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Oread Neighborhood Plan Meeting
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Lawrence City Hall, City Commission Chambers

Items from the February 9th public input meeting were presented for discussion. The meeting attendees were asked to comment on the goals and help brainstorm ideas on how the policy issues could be addressed in the plan. Suggested goal changes and ideas to address the policy issues are italicized in each section. The suggestions will be used when drafting the plan. The items with numbers after them are the top 10 rated items from the February 9th meeting and the number identifies the tally of votes given to the item.

Land Use

Goal:

Encourage a variety of housing types to provide diversity within the neighborhood while maintaining strong neighborhood scale commercial areas.

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

Encourage owner-occupied residences.

Policy issues:

1. Zoning conflicts with parking standards (28)
2. Parking-not enough (10)
3. Current zoning-too restrictive (5)
4. Existing large housing originally built with the intention to rent rooms
 - a. Zoning often not consistent with the land use
5. More families in the neighborhood-downzoning to encourage (10)
 - a. Transient living-rental
 - b. Low owner-occupied homes
6. Diversity in housing stock (5)
 - a. Affordable housing
 - b. Desirable location
7. Reinforce diversity of uses and structures-single-family, mixed use
 - a. Neighborhood orientated retail uses

- *Enforce/enhance nuisance housing laws*
- *Develop angled and parallel parking on Ohio and Louisiana Streets*



- *Buy dilapidated homes for parking lots*
- *Permit parking (from 9 am to 10 pm)*
- *No car incentives (bus passes)*
- *Timed parking (2 hr)*
- *Potential downzoning of some areas*
- *Incentives for students to leave their cars at home*
- *Maintain existing housing stock*

Preservation

Goal:

Preserve and improve the character of the neighborhood by encouraging the preservation of existing historic structures and by supporting architecturally compatible infill development.

Preserve and improve the character of the neighborhood by encouraging the preservation of existing historic structures and features and by supporting architecturally compatible infill development.

Policy issues:

1. Preservation of historic resources and character of the neighborhood (16)
 - a. Historic Landmarks-registered and unregistered
 - b. Historic infrastructure-stone curbs, brick streets, hitching posts
 - c. Alleys
 2. Appropriate infill-architecture style, type (7)
 3. Historic homes lost to rental units
- *Add historic district protection*

Infrastructure

Goal:

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

Policy issues:

1. Brick streets & sidewalks-not maintained well (5)
 2. Tree roots-damage to sidewalks and foundations (8)
 3. Infrastructure maintenance
 4. Damage from stormwater
- *Street lighting (in general and to downtown)*
 - *Alley maintenance*
 - *Root damage to sewer lines*
 - *Get rid of one way streets*
 - *Trash dumpster location and operational issues*

Neighborhood Atmosphere

Goal:

Promote a healthy and safe living and working environment with a sense of community and common identity.

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

Policy issues:

1. Landlord neglect of structures (20)
 2. Owner/city neglect
 3. Bars-trash, behavior, travel through residential areas to get to them, change in drinking age (13)
 4. Trash
 - a. Trash facilities-more receptacles available for public use both daily and during football games
 5. Parked cars prevent proper street cleaning
 6. More students with less campus housing available
 7. Commuters parking in neighborhood
 8. Boundary-(+/-) adjustments
 9. Rentals drive purchase prices too high for owner-occupants
 10. Restore quality of the neighborhood
- *Move certain trash issues to infrastructure*
 - *Dumpster diving enforcement*
 - *Consistency as to where the trash is set out for pick-up*
 - *No keeping trash cans in front yard.*
 - *Increase police presence during specific times (graduation, football, basketball, tournament events)*
 - *Lighting and security*
 - *Address homeless facilities presence (activities for)*
 - *Property condition neglect*