate wealth. In particular, it prevents arbitrary decision-making, thereby allowing predictability. It also promotes connectivity in structure and function; compatibility in land uses; efficiency in function; economy; fairness between users of land; preservation of the environment and history; and public confidence in the future. Ignoring or downplaying these weighty concerns in pursuit of an unneeded, unexplained, and illusory “streamlining” can have no intelligible public policy basis.”

The second letter was written by Melinda, based on her research regarding the history of the initiation of this text amendment. Email correspondence with Planning Director, Scott McCullough, indicated that he had spoken with all city commissioners individually in March 2012 about this issue. He also stated that a few individuals from the development community met privately with the City Manager, Planning Director, and representative of the city utilities department in May and July 2012 to make the request to initiate this TA on the grounds that it would “streamline the process, thus making it more ‘development friendly’ “.

Her letter included these communications from the Planning Director. She concludes her letter by asking that no further action be taken on this issue and

that if it is further pursued, to start anew with the public involved in the whole process.

At the public hearing eight people spoke, including the Chair of Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, representatives from three neighborhood associations, two from the public, League Member, Lisa Harris, a former Planning Commissioner, and Melinda Henderson, LWV L/DC President, all requesting denial. No one spoke in favor.

OUTCOME: The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of the Text Amendment TA-12-00206 that proposed eliminating the requirement for the Land Development Code to conform to the Comprehensive Plan. The Chair of the Planning Commission stated that the PC wanted to send a strong message to the City Commission that nothing was broken that needed fixing.

submitted by Betty Lichtwardt, LUC member

Mabel Stucky Scholarship

This year's recipient of the Mabel Stucky Memorial Scholarship, "a student who shows potential for substantial accomplishment in government or public service," will be announced in May. The award honors Stucky, who chaired committees for the state League and also served as president of the Lawrence chapter from 1965-67. According to her colleagues she believed in educating today's youth to become active, informed citizens and leaders for the creation of good government. She also advocated equitable funding of education and improvement of the property tax system. After her death in 1980 her family and friends established the fund in her memory, adding additional deposits after the first years and taking an interest in its administration.

[Source of information and quotations: League archives in KU's Department of Special Collections, Spencer Research Library, especially "History of the Mabel Stucky Memorial Scholarship" by Mary Margaret Rowen, 1998.]

Be a Delegate to the Annual State Convention!

Our League is allowed nine delegates to State Convention this year. In order to encourage more attendance from our membership, the board has recommended

reimbursement of the registration fee of \$60 for nine delegates. Several slots are still open as of this publication date. If you're interested in attending, please contact Marjorie Cole ASAP. Ride-sharing opportunities will be available as well.

See the convention information on the page 10. Looks to be pretty interesting.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

I'm so very pleased that State Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger will be our keynote speaker. After her presentation, the business meeting will begin. The order of business is listed below.

Call to Order
Adoption of the Order of Business
Introductions and Announcements
Appointment of Parliamentarian
Appointment of the Minutes Committee
Attendance Report
Adoption of Meeting Guidelines

Report of 2012 Minutes Committee
President's Report
Financial Report
Financial Audit
Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget
Proposed Bylaws change (published below)
Establishment of 2013-2014 Dues

Report from the Nominating Committee
Call for Nominations
Election and Installation of Officers

Program Update: (see article below)
Directions to the Board
Adjourn

Proposed Bylaws change

This will be voted on by the membership. The current categories of membership for purpose of paying dues, and the amount of the dues will remain unchanged for the 2013-2014 membership year. In addition, two new categories will be added: Sustaining Membership, Individual, \$100; and Sustaining Membership, 2 Members in the same Household, \$150.

Update on Review of Local Position on Low-Income Housing

On March 23, 2013 League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County members met at Ninth Street Missionary Baptist Church Christian Education Building at 833 Ohio to revisit the position statement under Social Policy on Housing for Low-Income Groups that was approved 1975 and the positions of the LWVL-DC was updated in May 2004. **Members present:** James Dunn, convener; Hilda Enoch, Cille King, Laura Routh, Violet Smith and Milton Scott, scribe for the meeting.

