

Oread Neighborhood Association

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Oread Neighborhood Association's Mission Statement: The mission of the Oread Neighborhood Association is to stabilize and maintain the neighborhood as a quality, mixed-density residential neighborhood by accommodating the need for student housing, preserving existing single-family housing, and revitalizing the neighborhood's unique architectural, environmental, and historical character. This mission is accomplished by encouraging the participation of residents and property owners in the maintenance, planning and development of the neighborhood.

Revised Oread Neighborhood Plan

Progress Report

On January 27th, the Planning Commission approved the revised Oread Neighborhood plan. This is now ready to be considered by the Lawrence City Commission. As stated in the plan, the Oread Neighborhood planning area is anticipated to continue in the future to be a neighborhood with a mix of residential housing types as the dominate land uses and various mixed use and commercial areas. Preserving the existing housing stock, increasing homeownership and improving property maintenance will be important for the future. To that end, the following goals and policies have been identified:

Goal 1

Land Use

Maintain a variety of housing types to provide a balance in the diversity of people living in the neighborhood while maintaining strong neighborhood scale commercial areas.

- Maintain and stabilize the strongest concentrations of owner-occupied housing and encourage owner occupancy throughout the neighborhood.
- Create overlay district(s) to establish appropriate standards for specific areas regarding density, bulk, massing, and scale, building coverage, mix of housing types, and parking requirements.
- Explore creative ideas to deal with parking congestion in the neighborhood that address commuter parking and issues with parking for uses that lack appropriate off-street parking.
- Maintain the existing commercial areas in their current locations in the planning area and support new mixed and light commercial uses, if they are determined to not be detrimental to existing downtown commercial uses.
- New development should respect the historic integrity of the neighborhood.

Goal 2

Preservation

Preserve and improve the character of the neighborhood by encouraging the preservation of existing historic structures and features and by supporting infill development that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

- Continue the preservation and protection of historic resources in the neighborhood.
- Infill structures should be compatible with the massing, scale, and bulk of the historic structures in the surrounding area.
- Historic infrastructure should be preserved and repaired (eg. Stone curbs, hitching posts, steps, brick streets and sidewalks).

- Explore educational opportunities to promote and inform citizens of the benefits of protecting historic resources and existing programs to assist in protection.
- Support planning efforts that identify and protect the area's historic resources.

Goal 3

Infrastructure

Promote improvements and maintenance of existing infrastructure on a regular basis, and upgrade infrastructure when redevelopment occurs.

- Streets and sidewalks should be maintained and repaired on a regular basis.
- Increased pedestrian lighting in the neighborhood should be considered as a safety measure for the area.
- Sidewalk gaps should be identified and included in plans to complete them.

Goal 4

Neighborhood Atmosphere

Promote a healthy and safe living, working, studying, and celebrating environment with a sense of community.

- Strive to maintain property owner compliance with housing/nuisance standards.
- Encourage property owners to participate in housing rehabilitation activities.
- Encourage landlords to responsibly address problems with tenants.
- Neighborhood clean-up should be an ongoing priority for the neighborhood.
- Explore alternative trash policies to help keep the area cleaner.
- Strive to improve residents' behavior regarding trash, celebrations and day-to-day activities.
- Support programs that encourage permanent housing for the homeless.
- Explore public safety programs that support safe and friendly celebrations in the area.

Make Plans to Attend...

All neighborhood residents, 18-years of age or older, and property owners can attend Oread Neighborhood Association meetings... not just those that have paid neighborhood association dues.

2010 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM and will be held in the Heritage Room (Northeast entrance) at Plymouth Congregational Church on the 4th Thursday in the following months:

February 25th: Board member elections will be held.

