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League Calendar



Please Note:

There are many voter registration days coming up before the General Election - see article on page 2 for the list of dates.

Saturday, August 18th	7:00 PM	Land Use Committee Meeting. Community Mercantile Meeting Room, 901 Iowa St.
September	TBA	General Membership Meeting on Redistricting and Voting Law Changes with Jamie Shew. Time and Place TBA. See article on page 2.
Thursday, Sept. 13th	7:00 PM	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. Plymouth Congregational Church, Heritage Room, 945 Vermont St. All League members are invited to attend.
Saturday, Sept. 15th	9:00 PM	VOTER Submission Deadline. Please send submissions to lightwatcher@gmail.com .
Saturday, Sept. 29th	10:00 AM	Voter Education Coalition Candidate Fair. Union Pacific Depot, 402 North 2nd Street.

A Note from President Carrie Lindsey

The primary is over and the general election is now before us! As I am currently not able to use my right hand much, my message will be short but please pay heed: We need to do everything we can to make sure people **go to the polls**. There is a lot of confusion and fear related to the new voter id laws. But everyone who GOES TO THE POLLS will at least be able to cast a provisional ballot. Please remind your friends and neighbors to **vote**.

There are many articles of high importance in this newsletter from the Voter Services Chair, Melinda Henderson. Melinda, our election assistant Emily Pabst, and volunteers have been very hard at work getting voters registered and answering the many questions that voters have this election season. Please thank them and give them all the support you can.



If you didn't catch our letter to the editor, you can find it online at the Lawrence Journal-World at this link: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2012/aug/03/sustainability-support/>

SUBSTITUTE VOTER EDITORS NEEDED!

Many thanks to Sally Hayden for serving as the Guest Editor for the July VOTER.. A Guest Editor is also needed to produce the October and November issues this year. If you are interested, please contact Carrie at carrieblindsey@yahoo.com, or Ruth at lightwatcher@gmail.com. Thank you!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In September, League will be hosting a general membership meeting open to the public with Douglas County Clerk, Jamie Shew, as our guest speaker. He will address the changes in precincts resulting from the redistricting process and changes in the Voter ID laws that will be in effect when voting this year. After Jamie's presentation, Melinda Henderson, Chair of the Voter Services Committee, will provide training for anyone who wants to volunteer to register voters for the remainder of the season. Please watch your email for further information, and phone calls will be made, as well, to those members who do not have email.

VOTER SERVICES UPDATE

As of July 28th, League has registered 61 voters at three events: Lecompton Territorial Days, Lawrence's annual Sidewalk Sale and Final Fridays at the Warehouse Arts District. A big thank-you goes out to the following League members who participated in these events:

Bob and Lee Ann Duver, Hilda Enoch, Sue Himes, Marlene Merrill, Kay Hale, Jeanne Mann, Scott Criqui, Eileen Larson, Bev Worster, Patrick Wilbur, League President Carrie Lindsey.

Also, thanks to the following League members who contributed either money to purchase supplies or made in-kind contributions: Marnie Argersinger, Sarah Casad, Marjorie Cole, Mary Davidson, Hilda Enoch, Kay Hale, Lee Ketzell, Carey Maynard-Moody, Barbara Sabol, Rita Spradlin, Patrick Wilbur, Bev Worster. We were able to purchase a shade canopy, and an ice chest/cooler which will be so helpful for all future events that are outside



in warm weather, along with meals for volunteers, and some extra laminated signs for the events.

And a personal thank-you from

Melinda to Carey Maynard-Moody, Cille King and President Carrie Lindsey, who provided chauffeuring and errand-running service during the sunup to sun-down Sidewalk Sale stint.

And here's a thank-you note that was received from Hilda Enoch recently:

"Dear League Friends,

The enclosed contribution is to honor Melinda Henderson and her dedicated helpers who worked the Sidewalk Sale Shifts in over 100 degree weather -- and for providing me with 2 cold bottles of water to sustain me during my shift.

