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August 1, 1987

Bob Moody President, NLIA 529 Elm Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Moody:

This letter is a request for your assistance in the City's endeavors to promote fair housing in Lawrence. As part of its fair housing outreach and education efforts, the City would like to submit a series of articles about fair housing laws, tenant rights, etc. for publication in the NLIA Newsletter. The City would also appreciate any time that could be set aside at one of your regular monthly association meetings for Arvilla Vickers of the Human Relations/Human Resources Department to speak on fair housing and to answer any questions that neighborhood residents may have about fair housing.

If you are interested in assisting us in this matter, please call Arvilla Vickers at extension 314 or me at extension 106 to discuss possible publication dates, speaking dates, etc. We hope to begin the series in the near future, so your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Schroeder

CDBG Program Analyst

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cc: Arvilla Vickers



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Bob Moody, President North Lawrence Improvement Assoc. 539 Elm Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Bob:

You recently requested a summary of North Lawrence sidewalk expenditures over the past several years and an informational statement on the CDBG Minor Home Repair and Emergency Loan Programs.

Since 1983, the following new sidewalks have been installed with CDBG funds:

600 Block of Elm (1983)

\$4,000.00

700 Block of Elm, 8th Street between Elm and Walnut, 800 Block of Walnut Street, North 4th from Maple to Trailer Park near North Street (Fall 1986)

\$34,162.28

700 Block of Locust (Spring 1987)

\$7,500.00

Lyon Street, 400 through 700 Blocks (current project)

\$15,243.19 (Bid)

TOTAL

\$60,905.47

With regard to the Minor Home Repair and Emergency Loan Program, the City would appreciate publication of the following information in your upcoming newsletter:

Page Two August 28, 1987

"A Minor Home Improvement Grant and Emergency Loan and Grant program is now available to low-income homeowner/occupants in Lawrence.

Grants of up to \$500 are available to eligible applicants for minor home improvements that improve health, safety, energy costs, or conditions that cause blight and deterioration.

A combination grant and loan of up to \$2,500.00 (first \$500.00 is a grant) may also by available to eligible applicants for emergency improvements that eliminate IMMEDIATE hazards to health and safety, or conditions that are likely to cause health and safety hazards in the near future.

The Emergency Loan will be a non-interest bearing, non-installment loan which will become due and payable only when the recipient ceases to occupy the assisted property.

To receive additional information and application, please stop by the Community Development Department in City Hall, or call 841-7722, Extension 100."

I hope this above information is of assistance to you, and we thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Schroeder CDBG Program Anaylist

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ROBERT L WALTERS

June 5, 1989

Mr. Bob Moody North Lawrence Neighborhood Assn. 539 Elm Street Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mr. Moody:

Enclosed is a data sheet showing some interesting information concerning the North Lawrence Neighborhood Cleanup conducted in April, 1988, and again in April and May, 1989. It appears that in each year you were billed for the services of a rear-loader for 10 hours at the rate of \$50.00 per hour. Also for the services of a flat-bel for 10 hours at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Services provided were considerably in excess of that for which you were billed. On April 23 and 30, 1988, two rear-loaders and one flat-bed were provided for a total of 11 hours worked. In addition, rear-loaders were provided for 6 hours for additional cleanup on Wednesdays following the scheduled days. The 1989 cleanup benefited from the substitution of a second rear-loader in lieu of the unavailable flat-bed.

The use of the chipper this year did enable our trucks to complete the scheduled cleanup without follow-up the next week. This did not result in a reduction in the sanitation repartment bill since our costs still far exceed the amount billed. Note that overt me wages alone exceed the amount billed each year. This indicates that we will probably have to increase the hourly rate semetime this year. The overt me salary cost for a typical rear-loader crew is now \$38.00. The necessity to provide a supervisor on the scene due to considerable public contact and non-standard work drives up the overall salary costs by almost \$22.00 per hour.

Flease call if I can provide any further help.

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Max'L. Slankard

Assistant Director of Public Works

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From the Desk of

Robert T. Moody, Jr.

North Lawrence Improvement Association 539 Elm
Lawrence, KS 66044

July 13, 1989

Mr. Buford Watson and City Commissioners 6 East 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Watson and Commissioners:

All too often, a person is quick to point out deficiencies and concerns, especially when dealing with a governmental body. However, I want to point out positives. During the past several years, it has been my privilege to work with a great number of city staff. I emphasize "with" because my experience has shown that Lawrence is fortunate to have dedicated, qualified and concerned individuals who work with the public to find solutions to problems.

Mike Wildgen has been extremely responsive to issues and concerns expressed by the North Lawrence Improvement Association and has worked toward resolution of those. He is open to discussion and suggestions. He is top-notch and I appreciate his insight, work and suggestions.

Lynn Goodell and his staff have worked with me on several Community Development funding and environmental concerns. They have provided invaluable assistance in accomplishing our goals.

Fred DeVictor has established a first-class Parks and Recreation pro-gram in Lawrence. He recently assisted the N.L.I.A. with an innovative cleanup operation for brush by providing a chipper and manpower to reduce brush to usable wood chips for North Lawrence residents.

George Williams has also been extremely helpful in assuring that essentials, such as streets, water and sewers, are "up to snuff." His staff has been extremely cooperative during our semi-annual cleanups.

Terese Gardner has worked to find answers to tough traffic safety issues. I greatly appreciate her help and patience.

Chiefs Ron Olin and Jim McSwain have been quick to respond to public safety issues and risked their own safety in addressing our organization and responding to neighbors' concerns.