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

Because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, meetings will be held at Plymouth on the 3rd Thursday in November and December on the following dates:

November 18th

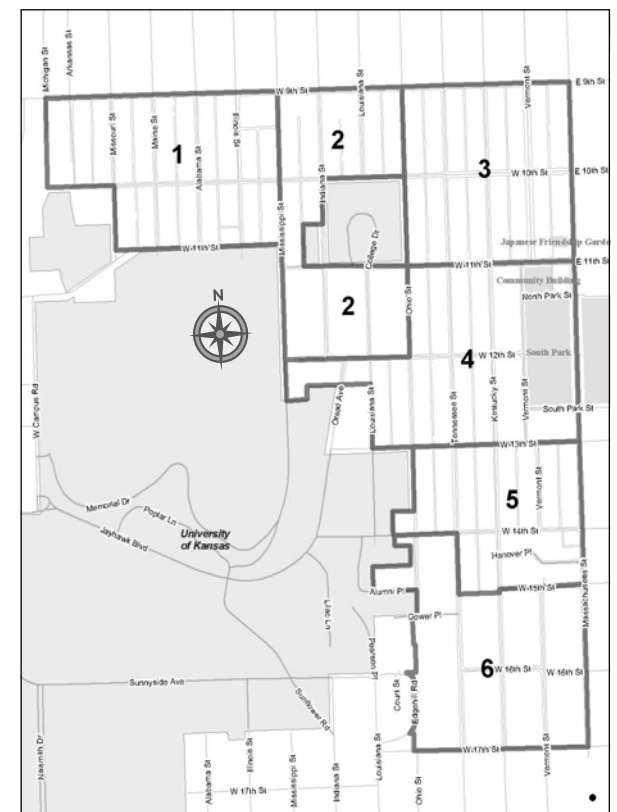
December 16th

The Oread Neighborhood Association website can be found at:

oreadneighborhood.org

Your participation and interest in the neighborhood association is appreciated.

Oread Neighborhood Districts and Boundaries



The Planning Commission approved version of the neighborhood plan can be viewed in its entirety at: http://www.lawrenceks.org/pdg/draft_plans.

PROPOSED BOARDING HOUSE CODE AMENDMENTS

Congregate Living

Neighborhood Perspective

There is concern that high occupancy boarding houses may drive the few remaining homeowners out of mixed-use neighborhoods. Having some owner occupants living in neighborhoods is essential to avoid blight and ensure stability. The Oread Neighborhood Association appreciates that action is being taken by the city to update the existing, outdated code.

At the February 02, 2010, City Commission meeting, the Lawrence City Commission voted to return the proposed boarding house code amendment to the Planning Commission. Allowances for parking and expansion of existing structures warrant further consideration. All stakeholders need to be involved including the KU administration and students.

What is a Boarding House

The Oread Neighborhood has been challenged with difficulties presented by the boarding house code. The present code is outdated and is not being used in the way it was originally intended. A boarding house is defined as follows in city code:

A dwelling or part thereof *where meals and/or lodging are provided for compensation for one or more persons*, not transient guests, and where there are not more than 12 sleeping rooms, nor sleeping space for more than 24 people.



930 Ohio

Conversion of 930 Ohio, from a single-family residence to a boarding house, included a significant addition in the back.



1300 Ohio

Traditionally, a boarding house was an owner-occupied home that rented rooms and provided meals to the renters. It is not known when or why the requirement to provide meals and/or lodging for compensation was no longer being considered or required as part of the site plan review process. The proposed boarding house text amendment changes the definition to read as follows:

Congregate Living: A dwelling or part thereof that contains sleeping units where residents share bathing room and/or kitchen facilities and where lodging is provided for compensation for one (1) or more persons, not transient guests. Congregate living is commonly referred to as a lodging house, boarding house, rooming house, or cooperative but is not typically considered a dormitory, fraternity or sorority house, assisted living, extended care facility, group home or similar group living use.

According to the Douglas County Appraiser's Office, there are 25 boarding houses in the city of Lawrence; 17 of them are located in the Oread Neighborhood. At this time, two site plans are being reviewed by Planning and Development Services to change the use of 1223 Ohio and 1205 Kentucky to boarding house designation as well. All of the homes pictured on this page were once designated for single-family use.

Parking

The Planning Commission adopted a draft of the updated Oread Neighborhood Plan at their January 27th meeting. Goal 1 – for Land Use is to “Maintain a variety of housing types to provide a balance in the diversity of people living in the neighborhood while maintaining strong neighborhood scale commercial areas.”

For years having adequate parking has been a concern in the Oread neighborhood. The proposed changes to the boarding house code would create a bias for congregate living development. This would allow reduced parking requirements for congregate living compared to apartments. To continue to encourage a variety of housing types the parking standards need to be consistent. Additionally, the neighborhood feels strongly that a trash receptacle area needs to be designated on each site plan for every congregate living structure. This will have an impact on the availability of parking.