She and her cohorts are Real Heroes!

Truly, Hilda Enoch"

Emily Pabst, our Election Cycle Assistant has done an amazing job of finding venues for us to be visible to register and educate voters. In fact, she's found more locations than we have volunteers for. Thanks for your hard work, Emily!

Upcoming Voter Registration/Education events include the following:

Checkers from 9am – 1pm on August 18th

Busker Festival downtown from 6pm – 10pm on August 25th

Read Across Lawrence at Library from 4:30 – 7:30pm on August 28th

Final Fridays Art Walk downtown from 5 – 8pm on August 31st

East Lawrence Block Party at Hobbs Park from 5 – 9pm on September 22nd

Voter Education Coalition Candidate Meet and Greet at Union Pacific Depot from



10am – noon on September 29th
Farmers Market from 6:30 – 11am on October 27th

We also have opportunities to register voters in Baldwin City at their Farmers Market on Saturdays.

Please let our Voter Services Chair, Melinda Henderson, know if you can volunteer for any of these upcoming events. Her contact information is: melinlw@gmail.com or 841-8191.

- Melinda Henderson

JOIN THE LEAGUE'S GOOGLE GROUP EMAIL LIST!

Many League members are not subscribed to our Google Groups email list. We do so much notification of events via email and want you to be notified of this information. If you use email on a regular basis, and receive an invitation to join this list, please accept. Thank you!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

We are now part of the new millennium as far as social networking goes. Please LIKE us on Facebook:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lwvldc

or, go to Facebook and search for League of Women Voters of Lawrence/Douglas County.

And, we're now on Twitter: www.twitter.com/lwvldc

We post many updates about what we're doing and what the County Clerk's office is doing, as well!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDS VOTING DOUGLAS COUNTY!

Kids Voting is a grassroots, nonpartisan nation-wide organization dedicated to educating youth in grades K-12 about the rights, responsibilities, and mechanics of participating in American democracy.

Description:

What makes the Kids Voting program unique is the authentic voting experience that mirrors the official

voting process. Kids literally "go to the polls" on Election Day and cast their ballots. Volunteers run the Kids Voting booths at official polling places in Douglas County on Election Day. Volunteers help the children sign-in when they arrive, give them their special Kids Voting ballots, and assist them with voting.

Volunteers needed for the planning committee! The Kids Voting Committee is seeking one or more volunteers to assist with planning for the November election. The committee meets monthly (next meeting is Wednesday, 7/25, 4pm at 1 Riverfront Plaza) and then weekly as the election gets closer. Volunteer jobs include:

- Volunteer Recruitment – develop and implement ideas for recruiting volunteers to staff polls on Election Day. Information from previous elections will be provided as a starting point.
- Data Entry – once voting locations are determined by the county clerk, add each location and volunteer time slot to our database at



www.VolunteerDouglasCounty.org. Training will be provided, and this can be done from our office, or your home.

- Volunteer Assistance – respond to inquiries from volunteers via a special email address set up for Kids Voting volunteers.
- Volunteer Training – provide assistance at volunteer trainings, such as checking in volunteers as they arrive.
- Ballot Box Stuffing – this is a fun group activity getting all of the Kids Voting ballot boxes ready.
- Election Day support – provide assistance as needed on election day at Kids Voting headquarters and/or various polling sites.

Please contact Lori Johns at the United Way Roger Hill Volunteer Center if you would like to volunteer! (785) 865-5030 or info@rhvc.org.

ROUND TABLE LAWRENCE

Networking Lawrence Government with Residents Starting September 22nd Round Table Lawrence will give Lawrence residents the opportunity to learn about Lawrence's local government policies, processes and practices. This is an opportunity for the public to learn about the various departments and their re-

spective commissions and board and network with city staff. Round Table Lawrence is a program to help voters learn about how the local governments work, work together, where local taxes go, how the planning process works, what Public Works and other departments do and how they spend the taxes including federal grants. What incentives are and how they are used. How our police and fire departments operate. These round table discussions will provide valuable information on why local elections have more influence on our daily lives.

