

**West Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Directors and Steering Committee Meeting
September 17, 2006**

Present: Racquel Alexander, Susan Chi, Sally Cloar, Alan Cowles, Gwen Klingenberg, Paula Pepin, Harris Tate, Connie Tate

Treasury: The current balance is \$255.34.

Traffic Calming: We need to test the speed hump on Silverstone (western edge of Stoneridge); this may be good for Harvard. This hump can be traversed at around 30 mph. Gwen says money is available for this, but we need to make a formal request to David Corliss.

6th & Wakarusa: The Planning Commission approved a rezoning with 99,000 square feet for Wal-Mart, but did not approve Wal-Mart's plan. The rezoning and plan now go to the City Commission. LAN is sending a letter objecting to the traffic studies, market studies, and the overall look of the project. The issue could go back to court. The Steering Committee agreed that the Neighborhood Association should continue to express its concern for overbuilding on the corner and excess traffic in the area.

Website: Alan will eliminate the "Youth Services" page, and start a "Community Calendar" page, listing social activities (for example, Bunco, bridge, block parties, etc.).

Land around Langston Hughes School: This land, which is currently used for youth sports and serves as a buffer around the school, is noted on one map as "Future Mixed Residential". We don't want the land (currently owned by School District 497) to be sold to a developer. WLNA will send a letter to the School Board indicating our concern that the land not be sold by the School District.

6th & Stoneridge: The developer has postponed development of apartments here indefinitely. Stoneridge will extend to 6th, as the Benefit District for this extension has been approved. Plans to complete Branchwood's connection to 6th Street are on hold because the church that owns the land there can't afford a Benefit District.

Mercato: Development at George Williams and 6th needs to be watched, due to a request for increased square footage for big box stores.

Planning Commission: Alan wants to send a letter expressing concern for the fact that individuals are restricted to 3 minutes speaking time while developers

get far more.

Storm Water: We need to request that a city employee (Matt Bond) be here during a bad rain storm to see the issues that concern residents.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee: There will be a walk your child to school day in October. A questionnaire will be handed out regarding issues of safety, etc. A request can then be made for a grant from KDOT to help.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 12, at 4 p.m.

Sally Cloar
Secretary