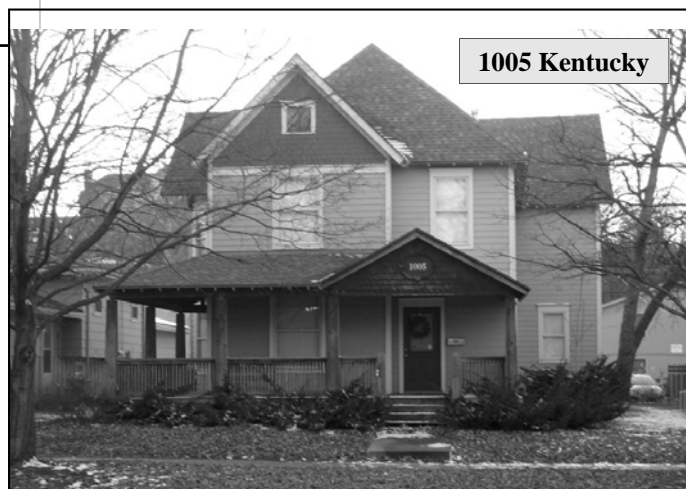
1223 Ohio

Because the Oread neighborhood has single-family residences in a multi-family district, the proposed parking requirement of four spaces for 6 bedrooms would also mean that there is an incentive to make every single-family residence in the neighborhood into a boarding house. This is exactly opposite of the Land Use Implementation Strategy of “Encouraging more owner occupants and families to locate in the planning area...”

Preservation and Expansion

There are a limited number of very large structures in the Oread neighborhood. In order to preserve those, the neighborhood proposed reducing the requirement for parking spaces for those larger structures to allow for renovation; perhaps including structures that were 4,000 sq. feet and larger. Again the neighborhood wants to emphasize that the parking standards should be consistent and such opportunities should be available for renovation of those large structures as apartments or as a boarding house based on the best future for the structure rather than having differing parking standards.

Neighborhood residents are also concerned with expansion of structures for congregate living; additions doubled the size of two existing structures on a block that had a number of smaller, single-family residences. Instead of limiting expansions in all multi-family districts throughout town it may be better to use the overlay districts proposed in the Oread Neighborhood Plan to address this issue of allowable expansion. If expansion is to be addressed, including attics, crawl spaces, and covered decks seems to unfairly allow for the greatest possible expansion.



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ONA Board Member Elections

February 25th Neighborhood

The Oread Neighborhood Association depends on active residents and property owners to guide the future of the neighborhood. All members of the neighborhood association can serve on the Board of Directors. Membership is open to any person eighteen years of age or older living or owning property within the geographical boundaries of the neighborhood.

What Will I Have to Do?

The time commitment for a board member includes attendance at monthly neighborhood meetings. Your interest and passion for the neighborhood will dictate the amount of time and energy you invest outside monthly meetings. The important thing is that you have an opinion to share and a willingness to identify areas needing improvement in the neighborhood. The board's mission is to continue the tradition of making Oread a better place to live. If you would like to make a contribution to that effort, please consider serving a one year term on the Board of Directors.

Student Participation is Encouraged

At this time there are no KU students represented on the ONA Board of Directors. If you're a student living in Oread, you should consider joining the Board so that your perspectives can be considered as decisions are made. There are district representative openings for Districts 3 and 6. A map of the Oread neighborhood districts can be found on page 1.

Cheers and Chides

January 2010

Cheers to everyone who made efforts to help others get around in spite of the snow: those who cleared off their sidewalks and helped clear the sidewalks for neighbors and the city crews who worked diligently to get the streets cleared. Special thanks to the guests at the Lawrence Community Shelter who were noticed helping people whose cars had gotten stuck in the alley behind the First Christian Church. Chides to those who had empty beer cans and trash showing in their yards as soon as the snow melted.

Cheers to city planning commissioners and staff, ONA representatives, neighbors and property owners who have spent countless hours to make the Oread Neighborhood Plan an up-to-date and workable document. Chides to those who aren't working to strengthen the neighborhood and make it work for everyone.