James Dunn, convener, called the group to order. Milton Scott provided handouts to the group as to how we got to this point to revisit the position. The material included information that was posted in previous *Voters*, the minutes from the 2012 Annual meeting which precipitated the action to revisit the position along with League meeting summary notes (from *The Voter* articles summary meeting notes in Sept 2012; January 2013 and Feb. 2013 editions) on the discussion of the position with guests who are professionals and experts in the housing industry who provide the League with current information as it pertained to the position.

James Dunn guided the group in a general discussion about the current position. The group reiterated the need to revisit the position. Along with the discussion, written comments from Kay Hale were introduced and became part of the discussion. [See attachment].

Following the general discussion the group revised and update the position as follows:

Red and Bold= language in the previous position. Just moved to another location.

Green/Italicized= new language

~~Single strikethrough~~ = delete - recognize that it is a much greater scope beyond a governmental body

~~Double strikethrough~~ = delete - redundant language which is already captured in the document

LWV L/DC Local Position statement (Version does include the deleted text):

II. SOCIAL POLICY [DRAFT]

Statement of Position on **LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING**

(The position was approved in 1975. In May 2004 it **was updated to include statement(s) on minimum housing code standards and was again updated and revised April 20, 2013**)

Support for (1) *safe and affordable* housing for low *and moderate*-income households in Lawrence and Douglas County; (2) *an effective* and representative Housing Authority *committed* to analyze low and moderate-income housing needs and *developing* plans to meet them; (3) city *neighborhood preservation* conservation policies and housing rehabilitation assistance in older neighborhoods; (4) ~~compulsory~~ *mandatory* periodic inspection of all rental units; *and* (5) a ~~truly~~ minimum housing code that is periodically *and publicly* reviewed *with all affected stakeholders*. ; ~~and (6) some method of inspection to insure that all residential properties, when ownership is transferred, are in conformance with the minimum housing code.~~

The League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County continues to support the development of **both privately and publicly financed low and moderate-income units and shelter(s) for people in need of housing** in Lawrence and Douglas County. ~~of to meet the need of low income groups.~~

~~We think that the Lawrence Housing Authority should have members who represent a wide variety of community viewpoints and should broaden the scope of its activities to analyze and meet as yet poorly identified public housing needs.~~ The League supports active tenants' associations, *neighborhood associations and landlord associations* in Lawrence *and Douglas County*.

Continued attention needs to be given to infrastructure and ~~conservation, which includes~~ maintenance of *city adequate* services including sewers, streets, *sidewalks* and *public transportation* etc. ~~and to~~ *We support* governmental assistance for housing rehabilitation within older neighborhoods. in Lawrence. A minimum housing code is ~~one tool to be used in conservation of such neighborhoods. Inspection of rental units should be compulsory and repairs should be completed within specified realistic time limits. Only if rehabilitation assistance is available, should repairs be required of owner-occupants who cannot afford them.~~ A strong rehabilitation grants and loans program should be available for those in need. The ~~minimum~~ housing code should contain only those standards ~~required~~ for health and safety, to prevent ~~irreversible~~ deterioration, *demolition by neglect*, and to protect against *prevent* neighborhood blight. The code should be applied to houses when they change ownership, with a written contract between buyer and seller covering who will do the repairs and within what time limits. Our present *The* code should be publicly reviewed. ~~to decide if its requirements are truly minimum; the code should be reviewed periodically.~~

submitted by Milton Scott, LWV L/DC Vice-President

Proposed 2013-2014 Budget

Statement of Accounts (Balance Sheet)

	Proposed Budget 2013-2014	Actual Results 2012-2013
INCOME (excluding Education Fund and interest)		
Total Contributions (excluding Ed. Fund contributions) less expenses	\$1,440.00	\$2,351.00
Dues	\$5,000.00	\$5,286.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,440.00	\$7,637.00
EXPENSES (net of Ed Fund and Judiciary fund)		
Administration		
Postage	\$150.00	\$184.00
PO Box Rental	\$58.00	\$58.00
Supplies, printing, etc.	\$300.00	\$549.00
League Easyweb*	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$508.00	\$791.00
Meals & Hospitality (expense net of event income)		
Annual Meeting, Fluker Lunch, Afternoon with Legislators, etc.**		
TOTAL MEALS AND HOSPITALITY	\$200.00	\$20.00
Membership		
Directory (postage)	\$22.00	
Legislative e-Report (postage)	\$110.00	
Administration	\$10.00	
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL	\$143.00	\$11.00
VOTER		
Postage for 10pg VOTER	\$138.00	
Postage for 12pg VOTER	\$198.00	
Printing for 10pg VOTER	\$264.00	
Printing for 12pg VOTER	\$318.00	
Postal seals @ \$10 total (pk of 600)	\$10.00	
VOTER TOTAL	\$928.00	\$1,441.00
State and National Leagues PMPs (Per Member Payments)		
LWVK- paid from General Fund***	\$885.00	\$1,773.00
LWVUS-paid from General Fund***	\$1,530.00	\$1,502.00
PMP TOTAL	\$2,415.00	\$3,275.00
Expenses for State/National Meetings		
State Council/Convention: 9 delegates@\$60	\$540.00	\$110.00
National Convention	\$0.00	\$1,346.00
MEETING EXPENSE TOTAL	\$540.00	\$1,456.00