The fall schedule is set and the 2013 spring schedule will soon be finalized. For further information or to sign up to attend please call Gwen Klingenberg at 393-4845 or email roundtablelawrence@yahoo.com.

September 22: Planning Department and Planning Commission, East Lawrence Rec. Center 8:30 to 10:30am

October: 20: Planning Department and Historic Resource Commission, East Lawrence Rec. Center 8:30 to 10:30am

November 10: Parks and Recreation, Union Pacific Depot 8:30 to 10:30am

December 1: Police Department and Fire Department, Union Pacific Depot 8:30 to 10:30am

January: Legal Department and Municipal Court
February: County Clerk Jamie Shew

March : Public Works Department and the Traffic Safety Commission

April: Budget Department and Finance Department
May: City Manager's office and City Commission

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 21, 2012, 4:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Deborah Thompson, Chair, Joan Golden, Vice-chair, Fran Devlin, Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Burger, Terry Leibold, Ursula Minor.



Library Staff Present: Brad Allen, Dir., Sherri Turner, Assistant Dir., Kathleen Morgan, Library Foundation Dir., Susan Brown Marketing Dir., Rachel Smalter Hall, Adult Programs Librarian and Staff.

Friends of the Library Present: Susan Craig

Guests: Mike Wildgen, Brian Knight, and Elinor Tourtellot, League of Women Voters.

Deborah Thompson opened the meeting by presenting Mike Wildgen with the "golden library card", acknowledging his great leadership and contribution to the library as interim director. Mike is now Director of the Lawrence Senior Center.

Deborah introduced and welcomed the new library director, Brad Allen. He began work on May 1, and has been spending time meeting staff and people in the community. He has been having meetings with his administration team and community organizations, the Lawrence Rotary Club, the City Management Team meeting and the City Commission Meeting. His meeting with Gould Evans and B.A. Green on May 10 brought him up to date on the building renovation and expansion. They hope to have some options soon on prospective off site locations for the library during construction if that is determined to be more cost effective.

Brad, Sherri Turner and Sean Zaudke of Gould Evans visited the new Bonner Springs Library and Basehor Community Library to learn about the benefits and drawback features of their buildings. Brad suggested that he and the library gain further knowledge about building projects by contacting his mentor, Fred Schlipf, Library Building Consultant. The Board agreed.

There will be a small feature on Brad in the spring 2012 issue of KU Library's Bibliophile and another in the May 2012 issue of the KU Alumni magazine.

Next, Brian Knight from Mize, Houser & Company pre-



sented the auditor's report. He approved of the financial statements. He said they were accurate and offered no new comments or suggestions.

The Caddy Stacks fundraising event was a great success. Kathleen reported that the net earnings would total just over \$17,000. The library reserved the Carnegie Building for next year's event scheduled for February 22-24.

Margery Frederick is interested in establishing a grant with the Library Foundation to honor her late husband, Bob Frederick. She wants to have a "Dr. Bob Book" program that would provide a book on wellness or good sportsmanship to children receiving their first library card. The program will probably be launched in October when all four of their sons are in town.

The Capital Campaign is successfully completed and now the Foundation committee, headed by Vice Chair Chuck Blaser, is refocusing on building the endowment for the library.

The Foundation's stellar volunteer Jean Ann Oden was a finalist for the Wally Galluzzi Volunteer of the Year Award. This annual honor from the Roger Hill Volunteer Center recognizes people who give tirelessly of their time to non-profit agencies in our community.

Susan Craig reported that the Friends are waiting to hear about the library's moving decision. A longtime Friend has offered storage space for all books that are sorted, priced, and boxed. This offer was accepted. The County has donated the use of the fairground space for the Spring sale and future sales. The Children's sale is June 2nd, the Mystery and More sale, July 8th. The Fall sale, the last sale at this location, has been moved up to mid September.