Chides to those who have brought in gravel to create parking spaces – if it wasn't there before you shouldn't be adding it now – unfortunately much of the gravel ends up in the city's storm water system.

Cheers to all the school children and parents working to save our neighborhood schools; the exhibit at the Percolator is outstanding!

1232 Louisiana

Photo of the vacant lot that remains following demolition of the home pictured on the right.



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Special Use Permit Request for Extension

Mission: "...provide safe shelter and comprehensive support services and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk of homelessness".

On January 27th, the Planning Commission approved the request for extension of the Lawrence Community Shelter's SUP for a period of time, estimated at two years, to coincide with relocation to a new permanent site. Final approval is pending from the Lawrence City Commission.

Some LCS Facts

- According to the 2008 Annual Report, the shelter served more than 50 guests per day during the daytime and 31 guests overnight (with typically 14-15 persons turned away nightly). 632 separate individuals were served in 2008 and 309 intakes were completed for new guests.
- Shelter staff has become more vigilant in making calls and in informing the neighborhood to make calls regarding LCS guests. Calls for police and medical services declined from 145 to 105 and 60 to 45 respectively between 2007 and 2008.
- Activity in and around the shelter increased during the latter half of 2009, due to the closure of the Salvation Army overnight shelter. Annual statistics are not yet available for this past year.

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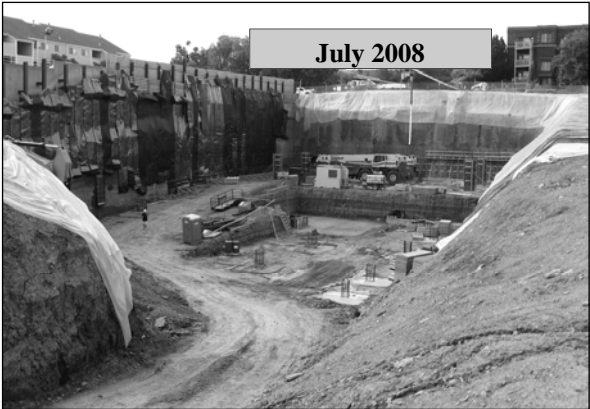
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On the Hill...



March 2008



July 2008



January 2009



April 2009



January 2010



Dear Neighbors,

Shade and I have greatly enjoyed living in the Outlook and the opportunities we have had to meet many of you over these past six months. Lawrence is a dynamic community and each day we find out something new about the people, events and landmarks that make this such a special place.

Just as Shade and I seek to be good neighbors, the University of Kansas also strives to be a good neighbor. I know there have been areas of friction in the past, which is why I have been very pleased with the progress that's been made on the renewal of the city-university land use agreement.

Members of the Oread Neighborhood have been involved in this process and I look forward to the agreement's renewal so that we can continue to build a stronger relationship between KU and its community.

Additionally, over these next few months I hope you'll stay informed about the ongoing discussions at the State Capitol regarding the state's budget. KU has already taken significant cuts, which when combined with unfunded mandates, now exceed \$36 million.

These cuts have forced us to eliminate faculty and staff positions and lay off employees. And while these actions certainly affect our employees and students, they also affect the community as a whole. Fewer faculty and staff at KU mean fewer customers for local businesses, fewer buyers for homes here and so on.

The Lawrence community – and neighborhoods like the Oread – play an important role in helping KU recruit faculty, staff and students. Thank you for the welcome that you have shown not only Shade and me, but to all members of the KU family, and thank you for your commitment to this very special neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Gray-Little
Chancellor

The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Oread on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. A word of thanks was extended to the Oread Neighborhood Association for their participation and support during the planning and construction of the hotel.



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Lawrence Police Department Information Bulletin Winter 2010

The Lawrence Police Department would like to remind citizens to report any suspicious activity in their neighborhood. Residents are the best source of information for law enforcement officers, as they are more familiar with what activity in their neighborhood is normal and what activity is suspicious. To report crimes in progress call 911. For non-emergency assistance call police dispatch at 832-7509. Rewards may also be available through CrimeStoppers by calling 843-TIPS, for information leading to an arrest.