Statement of Accounts (Balance Sheet) continued

Voter Service		
	Voter Guides and Other Printing	\$61.00
	Other (canopy, miscellaneous supplies)	\$320.00
	Special project contractor salary	\$2,300.00
TOTAL VOTER SERVICE		\$100.00 \$2,681.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$4,834.00 \$9,675.00
NET INCOME		\$1,606.00 (\$2,038.00)

* Easyweb is being paid from the Judiciary fund.

** Events are planned to be self-financing. Includes Annual Meeting, Afternoon with Legislators, Fluker Luncheon, Brown Bag Lunches.

*** We plan to pay half of PMP from the LWV Education fund.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF KANSAS

2013 Kansas State Convention

**OFF THE BENCH
INTO THE FRAY**

Meet LWVUS President

Elisabeth Macnamara
will announce a
Kansas-only pilot
project.



Don't miss out!

- ✓ Set LWVK's course for 2013-14
- ✓ Four food events, including chocolate
- ✓ Free shuttle from hotel to acclaimed Oak Park Mall

Luncheon speaker

Mary Sanchez
Syndicated, award-winning KC Star
columnist
On Immigration Policy and Civility

Registration Fee: \$60/person (Registration Deadline: April 19, 2013)

Saturday, April 27, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn & Suites • 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park (parking is free at the hotel)

A Fond Farewell to Margo Gordon

For those of you who haven't heard, longtime (since the early 70s!) League member, Margo Gordon, is pulling up stakes and moving to the St. Louis area to be closer to family. I've enjoyed getting to know Margo this year and she is a strong supporter of League no matter where she lives. Thank you, Margo, for your continued support of

League activities through the decades and we wish you well and much happiness being closer to family in St. Louis. Drop us an email occasionally and let us know how you're doing in (gasp) MISSOURI! ☺

— Melinda Henderson

Make a Difference – Renew your membership now!

Complete form, enclose check made out to LWV L/DC, and mail to LWV L/DC • PO Box 1072 • Lawrence KS 66044

(Please note: our fiscal year began on April 1st. If you have not renewed yet, please do so at your earliest convenience)

Our dues support the National and State Leagues as follows: \$31 National and \$18 State per member. Total: \$49/member.

Our local League retains only \$6 from Individual membership dues and \$5.75 each for Household membership dues.

Date _____ _____ New member _____ Renewing member
_____ Individual Membership (\$55) _____ Household Membership (\$85) _____ *Student Membership (\$20)
*University student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

_____ I'm interested in renewing my membership. Please send me information on financial aid available for membership.

_____ I am not a member, but would like to support the League with my contribution as indicated below.

_____ I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ to help sponsor a League membership.

_____ I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League General Fund.

_____ I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League Education Fund*

**This contribution is tax-deductible*

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

As a League member, I would like to help support League activities by participating as follows:

General Membership Meetings

- ___ Set up and/or tear down
- ___ Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)
- ___ Taking notes/writing up report of meeting

Membership

- ___ Recruitment
- ___ Mentor/follow-up with new members
- ___ Provide a ride to a fellow member
- ___ Phone members without internet access about special updates

Voter Services

- ___ Register voters
- ___ Help with voter education/special events

Promotion of League to our Community

- ___ Public speaking
- ___ Attend community events as League representative
- ___ Observer corps (attend/report on government meetings)

___ Help with research for League studies on issues

___ Serve on the Board of Directors

I have the following skills:

- ___ Editing articles/reports
- ___ Database management
- ___ Proficient in Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks
- ___ Website/Social Media design/management

My interests include: _____