The marketing update was presented by Susan Brown. The Library now has a new user-friendly website developed by Philsquare of Lawrence. Susan has received positive feedback about the site from patrons and staff. This summer's reading program is for all ages, and it includes events about art, science, fitness and more that will take place all over Lawrence.

For more about "Summer in the City" go to www.lawrence.lib.ks.us.

Rachel Smalter Hall was contacted by Ellie Golding, a representative of the Lawrence Farmers Market, who requested use of library space for their winter market. Chris reminded the board of the Library's policy of no sales in the Library. Rachel pointed out that art hanging in the Library does have price tags on it. The board agreed to form a small group to vet issues. Rachel will let Ellie know that her request is under discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

- Elinor Tourtellot, observer

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 19, 2012, 4:30 p.m.



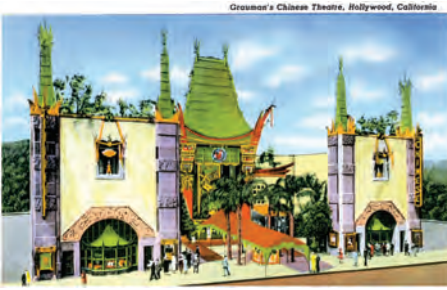
Board Members Present: Deborah Thompson, Chair; Joan Golden, Vice-chair; Fran Devlin, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Leibold, Ursula Minor and David Vance.

Library Staff Present: Brad Allen, Dir., Sherri Turner, Assistant Dir., Kathleen Morgan, Library Foundation Dir.

Friends of the Library Present: Susan Craig.

Guests: Sean Zaudke, Gould Evans, Elinor Tourtellot, League of Women Voters.

Sean Zaudke, architect, presented a clarification of the new library layout. The plan shows that from a circulation view point the new design is more efficient. The adult public area and circulation will be upstairs next to each other. The sorting space will have glass walls so work can be viewed by the public. Meeting rooms will be downstairs with an open space in the center that could be used for collections. The collections could be tied directly to the function of the lower level spaces--economic development, technology, etc. The new plan also offers improved storage space and a second public stair. The book drop and service window are in about the same place as before. There will be one elevator with two accesses shared by both the public and staff. Board comments were favorable.



After the design committee meeting on June 29th, the layout design will be posted on the web along with an explanation of what is

different and why. The City wants the board and staff to decide what is best for the interior of the library with the expectation that the plan comes in on budget.

Brad Allen reported that B.A. Green is still evaluating whether or not to move the library to a temporary location during construction. To move would make the construction stage smoother. Borders, Hobbs Taylor and Allen Press look like the most promising combination of sites if financially feasible. The Borders space would require little or no structural changes and has adequate parking. Hobbs Taylor could be used for administration and technical services and Allen Press could handle remote storage. Deborah suggested that a B.A. Green representative come to the next board meeting to discuss the decision.

The Summer Reading Kickoff program went extremely well with an estimated 850 people in attendance. Brad announced the "Last Bash", a fun end of the summer event, will be on August 2. Plans include blocking off Vermont Street, live music, crafts, games, free hot dogs from Local Burger and beer (possibly from Free State).

Kathleen reported that the Foundation has formed a subcommittee to look into how to proceed to develop an endowment. They don't want to launch a major giving campaign on the heels of the building fund campaign but will focus instead on planned giving and a major gifts program. They will work with a KU intern to develop a marketing package.

Kroger has granted the Foundation \$3,000 in support of the library's laptop pilot project.

Kathleen invited board members to attend a program on this Sunday at 3:30 to dedicate a painting donated in honor of Edwina Gilbert.