Barbara Huppee was extremely cooperative and sensitive to concerns about the placement of scattered housing sites in North Lawrence.

One always risks omission of important names when citing individuals for their assistance, and I probably have done such. But the point is: I think Lawrence has a great city staff and you, Mr. Watson and City Commissioners, are to be commended for your insight in hiring them and giving them proper direction (most of the time). I appreciate everybody's assistance and commend them. They don't get enough recognition (and salary, probably) but they have my respect. I look forward to a continued cooperative and rewarding relationship.

Sincerely,

Bob Moody, President

To:

Margene K. Swarts, CDBG Program Analyst From:

Date: September 6, 1989

Subject: Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

In an effort to continue furthering fair housing and equal opportunity in the block grant program, as well as address a few problems, the Community Development Department wishes to institute a few changes. These changes deal with the solicitation of participants on the CDBG Advisory Committee and Grant Review Board, as well as participants in the various programs offered by the Department, and a reminder of the requirements to be met as set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan.

Effective immediately, we will be requiring documentation of how your neighborhood solicits participation for this program. When openings are available on the CDBG Advisory Committee or Grant Review Board, we would prefer that notice be given in the neighborhood newsletter and/or a special mailing to all residents of the neighborhood. Special emphasis should be given to encourage minority participation. If solicitation for these openings must be made by personal contact, we will require a list of the names and demographics for all persons so notified. When the programs we offer are publicized in the newsletter, we ask again that minority participation be stressed.

Additionally, I wish to remind you that the City Commission has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan that provides guidelines to be followed by CDBG funded neighborhood associations. One of the requirements is that the association meet regularly on at least a quarterly basis. Copies of the minutes of those meetings are to be forwarded to this office within thirty days after each meeting.

I have been made aware that some of the neighborhood associations are not meeting on a regular, minimum quarterly basis. Also, we have not been receiving copies of minutes of the meetings that do transpire. If the association has altered the meeting frequency or made any other changes, the bylaws must be amended to reflect this. A copy of all amendments shall be submitted to this department to be kept on file along with the minutes.

I have enclosed a copy of the guidelines for neighborhood associations as adopted by the City Commission in the Citizen Participation Plan. In addition to the minutes we would like to receive copies of all newsletters, clean up fliers, or other special mailings, on a regular basis. If we are not on your mailing list, please add us to it.

At this time, there is one neighborhood association that has yet to sign their subgrantee agreement. Please be advised that no funds will be forthcoming to any association (either by reimbursement or direct payment of bills) unless the association is in compliance with all requirements.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 841-7722, ext. 109.

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cc: See Attached Page

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Don Binns, President

East Lawrence Improvement Association John Swift, President

North Lawrence Improvement Association Bob Moody, President

Oread Neighborhood Association Eric Cleveland, President Jennifer Brown, Coordinator

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Suzanne Perry, President

University Place Neighborhood Association Neva Entrikin, President

- 2. The board will perform its duties as prescribed in the Policies for Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loans, as amended from time to time.
- 3. Meetings of the board may be called by the Chairperson or by the CDBG program staff. The board may conduct business only when at least four members are present at a called meeting.

III. GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED BY CDBG FUNDED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

- A. Any neighborhood association receiving support funds through the CDBG Program, will be required to adhere to the following guidelines:
 - 1. Each association is required to have, at a minimum, quarterly meetings. The associations are encouraged to have regularly scheduled meetings each month.
 - 2. Business may be conducted only at open meetings of which all members have been notified a reasonable time in advance.
 - Associations must elect officers on a yearly basis, in accordance with written bylaws. These bylaws shall be on file with the City.
 - 4. Neighborhood associations must have definite geographical boundaries. Membership must be open to any person eighteen years of age or older living or owning property in the specified area. Each association may allow for nonvoting members in its bylaws.
 - 5. Business meetings must be conducted at the regular scheduled meetings.
 - 6. Membership dues cannot exceed \$1.00 per year for individuals.
 - 7. Minutes of each meeting are to be forwarded to the Community Development Office within 30 days after each meeting.
 - 8. An annual accounting of the use of CDBG funds is to be submitted to the Community Development Office.
 - 9. The associations are encouraged to utilize a portion of the funds to notify members and the public of the time and place of each meeting.





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September 19, 1989

Don Shepard 513 Elm Lawrence, KS 66044

BUFORD M. WATSON, JR., CITY MANAGER

Dear Don:

Your name was given to me as a possible appointee to the CDBG Advisory Committee.

I would like for you to serve on the committee if you are willing to do so. You would replace Margaret Brun as one of the two North Lawrence representatives on the 17-person committee. The committee usually meets once a week (probably Thursday) from 7-10 in the evening at City Hall during the months of January through April. After that, meetings are rare - maybe two or three times during the year.

I have enclosed a copy of the Citizen Participation Plan which outlines the duties and responsibilities of the committee.

If you can and will serve on the committee, please call me before next Tuesday, so I can pass the word to Mayor Schumm. I think you would be a great addition.

Sincerely,

yhn A. Goodell

Director of Community Development



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January 23, 1990

North Lawrence Improvement Association 539 Elm Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Moody:

I asked George Williams, Public Works Director, and Fred De Victor, Parks and Recreation Director, to comment on CDBG proposals submitted by various neighborhood associations. I have enclosed a copy of the comments for your use. If you have further comments or questions regarding the proposals or staff comments, please contact me at 841-7722, ext. 100.

Thank you for your interest in revitalizing your neighborhood.