Auto Burglary Prevention Tips

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle before parking it. Purses, wallets, checkbooks and electronics are frequent targets of theft. If valuables must be left in a vehicle, place them in the trunk or completely hidden under a seat.
- Stereos with removable faceplates should have the faceplates removed nightly.
- Garage door openers should NOT be left inside vehicles parked outside your home. When a thief locates your garage door opener, it gives them access to valuables in your garage and potential access to the living area of your home.
- Lock your vehicle and do not leave ignition or spare keys inside the vehicle. Those burglarizing your vehicle will often steal the entire vehicle if given an opportunity.
- Utilize alarm systems when available.
- Keep your garage doors closed and locked whenever you are not in the garage.
- Park in well lit and traveled locations.
- Be aware of your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious activity to police.

For crime prevention information please call the Lawrence Police Department Community Services Division, Neighborhood Resource Officers at 830-7410, or email at nro@lkpd.org.

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Central Junior High School is holding a virtual plant sale!

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2010 Census: 10 questions in 10 minutes

"Just like we can't survive without roads and bridges, the country doesn't function well without an updated Census to distribute funds to areas that most need them and to support community decisions about their own future."

— Robert M. Groves,
Director of the United States Census Bureau

The 2010 Census is your community's voice in government.

When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs going forward. Accurate data reflecting changes in your community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools, and services like job training centers.

The initial mailing will be sent out in mid-March 2010. Once you get your form in the mail, fill it in and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that will be provided.

The Census Bureau does not send out any confirmations that your form was received.

Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly identified as coming from the U.S. Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States. It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend they represent the Census Bureau. Before your household receives a mailed form, a phone call or a visit from the Census Bureau, you will be given a few days notice with a letter from the Census Bureau Director.



Van Go Mobile Arts

Mission: To improve the lives of high-needs youth using art as the vehicle for self-expression, self-confidence, and hope for the future.

Van Go Mobile Arts, Inc. is an arts-based social service agency that provides year-round after-school and summer job-training programs to high-needs and under-served youth, ages 14-21.

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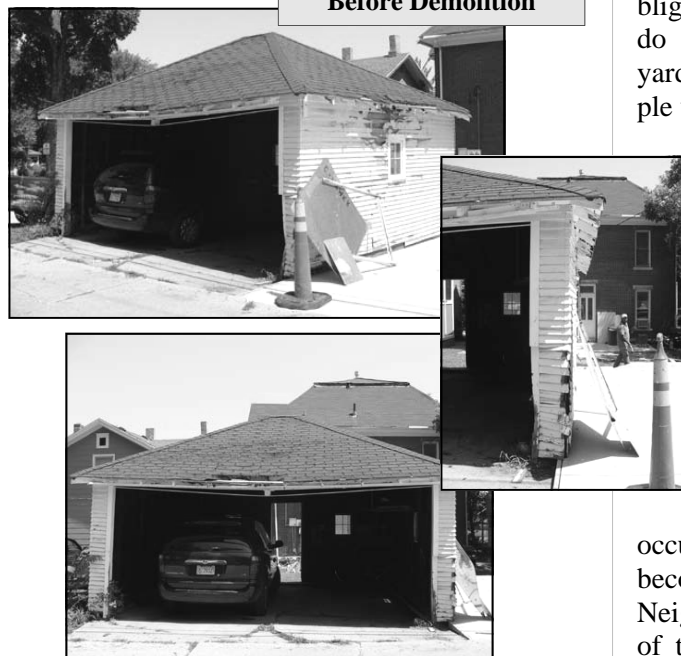
Founded in 1997 as an innovative way to help fill existing gaps in social services, Van Go has been a lifeline for hundreds of kids and teens in crisis.

How Does a Neighborhood Become a Ghetto?

At the November 19, 2009 Historic Resources Commission, an owner presented his case for the demolition of a garage at 1205 Kentucky (pictured below). He has owned the house for 12 years and he has been consistently working on the house making improvements; including a new roof and heating and central air. Four years ago, he was hit by a car on Kentucky Street and has been unable to resume work on the house. The pictures of the garage show a 90% deteriorated structure which would have to be rebuilt rather than replaced or repaired. The garage was hit by a car and the roof beams have rotted off at the roofline. It will cost a lot of money to replace it, money that could be used to enhance the house. The owner points out that there are many deteriorated garages or no garages along the same alley. The Historic Resources Commission votes to demolish the garage.