Susan Craig presented the schedule for the Friends' events: July 8th from 1-5 p.m., a mystery book sale;

July 19, the sidewalk sale in downtown Lawrence; July 28, "Donation Day", a new event making it easier for people to drop off their book donations. Susan reported their bylaw revision was approved. The Friends are donating another \$10,000 to the library to be used at Brad's discretion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

- Elinor Tourtellot, observer

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2012, 7-9 pm
First Methodist Church, Rm 305

Present: Carrie Lindsey (President), (Vice President), David Burress (President Elect), Marjorie Cole (Treasurer), Caleb Morse (Secretary); **Directors:** Margaret Arnold, Bonnie Dunham, James Dunn, Sally Hayden, Melinda Henderson, Cille King, Marlene Merrill. **Absent:** Ruth Lichtwardt, Milton Scott. **Members present:** Alan Black, Nancy Dunn, Betty Lichtwardt, Bob Lichtwardt.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Carrie at 7ish pm. The agenda was adopted as distributed by Carrie.

Consent agenda. Melinda moved (Margaret) to pull the minutes of the April meeting and President's report from the Consent Agenda; carried.

Treasurer's report. Marjorie reported total income for Apr of \$941.00 (\$111 in contributions and \$830 in dues; \$538 was collected for Annual Meeting lunches, but the bill from Brandon Woods and some other expenses have not yet been submitted); and expenses of \$294.10 (\$25 to LWV-Concord-Carlisle, \$110 for State Meeting registrations, \$125 for the printing of the March Voter, and \$33.60 for postage and post-cards). As of May 1, balances in various accounts were as follows:

Checking = \$3666.55
Money Market = \$4398.30
Stucky = \$7115.40
Judiciary = \$1088.58
Three dues scholarships have



been awarded. The Dues Scholarship fund (a subset of the General Fund) currently has \$155 available.

Minutes adopted. Bonnie moved (Marlene) to adopt the minutes of the April meeting were adopted as distributed by Caleb (with corrections from Carrie and Melinda) with a typographical error corrected by Bonnie; carried.

President's Report. Carrie reported on a successful Annual Meeting. She noted that directions to the Board include looking at partnering with the Older Women's League on the issue of death with dignity. Other items in Carrie's report:

[A] She had recently been in contact with Alan Cowles, former Board member of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, who is proposing that the City adopt a policy requiring appointed boards to receive information on the open meetings act. Carrie offered to write a letter of support on behalf of the League.

[B] League presented a letter to the City Commission on a proposed collaboration between the Chamber, County and City that would focus on recruiting businesses to bring primary jobs to the City and County. The letter was well received and Mayor Bob Schumm said he appreciated our sending it. The City directed staff and the Chamber to present answers to the questions asked and bring it back to the Commission May 22nd or in early June.

[C] Kay Hale has volunteered to serve as our observer for City Commission meetings. Holy cow!

[D] League sent letters on land use issues last month that Carrie felt did not reflect well on the League. Carrie suggested a plan of action, which would both prevent this from occurring in the future and also better divvy up the work load, so Betty Lichtwardt doesn't have to should so much of burden herself. This plan was comprised of the following items:

1. Plan the year in advance on which board member will be attending the meetings
2. Express to the general membership via the newsletter and list serve that if they wish this committee to continue that there be more active participation by the general membership.
3. Appoint someone else at each LUC meeting to write letters that Betty can assist in editing.



4. Have every letter refer to the specific part of the Land Use/League position that the topic of the letter relates to.
5. Require that the letter be proof read by at least three people, two who attended the meeting and another board member besides the person who attended the meeting.
6. Final DRAFT of letter should be sent to Board President and all members who attended the LUC.
7. If a letter is going to endorse a letter by another organization the Board should be notified so objects, if any, can be made.
8. The organization whose letter we are endorsing should also be notified.
9. A request should be sent to other organizations to please notify the League President and Land Use Committee Chair when they will be referring to our letters.
10. Members should be reminded via email and in the newsletter of our Policies on 4.

There was some discussion about this plan, but no action was taken. See further discussion below.