Sincerely, Lynn M. Goodell
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Lynn A. Goodell

Director of Community Development

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Enclosure

NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 539 ELM LAWRENCE, KS 66044

May 1, 1991

Mr. Lynn Goodell, Community Development

6 E. 6th

Lawrence, Ks 66044

Dear Mr. Goodell:

The North Lawrence Improvement Association invites you and your family to our annual Spring Potluck Picnic, Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 in John Taylor Park, located behind the Ballard Center at 7th and Elm.

This old-fashioned picnic will offer good food, good conversation, and good times. Additionally, playground equipment for the young in body and heart will be available. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Bob Mocydy, President



NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 539 ELM LAWRENCE, KS 66044

August 19, 1991

Steven Brice Holtzman, Weed Inspector City of Lawrence 6 East 6th Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Holtzman:

I am sorry you apparently feel offended that I found it necessary to discuss the Union Pacific right-of-way situation with Mike Wildgen. After two months, the problem has not been remedied. There has been some work accomplished, but the area is an embarrassment to North Lawrence and the entire city.

You will recall I first contacted you about the area approximately June 19 expressing concern there would be a number of people in the area during the July 4th festivities. I have spoken with you on at least three other separate occasions regarding the area. On one occasion, you promised work would be completed that weekend. It was not. On Wednesday, July 14, I spoke with you in your office, offering to visit the area with you to show you our concerns. You refused the offer, saying work would be completed this weekend. It was not.

I understand the limitations you may be facing: however, not accomplishing compliance with weed ordinance regulations in a two month span effectively renders the ordinance useless.

Interestingly, some of the work that has been performed along the Locust Street side of the right-of-way was done on a volunteer basis by North Lawrence residents who are tired of looking at the mess. This is not just a concern of myself, but of numerous individuals who have voiced their disappointment in the situation.

I spoke with Mike to express my concern that the situation was not yet resolved. As you say, Mike can not accomplish this any faster than you can. I understand that; but, it was not being accomplished.

Again, I apologize for any ill feelings you may have for my going "over your head". It was not intended to be a personal insult. I am sure any future working relations will be cordial and professional.

Sincerely,

Bob Mocdy President

cc: Lynn Goodell Mike Wildgen

Mayor F. Jolene Andersen City of Lawrence P.O. Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044-0708

Dear Mayor Andersen:

The North Lawrence Improvement Association met on June 27 to discuss the questions you asked in your June 3 letter. As to zoning, we would like undeveloped land in North Lawrence to be zoned RS1 with a minimum 70-footwide lot size. We feel this is the minimum that will retain the rural character of the neighborhood.

As to sanitary sewers and drainage in the neighborhood, we concur with George Williams that the city should 1) formulate a sanitary sewer improvement plan to solve the existing problems and address future growth, 2) formulate a storm drainage master plan to address storm water needs assuming the same growth potential as the sewer plan, 3) integrate the first two points into a capital improvement plan and projected budget for completion and 4) set a moratorium on development until the problems are resolved. We are against Williams' suggestion to adopt a street standard allowing a ditch section and believe that all developers should bear the cost of developing adequate means for storm drainage.

I have included a copy of the minutes so that you can get a feel for our discussion on these subjects. I might warn you that we are a "free-wheeling" group and I may have missed some people's comments or mis-heard others. The minutes haven't been approved yet, so there may be some changes to them.

I might add that although not many people attended this meeting, North Lawrence residents constantly comment to me on the changes occurring in our neighborhood. No one likes the in-filling into garden spots. Many people have the feeling that the city has ignored necessary infrastructure repairs or upgrading in the neighborhood. And residents really decry the deterioration of the rental homes in the neighborhood. We would like to see all laws regarding housing and zoning enforced in this neighborhood, have streets, the sewer system and storm drainage systems upgraded, yet retain the open, low-density character of this neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Rogers NLIA Secretary

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NORTH LAWRENCE COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

Please check the appropriate lines or specify an answer when asked.

GE	NERAL
	What is your age?
	What is your sex?
	What is your marital status? (married or single)
4.	If you are single, are you the head of a household?
5.	What are your ethnic origins? (please specify)
6.	What is your annual household income?
	\$14,999 or less \$35,000 - \$44,999
	<u>\$15,000 - \$24,999</u> <u>\$45,000 - \$54,999</u>
	\$14,999 or less \$35,000 - \$44,999 \$15,000 - \$24,999 \$45,000 - \$54,999 \$55,000 - or more
7.	What is your level of education? (specify) How many people reside in your household?
8.	How many people reside in your household?
9.	How long have you lived in North Lawrence? How long in wrence?
	How much longer do you plan to live in North Lawrence?
10.	Less than one year 1 to 5 years More than 5 years
11	Which best describes your residence?
7.14	Mobile home, trailer, or manufactured housing
	One family house detached from any other house
	One family house attached to one or more houses
	Building with three or fewer apartments
	Building with four or more apartments
12.	Do you own or rent your residence? own rent
	If you own, what is your monthly mortgage payment?
	If you rent, what is your rent including all utilities except phone?
13.	Does your household own an automobile? Yes No If yes, how
	ny?
14.	Does your household own a bicycle?YesNo
	Please mark the things you like <u>most</u> about living in the North Lawrence ighborhood.
-	(as many as applicable)
	River Grocery store Parks
	Privacy Good soil Low crime
	Quietness People: neighbors Open space
	Rural character Gardens, flowers, trees Uncongested
	Minimal traffic Low taxes Good school
	Other: (list)
	. Please mark the things you like least about the North Lawrence ighborhood.
	(as many as applicable)
	No public transportation Few sidewalks