Demolition-by-neglect is a catastrophic event in historic neighborhoods; the Oread Neighborhood being one of those locations in our community. The demolition takes away the properties that give the neighborhood charm and appeal. They are invariably replaced by structures which are more cheaply made, are not unique or interesting, and which are designed to make money, not to dazzle the eye. What remains after historic structures are gone is a mixed bag of rental properties in varying states of decay and blight with no particular reason to fix them until they are sold. And even then, the repairs may only be superficial. Once an old house is gone because of demolition, it is gone **forever**. No one is likely to rebuild it because that is an expensive proposition for a potential homeowner or an investor who does not plan to live in the neighborhood. How many old houses have been demolished because of neglect since 1979? How much of the character of the Oread Neighborhood has been lost forever because it has been replaced by a wood laminate apartment building with plastic windows which will only last 20 years, if it is maintained?

Before Demolition



1205 Kentucky

When the Historic Resources Commission sends the death penalty to another old structure, we must ask, "How did this happen?" It is not the fault of the Historic Resources Commission. The blighted old property should have been identified long before and its owner contacted about making needed repairs. The means for protecting these old structures need to be enforced **BEFORE** they become so blighted that all that is left to do, reasonably but sadly, is tear them down? If the city is invested in saving these old structures, there should be a clear means of making owners either fix them up or sell them to someone who will make that commitment. The blight should be caught long before the timbers are rotted and termite-ridden. If we don't save these old houses, there will no longer be a neighborhood worth saving.

It is understood that a neighborhood cannot be converted to single family dwellings overnight, but there are some reasons why it would be advantageous for the Oread Neighborhood to have a greater proportion of single family dwellings than it does now. Families tend to care about their property more than landlords or tenants do. Families will live in the same place for much longer than the tenants, who move almost every year. Families watch the activity on their blocks and are an active deterrent to crime. Families care about blight on adjacent properties whereas tenants may inadvertently support blight because blighted property rents for less money. Families do not tolerate trash all over their neighbors' yards or noise late at night. They don't like people using their yards, or their neighbors' yards, as toilets. Families set a standard for those who live around them in terms of maintenance and landscaping. They report blight repeatedly until something is done about it. Owner occupied housing, and the year-round residents who live in these homes, are invested in the quality of life in their neighborhood, which includes more than just their own house and their own block.

It seems that at a certain point, when single families drop below a percentage of occupants on both sides of a block, the block becomes "rogue". In 1979 when the last Oread Neighborhood Plan was completed, about 48% of the blocks in the neighborhood were 66 to

100% single family. Now, less than 9% of the whole neighborhood is single family. Considering that the 1979 plan advocated increasing the number of single family dwellers, it is surprising that the neighborhood has fewer single family dwellers now than it has ever had in its history. What happened where the 1979 Oread Neighborhood Plan is concerned?

Besides Old West Lawrence, the Oread Neighborhood is an important historic resource which adds charm and, possibly even income, to the city. If existing code standards were to be enforced consistently, both for the state of the structures and for the behavior of the people who live there, this neighborhood could be an extremely beautiful and pleasant place, not just for the dwellers, but for anyone visiting the city. Because of its link to downtown and the University, it should be in everyone's best interest to ensure that the Oread Neighborhood is one of the prettiest neighborhoods in the city. It is going to take a mighty effort on the part of the stakeholders and the City to change the direction that the neighborhood is going and set it on a course away from being "ghetto-ized" and toward a course of increased value, beauty, and civility.

After Demolition



Given that there has been a good Neighborhood Plan in place since 1979, and given that the priorities identified in that plan have had little impact on the evolution of the neighborhood over the last 30-years, what are neighbors to expect when the revised Oread Neighborhood Plan is implemented? Ideally, the revised plan will be followed by the City; including Planning and Development Services, the Historic Resources Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

It would be a great disservice to everyone who has already invested a great deal of time and effort in revising the neighborhood plan to have the new plan gather dust on a shelf in City Hall in the years ahead. Nothing less than complete commitment is needed to save the charm of the Oread Neighborhood now. The balance has been tipped. There are hardly any single family dwellers left.

How does a neighborhood become a ghetto?: one dwelling and one single family property owner at a time.