Carrie notified us of our policies on action, representation to other organizations, and forming coalitions and co-sponsoring programs, and pointed out that several board member portfolios need to be claimed. We planned an orientation for May 26.

Action and Discussion Items

Stucky Award. FSHS graduate Billy Barnes received the 2012 Stucky Award. Carrie noted that he had already registered to vote by the award ceremony and was very excited to have received the award. He plans to pursue a degree in sports management in university.

National Convention. Carrie reported that \$1000, the amount allocated in our annual budget to defray the cost of travel to National Convention, is not nearly enough. Cille has found the convention hotel is charging \$229 per night for two people (she has found a roommate) and the cost of the flight was \$259. After paying the convention registration costs and meals, she'll necessarily be well over budget. Marlene moved (Caleb) to have Cille turn in

receipts for reimbursement. David noted that we're already planning to run a deficit this year and this will mean a larger one. He suggested adding a statement to the motion that the additional deficit will be covered through fundraising (which Marlene accepted as friendly). Motion carried (11-0-0). Melinda commented that there is an email list with discussion about everything that is going on at National Convention. Cille will check it out.

Nancy Dunn, who will be going to National Convention with James, anyway, volunteered to serve as our second delegate. Caleb moved (David) to accept her offer. Caleb asked if we should pay Nancy's registration costs. David said he didn't think so. Marjorie suggested James and Nancy treat it as an in-kind donation. The motion carried (9-0-2, with James and Melinda abstaining). Carrie offered a few ideas to Cille and Nancy on how to represent us. Bonnie asked if we could get a report on the goings-on from our delegate(s).

New meeting venue. The next meeting will take place at Plymouth Congregational Church, 7-9 pm, on June 14.

Review ad for potential hire. [The ad was not ready to review.]

Volunteer for June VOTER editor: Sally volunteered to serve as the editor for the June issue of the newsletter.

Vote on Privatization Study Consensus Meeting. David presented a report on the consensus statement arrive at (by consensus!) at our consensus meeting on the LWV US Privatization Study, which took place on May 5. Caleb moved (Marjorie) to submit the report to the LWV US study committee; carried (11-0-0).

LUC meetings and letters. Carrie reported that some letters sent to the City and Planning Commission in recent months did not reflect well on the League. Further, she thought, League is taking advantage of Betty Lichtwardt's good will and work ethic by asking her to do so much of the work carried out under the aegis of the Land Use Committee. Carrie circulated a calendar of LUC meetings planned through the end of the year and asked that at least one board member to commit to attending each of them. See also provided a list of

recommendations on how future meetings and actions of the LUC should be carried out (see President's report, above). Melinda asked if this would be a general policy for committee meetings. David said he thought No, this would be specific to the LUC. Caleb explained how the LUC committee had functioned in past years : the president and committee chair would sign letters, or—if the president was unable to attend the meeting—s/he would send a designee who would act on behalf of the board to ensure the committee was acting in a League-appropriate way and co-sign

letters with the committee chair. Carrie voiced her concern that people who are not current League members have too much involvement in this committee, and suggested that these people be removed from the LUC distribution list. Alan Black asked why it would be an issue if non-members had a chance to see and comment on drafts of letters (which is really the only sensitive information shared on the list). Betty noted that this isn't really a significant issue, since all but two of the people on this list are current members, and those two are past members; the LUC has not broadcast its activities more widely, for instance to the general public. Bob Lichtwardt commented that Betty continues with her work for the LUC because many people (planning staff, included) have told her that it's important work. Carrie responded that she agrees, but she thinks League is expecting too much from Betty and letting her down by not divvying up the work better.