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5. Do you feel more shou in North Lawrence?			l employm	ent opportuni	ties
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1. Sidewalks	1	2	3	4	
2. Streets	1	2	3	4	
3. Street lighting	1	2	3	4	
4. Storm drainage	1	2	3	4	
5. Traffic control	1	2 2	3 3	4	
6. Trash pick-up 7. Fire protection	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	
8. Elementary school	1	2	3	4	
9. Police protection	1	2	3	4	

10. Parks and recreation	1	2	3	4
11. Water pressure	1	2	3	4
12. Snow removal	1	2	3	4
13. Animal control	1	2	3	4
14. Litter control	1	2	3	4
15. Affordable housing	ī	2	3	<u>.</u>
16. Air quality	1	9	$\overset{\diamond}{3}$	* A
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17. Noise levels	1	Z	3	4
The availability of: 18. Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4
19. Social and cultural activities	1	2	3	4
20. Neighborhood shops	1	2	3	4
21. Convenient grocery stores	1	2	3	4
22. Adequate parking	1	2	3	4
23. Public transportation	1	2	3	4

If you marked any of the above questions (14-36) "NEEDS IMPROVEMENT" please explain why using the specific problems below

1. Sidewalks Inadequate supply Missing in places Need repair	2. Streets Need repair Too narrow
3. Street lighting Inadequate supply Often not working Too dim	4. Storm drainage Generally poor; standing water Ditches inadequate Inadequate stormwater sewers
5. Traffic control Speeding Lack of stop signs/lights	6. Trash pick-up Trash spilled Irregular pick-up Cans damaged
7. Fire protection Increased service needed Bridges could be blocked	8. Elementary school Low quality education Physical improvement needed
9. Police protection Need increased patrolling Slow response time	 10. Parks and recreation Need better facilities/equipment Need more parks Need more organized activities in North Lawrence
11. Water pressure Low pressure Rusty water	12. Snow removal Lack of prompt service Driveways blocked Some streets not cleared
13. Animal control Dogs run loose Dogs in trash No enforcement	14. Litter control Junk in yards Litter in streets Dogs in trash
15. Affordable housing Not enough inexpensive Not enough for elderly Not enough good quality	16. Air quality Unpleasant odors General haze Other
17. Noise levels Railroad Bar or tavern Traffic	18. Availability of employment Please specify:
19. Availability of social and shopping cultural activities	20. Availability of neighborhood Please specify:
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grocery stores	Please specify:
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23. Availability of public transportation Please specify:

24. Please indicate which of these expanded in North Lawrence. Community meeting room Fire station Senior citizens center Recreational facilities (p	Con Day	nmercial strip care ify)	p center	-			
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE							
Please rate North Lawrence Neigh appearance criteria:	borhood in Good	Average	Below Average	physical No Opinion			
1. Scenic views	1	2	3	4			
2. Installation of landscaping along major roads	1	2	3	4			
3. Design of commercial and	1	2	3	4			
industrial buildings 4. Design of public buildings and other public areas	1	2	3	4			
5. Design of strip commercial areas	1	2	3	4			
6. Preservation of historic	1	. 2	3	4			
buildings and areas 7. Preservation of distinct character of communities	1	2	3	4			
8. North Lawrence is presently a spaces, small gardens, and a mini improvements. Which of these ex I like the character of the ne improvements I would like the streets and	mum numb presses yc eighborhoo sidewalks	er of street our opinion: d with a mir to meet the	and sidewa nimum numb standards o	lk er of of the rest			
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None of the above. Please explain:							
9. Do you believe that preservingNo	g older ho	mes in North	Lawrence :	is important?			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							

1. Are you satisfied with the manner in which the city has allocated community development funding in the recent past?YesNoDon't know
2. Please indicate how you feel community development funding should be allocated by rank ordering the following (1 being the MOST important, and 10 being the LEAST important) Housing rehabilitation Park equipment Sidewalk improvement Community center Sewer improvement Bike paths Street improvement Stormwater control Shopping center Community redevelopment
Shopping center Community redevelopment 3. What is your opinion about industrial development in North Lawrence? (Mark as many as apply)
Only light industrial should be allowed No additional industry should be allowed Only warehousing should be allowed Industrial development will increase traffic Acceptable if carefully planned Industrial development should provide additional employment for Lawrence residents Industrial development should not harm residential areas No residential or farm property should be converted to industrial uses
Industrial development should be kept away from residential areas. 4. What type of facilities would you like to see developed along Second Street? (Mark all that apply)
Specialty shops Service station Medical facilities Theater Bank Clothing store Drug store Shopping center Fast food Supermarket Restaurant Laundromat Hardware store Discount store Variety store Upgrade present facilities Park
5. Would you like to have neighborhood convenience shopping (groceries, drug stores, restaurants) within:
one to one-half mile 5-10 blocks do not want convenience shopping
6. New commercial buildings should be located:
Throughout the neighborhood Only in existing commercial centers

Only on Second Street No new commercial building	ngs wanted	
NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT AS	SOCIATION (N.L.I.A.)	
1. Which of the following North Law you participate in? (Mark all that		ociation activities do
Spring cleanup l Public forums l Meetings	Potluck meals Fall cleanup	•
2. Which other community service a specify.	activities should the N.L	.I.A. offer? Please
63. How well do you agree with the the North 2nd Street revitalization,		
etc.? Agree completely Completely disagree	Mostly agree Don't know	Neutral
64. How well has the N.L.I.A. reprethe City Commission and its staff?	sented your concerns a	nd interests before
ExcellentGood Below averagePoorly	Average Don't know	
65. Do you have any other general Neighborhood's resources, public s		

ATTN: Juy Leipzig

RESULTS

As stated before the one of the goals of this survey is to compared the results of this survey to the results of the survey taken in North Lawrence in 1978. This approach will make it possible to determine what issues have shown improvement and what problems still are facing the neighborhood.