Your Neighborhood Association

The Oread Neighborhood Association (ONA) serves as a liaison between neighborhood residents / property owners and the City of Lawrence. Because there is not a rental registration / inspection program for multi-family zoned neighborhoods, Oread residents must be proactive in order to ensure that their living conditions are safe. City staff acknowledges that the greatest threat to tenant health and safety exists in older rental structures. However, the city's budget cannot support inspection of these properties at this time. If there's something that is of concern to you, please feel free to report that to ONA's Coordinator at coord@oreadneighborhood.org. Ensuring the well-being and safety of Oread residents is important to ONA.

Highlights from ONA Meeting Minutes

October 2009

District 1 Concern - Portapotties

There are several locations in District 1 where portapotties have been present since the beginning of the football season. Neighbors would like to know if there is a city ordinance that prohibits this practice. For example, how long can porta potties be left on a private property without being moved?












Blight Report - 1232 Louisiana

The following information was received from Brian Jimenez, Code Enforcement Manager, on Wednesday, October 14th:

The demolition permit has just been picked up and RD Johnson Excavating will begin the demolition first thing in the morning.











The following conditions will apply following demolition: 1) The Oread Neighborhood Plan will need to be updated prior to building a replacement structure; 2) The vacant lot cannot be used for parking.











It is believed that interior features from the home may not have been salvaged prior to demolition of 1232 Louisiana. It would be beneficial if property owners could be asked to consider salvage prior to demolition of blighted historic properties. 1232 Louisiana had pocket doors with original hardware and straight five-panel doors that would have been good candidates for reuse.























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November 2009

KU Student Senate Off-Campus Lighting Project
Guests Elise Higgins, KU Student Senate, and Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director/Infrastructure and Maintenance, spoke with neighbors about a proposed off-campus lighting project that will be routed through the Oread neighborhood. Funding must be secured before the project can be initiated.

Project Overview

The objective is to create lighted pathways from campus to downtown so that pedestrians can navigate back and forth between these areas with an increased level of safety. Two routes have been proposed; a primary and a secondary.

- Primary: 12th Street east from Oread Avenue to Vermont, Vermont through South Park (diagonally through the park and come out at north park and Massachusetts).
- Secondary: 14th Street from Louisiana to Ohio, north on Ohio to 12th Street and tie into the existing primary route.

Lighting: Consideration has been given to the potential for "light pollution" and how this will impact Oread residents. Lights selected for the project will be motion activated.

Sidewalks: Walkways will be 5' wide, ADA compliant, and will be located in the public right of way. This work will be paid for by funding procured for the project. Ongoing sidewalk maintenance has been considered but no decisions have been made.

Neighborhood Discussion

- The need to increase lighting for pedestrian traffic is included in the revised neighborhood plan. Having a safe, walkable neighborhood that includes additional lighting is desirable.
- A high volume of pedestrian traffic will be funneled along the pedestrian pathways if this project is implemented. Walkways may become dangerous in the winter and an increase in pedestrian traffic along the routes will be cause for additional loose trash in these areas.
- Neighbors were not in favor of having motion activated lighting installed in front lawns. Side yard lighting is preferred and will have less of an impact on streetscapes.
- Input must be solicited from Oread property owners along the proposed pathways. Their input will be vital to the potential success of this project. The Oread Neighborhood Association cannot officially speak on behalf of neighbors without speaking with the property owners and residents first.

Portapotties

There is no ordinance in place for the use of portapotties on private property. A neighbor counted nine addresses just north of the stadium where portapotties had been in place since the beginning of the football season; some with more than one unit. It is anticipated that all of these will be gone after the November 14th football game.

This seems to be a growing issue in the Oread neighborhood only. Theoretically, every house could display a portapotty for the duration of each KU football season. If neighbors want to do something about this growing trend before the 2010 season begins, a request will need to be submitted to the city.



January 2010

City of Lawrence / KU Cooperation Agreement

A public forum on this topic was held at City Hall in the City Commission Room on Wednesday, January 27th. Neighborhood association leaders and neighbors were invited to attend.

Community Development Advisory Committee

City staff is asking for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the lighted path that will connect KU to Downtown. The original, proposed route could be problematic because there are no stop lights at 12th and Kentucky / Tennessee Streets for pedestrian traffic to use. The neighborhood would like to be involved in the choice of lighting that would be used along the path.

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