Betty said it's a good idea to try to get people more involved, but to have as a policy that someone else (besides Betty, who knows the issues best) should write letters [see President's report, suggestion 3] is just impractical, since Betty would have to check them all for factual accuracy, anyway, and correct a certain number of statements. Margaret asked how we could become more educated about planning issues. Betty suggested that someone in KU's urban planning department could instruct us all in urban planning, but many of the issues are complicated and people learn the details of the regulations and the consequences of the interpretations of those regulations only after years of paying attention to how particular issues play out. Betty suggested that one



thing we could do, as a group, would be to devote some energy to formulating some general recommendations to the city about how to improve the process and outcome of planning. (One of these might be requiring Planners and Planning Directors to complete coursework in good planning!) Melinda offered that this might be useful, since the LUC mostly re-acts to problems on specific issues, as they come before the Planning or City Commission, and it would be better if League was more proactive on planning issues. Alan noted that one issue we might work on is proportional representation: The County Commission selects half of the Planning Commissioners (these mostly from outside the Lawrence city limits), even though only 8% of the county's population resides outside of Lawrence. Bob noted that Betty has accumulated an extensive library on planning and is willing to lend these documents to interested members. No action was taken on this item.

New policy. Melinda circulated an amendment to Policy #19, with the inclusion of language governing the listserv. Caleb moved (Melinda) to adopt the language; carried (11-0-0). Melinda will run the listserv. Caleb will continue to run the website. He will send out on the listserv a call to members who would prefer not to have their images posted on the website.

Committee Reports.

Membership and Leadership Development. Bonnie and Carrie reported that Carrie has the notebooks, which she'll transfer to the new chair of this committee (not yet assigned). Bonnie is working on a history of LWV L-DC, which she'll pass along to Caleb to post on the website. One thing she learned from this work is that membership levels were higher when we had meals at membership meetings. The poor turnout at the last Brown Bag Lunch was disappointing and Bonnie is thinking about setting up a little survey to help her figure out why. She is still meeting with Gwen Elliott, our MLD coach.

LWVK Board. James reported the Great Bend League has run into membership and leadership problems. They are considering going on a hiatus, or at least suspending their bylaws. The Emporia League suspended their bylaws several years ago, in an effort to keep their chapter going by experimenting with a different leadership organization. It is reported to be successful to those participating, although their membership has not grown appreciably.

Voter Service. Melinda reported that she had joined the Facebook Vote 411 team, is getting more updates from them every day. People on that team say that they are getting good at using the system, although Melinda has not herself worked with our site. Either LWV K or LWV US will be responsible for populating our site with questions for state and national races; we'll do the local races. The Voter Education



Coalition, which is being co-chaired this year by Jane Bateman and Ann Gardner, does not plan to carry out voter registration activities this year, so we are free to do as we please there. The Community Booth at the Farmers' Market is open to civic groups on a first-come, first-serve basis; you just have to fill out the form. Melinda might look into setting up a booth at the Cottin's Hardware market, as well. Melinda and Carrie visited with a sorority at Baker University, the members of which wanted some information about good citizenship issues and register to vote. Melinda explained to them why you might select a political party, and how you do it.

State Council report. Caleb directed board members attention to a report written by Kay Hale about the activities at, and outcomes from, the State Council meeting, which took place in Salina on April 28.

ADJOURNMENT. Sally moved (Bonnie) to adjourn at about 9 pm; carried (10-1-1).

NEXT BOARD MEETING. The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, June 14, from 7-9 pm at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

- Caleb Morse



LAND USE COMMITTEE

REPORT ON JUNE 2012 LAND USE COMMITTEE (LUC) MEETING

The LUC met on June 23rd at the Merc at 7:00 p.m. to review the June 25th Planning Commission (PC) Agenda Items—their only meeting for the month. There were five issues involving various planning steps including variances, Special Use Permits, Comprehensive Plan changes, rezonings, annexation and preliminary platting, but nothing that warranted a letter from the Land Use Committee.

Agenda Item No. 1 was a variance request to forego dedicating a right-of-way on the west side of Wakarusa Drive. Public Works recommended approval of the variance by moving it to a more appropriate location.