These result will also be helpful in determining the characteristics that are most important to North Lawrence residents. Any neighborhood comprehensive plan should pay close attention to these factors as it outlines goals, objectives and policies. It is important to identify those factor that are most dear to the residents and to set policies that protect these characteristics.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following data illustrates some of the most important bits of demographic information extracted from the North Lawrence Neighborhood. This data will be of paramount importance when and if, North Lawrence makes requests for community block grant funds and other forms of federal assistance.

These demographic numbers illustrate the fact that North Lawrence is a very unique neighborhood. The average age of the survey respondent is relatively high. This of course is due to the high concentration of elderly people in North Lawrence. This fact greatly influences the average range of household income as well. The majority of elderly respondents stated these income was under \$14,999 since they are living on social security.

Perhaps the most interesting figures are the length of residency in the City of Lawrence and more importantly in the North Lawrence Neighborhood. Eighteen years is a significant average length of residency. This figure is important because it shows that the people in this neighborhood are not transients but rather, committed residents. Furthermore, the commitment of the residents is further augmented by the high percentage of home owners (71%) as compared to the percentage of renters (29%). These people have displayed a commitment to the community and will directly benefit and appreciate any improvements made to the neighborhood. Many additional comments were noted on the survey by parents voicing their concern for improving the neighborhood for the sake of their school aged children.

Unfortunately there is no demographic data from 1978 to compare with the result of this survey. Demographic data will henceforth be maintained by the North Lawrence Improvement Association for future reference and to measure changes in the area as time progresses.

SELECT QUESTIONS

Considering the volume of surveys returned and time constraints facing the North Lawrence Task Force, only a few select questions were chosen for analysis. These questions were selected on the basis of the meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) How will the question assist in the process of writing a comprehensive neighborhood plan for North Lawrence?
- 2) Do the questions provide a rational and significant comparison to the 1978 North Lawrence Community Survey?
- 3) Are the questions asked and expressed in a format the lends itself to the coding, analysis, and data entry process?
 - 4) Will the question provide practical, helpful, and meaningful information?

The first question selected question that meet the proceeding criteria is question #15 which asks:

QUESTION #15 Please mark the things you like most about living in North Lawrence Neighborhood.

Below is the list of the items the respondents had to choose from, followed by the percentage of responses that characteristic received. The respondents were allowed to select more than one characteristic.

RIVER	51. 4	GROCERY STORE	37.5
PRIVACY	<i>57.9</i>	<i>PARKS</i>	31.6
QUIETNESS	63.2	GOOD SOIL	66.7
RURAL CHARACTER	<i>52.8</i>	LOW CRIME	34.6
MINIMAL TRAFFIC	43.1	NEIGHBORS	55.6
OPEN SPACE	52.1	<i>GARDENS</i>	72.2
UNCONTESTED	61.1	LOW TAXES	28.5
GOOD SCHOOL	<i>35.4</i>	OTHER	16.7

It is interesting to note that the characteristics that received the highest percentage (50% or better) are all factors that contribute to the unique rural character found in the North Lawrence Neighborhood. The only possible exception to this observation is the neighbors (55%) factor. The other factors, river, privacy, quietness, rural character, open space, uncongested, good soil, and gardens, are arguably all factors that add to the perceived rural flavor of North Lawrence.

Obviously form these results one can conclude that it will be of paramount importance to preserve these characteristic in the future. Therefore plans to increase densities in the neighborhood should be avoided and well as other plans that would significantly change the character for the area.

The second question selected was question 16 which asks:

QUESTION #16 Please mark the things you like least about the living in the North Lawrence Neighborhood.

Question 16 was selected to proved and augment the information garnered from question 15. Once again the figures that follow the disliked characteristics illustrated the percentage of respondents who selected that characteristic. The respondents were allowed to select more that one characteristic.

NO PUBLIC TRANS	42.4%	FEN SIDEWALKS	29.2%	
NEGLECT BY CITY	53.34	WOOODLAWN SCHOOL 5.6%		
GRAIN ELEVATORS	22.2%	UNTIDY LAWNS	39.6%	
NO SHOPPING FACILITIES	43.8%	SLOPPY YARDS	41.7%	
LACK OF LANDSCAPING	20.1%	LOOSE DOGS		36.8%
BAD STREETS	38.24	TRAINS; TRACKS	27.2%	
POOR SNOW REMOVAL	22.9%	SPEEDING AUTOS	42.4%	
TAVERNS	30.6%	CROSSING THE BRIDGE 11.92		
POOR DRAINAGE	39.6%	SHELL OF THE RIVER 14.6%		
DILAPIDATED HONES	38.8%	FEW STOP SIGNS	12.54	
INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION	16.0%	NO FIRE STATION	46.5%	
nothing	1.44	OTHER	20.8%	

The two characteristics receiving the highest percentages are highly related. They are neglect by the city (53.3%) and no fire station (46.5%). These high percentages are significant because they reflect poorly on the City of Lawrence and its ability to provide the necessary public services to the people of North Lawrence. It is interesting to note that almost 50% of all respondents perceived a lack of fire protection in the area. This response should alert the City that perhaps this matters needs further analysis.

The other high percentage characteristic are highly related to the physical appearance of the area. This suggest that the finding of a land use and aesthetic impact survey, conducted jointly by the Environmental Task Force and the North Lawrence Task Force in early November 1992, are valid and shared by many of the North Lawrence residents. This survey and the land use and aesthetic impact survey both seem to suggest that the physical appearance of the area is a primary liability to the neighborhood.

SERVICES

The following questions regarding services were selected for their ability to be compared with the result of the 1978 survey. However, some additional questions were added and thus will not display results for 1978. It must be noted however, that the 1978 survey only had approximately 120 respondents and the 1992 survey had over 320 respondents. This suggests that the samples from the two years are not compatible.

Below is a table illustrating the percentage of respondents who rated each service area in terms of its performance. The survey allowed for one response

for each rating of EXCELLENT, ADEQUATE, NEEDS IMPROVEMENT, NO OPINION. The first figure for each rating is the percentage from 1978 and the second is for 1992.

SERVICE	S	RATING	PERCENTAGE
RESPONDING 19	978	VS.1992	

		EXCELLENT	ADEQUATE I	NEEDS Inprovenent	KOINIGO OK	
1.	SIDEWALKS	2\$ - 4\$	23% - 31%	672 - 542	82 - 112	
2.	STREETS	24 - 24	37% - 34%	60% - 53%	12 - 92	
3.	STREET LIGHTING	4% - 2%	687 - 447	264 - 464	27% - 8%	
4.	STORM DRAINAGE	12 - 12	30% - 22%	664 - 634	301 - 121	
5,	TRAFFIC CONTROL	2% - 3%	484 - 474	442 - 352	62 - 162	
6.	TRASH PICK-UP	124 - 254	642 - 502	22% - 13%	24 - 124	
7.	FIRE PROTECTION	23% - 6%	442 - 352	20% - 40%	132 - 192	
8.	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	34 - 142	53% - 38%	182 - 182	26% - 30%	
9.	POLICE PROTECTION	72 - 62	55% - 37%	242 - 363	14% - 21%	
10.	PARKS/RECREATION	10% - 17%	62% - 50%	223 - 197	62 - 142	
11.	WATER PRESSURE	84 - 174	667 - 567	22% - 19%	41 - 81	
12.	SNOW REMOVAL	12 - 62	362 - 402	55% - 31%	8% - 23%	
13,	ANIMAL CONTROL	1% - 5%	36% - 40%	602 - 422	34 - 134	
14.	LITTER CONTROL	14 - 14	40% - 33%	542 - 512	54 - 154	
15.	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	13.9%	45.12		22.9%	18.14
16.	AIR QUALITY	9.7%	45.8%	;	27.8%	16.7%
17.	NOISE LEVELS	9.7%	43.1%	:	34.7%	12.5%
	ne availability of:					
۷ ۱۵	EMPLHT OPPORTUNITY	2.8%	19.4%		48.62	29.23
	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	2.1%	29.2%		40,37	28.5%
	NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPS	2.13	20.13		61.82	16.0%
	GROCERY STORES	11.83	39.64		40.3%	8.3%
	ADEQUATE PARKING	6.9%	56.94		22.9%	13.23
	PUBLIC TRANS.	1.4%	5.6%		67.42	25.7%

This table did yield some encouraging data. Note that there is a significant decrease in the number of respondents who state that the sidewalks need improvement from 1978 to 1992. As a result of pressure from the North Lawrence Improvement Association, many sidewalks were added and improved after the 1978 survey. Apparently the residents have taken notice and have responded accordingly. This trend also holds true for the street condition, drainage, snow removal, animal control, and trash pickup factors. In spite of these improvements many of these issues still received the highest percentage of "NEEDS IMPROVEMENT" ratings. Thus the are still problems facing the neighborhood.

On the other hand there are several issues in which the neighborhood has made no progress or actually regressed. The most significant service displaying this trend is that of fire protection and police protection. This is to be expected

considering the results from question #15. Furthermore, the figures also illustrate a dissatisfaction with the *public transportation* (67%) system, or the lack thereof, and the need for convenient grocery stores (61%).

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The physical appearance questions were selected to assist in validating the findings of the land use and aesthetic impact survey conducted on North Second Street in November of 1992. It was hoped that this survey would prove that physical appearance is a contributing factor to the image of North Lawrence.

Below is a table delineating the percentage of respondents who rank the following question regarding physical appearance.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE: PERCENTAGE RESPONDING

	EXCELLENT	ADEQUATE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NO OPINION	
1. SCENIC VIEWS	29.23	31.32	25.7%	13.7\$	
2. ROADWAY LANDSCAPING	6.93	24.3%	52.8%	16.0%	
3. DESIGN OF COMMERCIAL					
BUILDINGS	6.9%	30.62	43.12	19.4%	
4. DESIGN OF PUBLIC					
BUILDINGS	10.43	41.7%	29.93	18.12	ď
5. DESIGN STRIP COMMERCIAL AREAS	3.5%	27.1%	41.7%	27.82	
6. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC	3.04	27.14	41.74	27,04	
BUILDINGS	11.8\$	31.34	37.52	19.42	
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CHARACTERISTICS	10.42	26.42	38.24	25.0%	

As expected the neighborhood received high marks for scenic value. This is probably is due to the fact that most respondents were only considering the view of the river and the bridge. On the other hand, the landscaping of the area and commercial design received very low marks. This was to be expected consider the findings or the aesthetic survey conducted in early November. This is discouraging considering the formidable amount of money spent by the City to landscape North Second Street.