Agenda Item No. 2 was for a request to rezone to H GPI (Health facility-General Public and Institutional District) the proposed Bert Nash campus on North Michigan. (The Lawrence Memorial Hospital requested that this new district be created to identify the new Health Clinic use as different from the Hospital District use.)

Agenda Item No. 3 was for a Comprehensive Plan change to a 2.42 acre tract on the south side of 6th and the east side of Congressional Drive to allow an extension of commercial use from RMO (multi-family office) to Neighborhood Commercial (CN2). This involved rezoning and a special use permit to allow construction of a drive-in facility and retail-office use development which were considered as Items No. 4A and 4B.

Items 5A through 5D involved development of a new Recycle Center in North Lawrence on the west side of 2nd Street at the northern city boundary. The applicant requested annexation, city rezoning to IG-FP (General Industrial in the Floodplain), a Special Use Permit (SUP), and Site Plan approval and acceptance of a Preliminary Plat. It also requires special permits because of its location near the levee and being in the floodplain. Because of its location adjacent to the highway, this use also required special screening. Construction of the required sidewalk was deferred, but an easement for a future sidewalk was provided. **OUTCOME:** These requests were all approved by the PC.

The Sports Village and accompanying commercial land use.

Earlier in June the League sent a forwarding letter to the City Commission with our attached letter that we had sent to the Planning Commission in May regarding the problems we found with the PC review and decisions on the proposed Recreation Center, now officially called Sports Village, and the commercial rezoning request for the 150 acres of newly-annexed land northwest of 6th and the Highway 10 intersection. For a detailed account of this issue please see the Land Use Committee Report in the May Voter:



REPORT ON THE JULY 2012 MEETING

The LUC met Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merc. We discussed the five items on the Agenda, but again did not send any letters to the Planning Commission.

Item No. 1, was a request to change 6 acres of a larger 20-acre Planned Unit Development (PRD-2) to a conventional RM-15 District. Theoretically, the density (number of residential units per acre) would not change and the conventional zoning would require only staff approval of a site plan, making the process simpler. Because the new code requires an equal percentage of open space in conventional and planned development (according to staff) there would be no gain by continuing the planned development zoning. Our Committee discussed this in detail because conventional large-lot multiple family residential development has been a continuing contention with us for some critical reasons, but we decided not to raise the issue with this development.

Item No. 2 was a request for an Special Use Permit (SUP) in an existing IG (General Industrial) District to move a recycling center that had been a serious nuisance and non-complying use in an RS District adjacent to single family housing on North Haskell Avenue to a location farther north at the end of Haskell between the railroad tracks. In-



cluded with the SUP are several restrictions: no open burning, litter-free exterior fencing, compliance with state & local laws, etc. Compliance with these requirements will avoid many of the previous problems that had been occurring with this use. The neighborhood seemed to have no objections to this request.

Item No. 3a through 3d dealt with moving and enlarging a city-owned sewerage pump station located on North Michigan a short distance to the east. The station will be raised but located underground with only the controls on the surface and will be less obtrusive than the one it replaces.

Item No. 4 was a request to rezone from IG (General Industrial) to IL (Limited Industrial) a one-acre + site located on the west side of Haskell in the mixed-use corridor south of 23rd. The VFW proposes to relocate its assembly hall here from the site now being planned for the Bert Nash health center on north Michigan. The site plan for this use will be approved by the planning staff, but a concept plan for public view has been included in this application.

Item No. 5 was a request to rezone the large commercial office site on the northeast corner of 6th and Iowa (known as the Bluffs) from a district where it is the non-conforming RSO (Single Family Residential Office) District to one to which it conforms ----- Commercial Office (CO) District. This non-conforming re-zoning occurred when the new code was adopted and the old designations were automatically changed to supposedly equivalent new ones. In this case the building became non-conforming because the new RSO District limits office buildings to 3000 square feet and this building is obviously much larger. Nothing else changes here with the re-zoning, except that it now conforms to the existing use and site. OUTCOME: All requests were approved.

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