The scores for public building design are not very informative. This is due to the fact that there is essentially one or two public buildings in the area. Woodlawn School and the Santa Fe Depot are the only recognizable public buildings other than the churches scattered throughput the neighborhood. However, it is highly unlikely that the respondents considered churches as public buildings, and few may have considered the depot a public building. Thus these score should be considered erroneous.

CONCLUSIONS

Obviously any survey contains a certain degree of bias. The survey was heavily biased by the North Lawrence Task Force and the by the influences of Mr. Moody. And one could argue that the people who are likely to return a survey are a biased sample of people. Undoubtedly these biases are present in the 1992 North Lawrence Community Interest Survey. However, this type of a survey is perhaps the most practical and informative way to gather input from the residents. Public meetings are useful as well, but often they are counter productive and do not allow for the process of efficient data collection.

It is hoped that in the future the other data compiled from the survey can be coded and analyzed. Specific questions regarding the performance of the North Lawrence Improvement Association, the location of the juvenile detention center, and the type of industrial development acceptable in North Lawrence, will be informative and helpful topic to further analyze. Perhaps these questions can be addressed before a formal presentation is made to the North Lawrence residents in January.

TO:

Lynn Goodell, Director-Housing and Neighborhood Development Dept.

FROM:

Jay Leipzig, Housing Coordinator

DATE:

August 11, 1994

RE:

North Lawrence Community Opinion Survey

I have calculated the responses to question Number 8 of the North Lawrence Community Opinion Survey. The results were calculated with a total of 296 verified responses. The percentages do not total 100% due to some overlapping of the categories and the phrasing of the question.

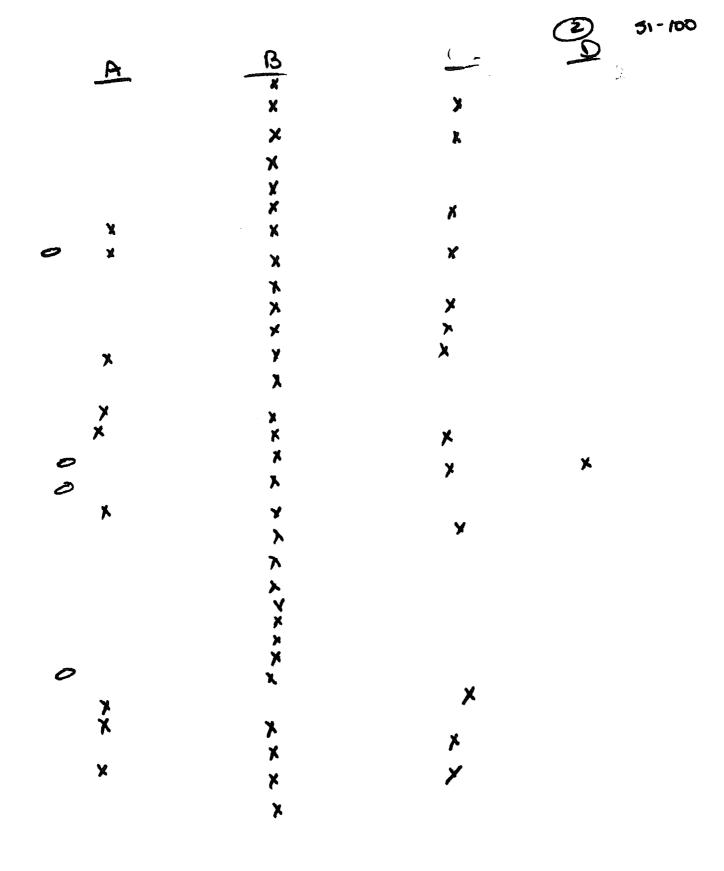
- 8. North Lawrence is presently a neighborhood with large lots, many open spaces, small gardens, and a minimum number of street and sidewalk improvements. Which of these expresses your opinion.
- 24.3% I like the character of the neighborhood with a minimum number of improvements. (72 responses / 296 total)
- 61.5% I would like the streets and sidewalks to meet the standards of the rest of Lawrence, while maintaining the character of North Lawrence. (182 responses / 296 total)
- 25.7% I would like to see North Lawrence develop into an average density single family neighborhood with complete street and sidewalk improvements.

 (76 responses / 296 total)

10.5%	None of the above.	Please explain:
	(31 responses / 296	total)

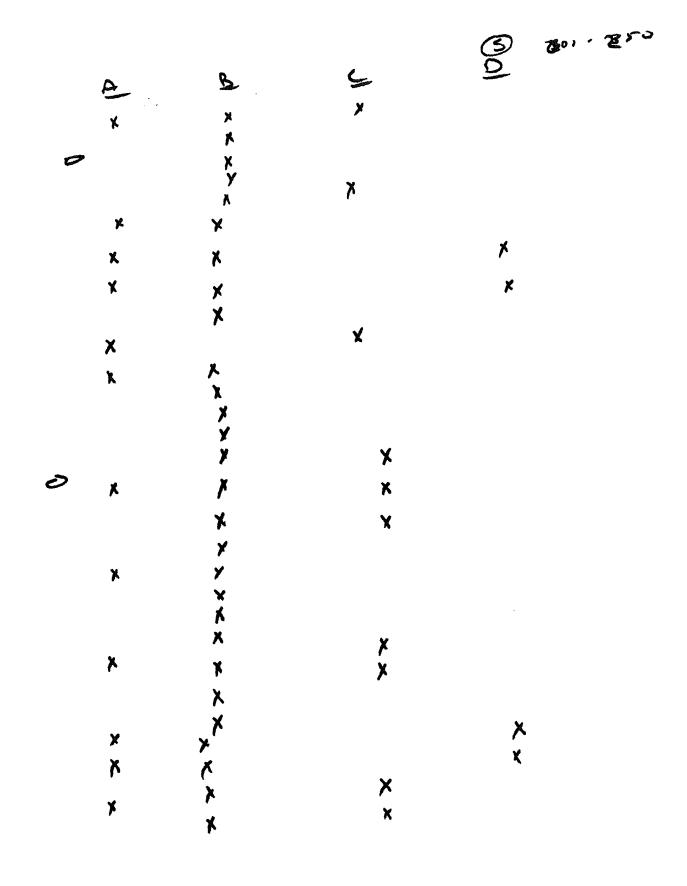
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NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Lawrence, Kansas

July 28,1994

Margene Swarts CDBG Program Analyst City of Lawrence 6 East 6th Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Margene,

The North Lawrence Improvement Association is requesting to use funds from the 1993-1994 allocation of office supplies to purchase a word processor. We have fulfilled our requests and still have money available. Due to the transfer of our secretary and newsletter editor, Marilyn Rogers, we no longer have access to a computer for our correspondence and newsletter. Our association does not have a typewriter and relied on Marilyn for our printing. Our requests for the 1994-1995 year included a typewriter, and we would like to put that money toward a printer, which ultimately would help on copying costs, as Marilyn also had access to a copy machine.

I apologize for the lateness of our requests, but all of our changes have been a last-minute happening.

Respectfully,

Delores Todd

President NLIA

Delores Todd, President, NLIA TO:

Margene K. Swarts, CDBG Program Manager WUS FROM:

SUBJECT: Operating Funds Request

DATE: August 3, 1994

I have reviewed your request dated July 28, 1994, regarding use of NLIA Operating funds. Since you have completed the newsletters and business as the neighborhood originally requested for the 1993 year, it is approved for you to purchase a word processor with the balance of operating funds. As we discussed, you will need to follow the City's purchasing procedures, with regard to obtaining quotes, etc. Additionally, substitution of a printer for the typewriter for the 1994 year, is also approved.

Please notify the department of the location of the equipment after it is purchased. It will be the neighborhood's responsibility to keep track of the equipment and ensure it is used for CDBG eligible activities. The neighborhood should be made aware of the purchase also.

Please call me at 832-3117 if you have any questions.

TO:

Brook Creek, East Lawrence, North Lawrence, Oread, and Pinckney

Neighborhood Associations

FROM:

Margene K. Swarts, Community Development Manager

SUBJECT:

CDBG Program Accomplishments and Future Needs and Goals Document

DATE:

March 17, 1999

At long last, a draft of the most recent CDBG Accomplishments and Future Needs and Goals Document is completed. As you remember, Tametra Nunn, HAND Intern, met with the target neighborhood associations last year to obtain information to update the needs and goals for this document for the various neighborhoods. Meanwhile, staff has worked with various departments in the City and added the accomplishments completed since the original document was published.

I have sent five preliminary copies to each neighborhood association President for review. Please feel free to make more copies if you would like, or copy only that portion that is relevant to your particular neighborhood. After the document has been reviewed and shared with the neighborhood, I would like an opportunity to attend a neighborhood association meeting with each neighborhood and discuss any additions to the document the neighborhood would like to see.

The long range plan for HAND is to work with each neighborhood to develop a 5-10 year implementation plan based on the needs and goals noted in the document. In meeting the goals, all funding sources, including CDBG and HOME, as well as the City's Capital Improvements funds, and other City resources would be considered in determining how to proceed.

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future. If you have further questions, please call me at 832-3117.

TO: Brook Creek, East Lawrence, North Lawrence, Oread, and Pinckney

Neighborhood Associations

FROM: Margene K. Swarts, Community Development Manager

SUBJECT: CDBG Program Accomplishments and Future Needs and Goals Document

DATE: July 2, 1999

In March, I sent five copies of the draft of the CDBG Accomplishments and Future Needs and Goals Document to each neighborhood association President. At that time, I asked each neighborhood to review the document for additions or corrections, and contact me so I could meet with each neighborhood to discuss any changes to the document the neighborhood wished to see.

To date, I have heard from none of the associations. I would like to meet with each association so the update of the document can be completed. I am requesting that you put this item on the next neighborhood association meeting agenda and notify me of the meeting date, time, and location. For your convenience, I have enclosed five additional copies of the document.

As I noted previously, the long range plan for HAND is to work with each neighborhood to develop a 5-10 year implementation plan based on the needs and goals noted in the document. In meeting the goals, all funding sources, including CDBG and HOME, as well as the City's Capital Improvements funds, and other City resources would be considered in determining how to proceed.

I look forward to attending your next meeting. If you have further questions, please call me at 832-3117.

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July 15, 1999

Ted Boyle, President 310 Elm Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ted:

I am writing for Lynn Goodell regarding the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute in New Orleans August 30 to September 3, 1999. Lynn has already forwarded information to you about this conference. The City will be able to sponsor the attendance of up to five neighborhood representatives. Please let Lynn know whether you or a representative of your neighborhood will be attending by Friday, July 23. His number is 832-3122, and his e-mail address is Igoodell@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Sincerely.

Lóu Ann Lee

Housing Programs Specialist

