



Mark Kaplan
1029 Delaware
Lawrence, Kansas
66044

March 11, 1994

The Honorable John Nalbandian
Mayor of Lawrence
City Hall
PO Box 708
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mayor Nalbandian,

It has come to my attention that the City Commission has yet to officially appoint East Lawrence's new designee to replace Shelley Miller on the Community Development Advisory Board.

On Monday, February 14th, Mary Lisa Pike, 945 Rhode Island, was selected by the general membership of the ELIA to fill out the term left vacant by Shelley's death.

The ELIA would appreciate her rapid confirmation by the Commission, that she might fully participate, as well as represent the interests of East Lawrence, in the final weeks of the Board's deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Kaplan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mark Kaplan
President, ELIA

cc: City Commissioners
Lynn Goodell
Mary Lisa Pike

5 April 1994

East Lawrence Improvement Association
P.O. Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

Margene Swarts
CDBG Program Director
Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development
City Hall
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Swarts,

On 11 February, following the resignation of John Swift and the hospitalization of acting president Shelley Miller, the East Lawrence Improvement Association elected a new president, Mark Kaplan. The ELIA then placed an advertisement in the Journal-World for applications for the Coordinator position. A sub-committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of K. T. Walsh, Nellie Habegger and Barry Shalinsky, reviewed the incoming applications and, with Mark Kaplan, chose those individuals called back for personal interviews. After the interviews, the sub-committee forwarded their recommendations of Robert Baker for the position of Neighborhood Coordinator and James Dewey for the new position of Special Projects Coordinator to Mark Kaplan, who polled the Board of Directors, and informed the two candidates of their hiring.

The position of Special Projects Coordinator is designed as a long term planning position for the neighborhood organization. The duties of the position include the raising of private funds for the ELIA and the researching, development and writing of applications for government and private foundation grants to fund projects for the primary benefit of low and moderate income residents of the East Lawrence Neighborhood. Some examples of projects that have been suggested for development by the Special Projects Coordinator include, but are not limited to, summer youth jobs projects, the creation of a minimal interest loan program for the renovation and rehabilitation of existing housing for low and moderate income homeowners, neighborhood beautification projects, and increasing community participation in East Lawrence Improvement Association activities.

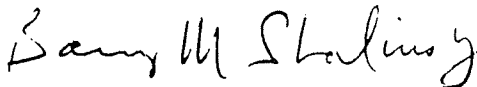
Since we have not had a coordinator for the past five months, there is currently enough money in the Coordinators budget for over 320 hours of paid work. This is sufficient to fund two positions of 40 hours a month for the period of 1 April until 31 July. We wish to emphasize that the funding of this position from monies contained in the Neighborhood Coordinator's budget is only temporary. We are asking that this position be funded from CDBG monies only until 31 July 1994. It is the expectation of the Board of Directors of the ELIA that after the

end of July the position will be funded from money raised from private sources within the ELIA. It is likewise the expectation of the Board of the ELIA that this will provide the seed money to allow the position to become financially independent of Community Development Block Grants.

The undersigned represent the unanimous support of the Board of Directors and present officers of the ELIA for this new position. Thank you for your assistance during this transition period of our organization. If you have any questions regarding this new position, please call our ELIA phone number at 842-2769.

Sincerely,

Barry Shalinsky
Member, Board of Directors



Nellie Habegger
Member, Board of Directors



Bill Wachspress
Member, Board of Directors



John Swift
Member, Board of Directors



Richard Kershenbaum
Member, Board of Directors

K. T. Walsh
Member, Board of Directors



Shelle Rosenfeld
Treasurer



Jim McCrary
Member, Board of Directors



Barbara Willits
Member, Board of Directors



cc:Mark Kaplan, ELIA file



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April 18, 1994

Mark Kaplan
1029 Delaware
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

I received a letter dated April 5, 1994, wherein the East Lawrence Improvement Association advised Margene Swarts, CDBG Program Manager, that you had hired two coordinators for your neighborhood association.

Ms. Swarts and I discussed the situation and determined that we could not authorize the paying of two coordinators, nor could we authorize the paying for the kinds of work mentioned in the letter.

Copies of the letter were distributed to the CDBG Advisory Committee on April 14, 1994. The committee discussed the information in the letter and my recommendation. The committee then voted to deny the ELIA's request for two coordinators and instructed me to advise you that the ELIA should follow the existing agreement with the City.

It is my understanding that you wish to discuss these matters with me, and I am certainly willing to do so. Please call me, and we will schedule a meeting to discuss these matters.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Goddell
Director of Housing and
Neighborhood Development

LAG/jw



East Lawrence Improvement Association
P.O Box 442393, Lawrence, Kansas 66044



April 24, 1994

Mr. Lynn Goodell
Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development
City Hall, Box 708
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Lynn:

Thanks for your time on Monday, and your explanation of the problems concerning the hiring of two coordinators. We can except your explanation.

However, we are requesting that we be permitted to exhaust the funds in our coordinator account for the current fiscal year. Accordingly, we intend to demonstrate the integrity and sound management abilities of the new ELIA officers and board within the six to seven week probationary period which Margene suggested.

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes of our general membership meeting of April 18, during which the membership called for release of the coordinator funds. Also, find a petition regarding the same request, signed by ELIA members and all fourteen officers and board members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Kaplan".

Mark Kaplan, President

East Lawrence Improvement Association

P.O Box 442393, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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<u>Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. <i>Barry M. Shalinsky</i>	Barry M. Shalinsky	645 Corn	4-18-94
2. <i>Dana M. Price</i>	Dana M. Price	1140 New Jersey	4-18-94
3. <i>James E. Power</i>	JAMES E. Power	732 R.I	4-18-94
4. <i>Marsha Spight-Klinknott</i>		1225 Delaware	4-18-94
5. <i>Jim McCraney</i>	Jim McCraney	927 Rhode Island	4/18/94
6. <i>Mary Gray</i>	Mary Gray	P.O. Box 442463	4-18-94
7. <i>James F. Dewey</i>	James F. Dewey	1111 New Jersey	4-18-94
8. <i>Nellie Habegger</i>	Nellie Habegger	1042 Rhode Island	4-18-94
9. <i>Jennifer Brown</i>	Jennifer Brown	1604 Connecticut	4-18-94
10. <i>Bill Wachspress</i>	Bill Wachspress	1308 CT	4/18/94
11. <i>John Swift</i>	John Swift	518 New York	4-18-94
12. <i>Susan Ashline</i>	SUSAN ASHLINE	927 RHODE ISLAND	4/18/94
13. <i>Richard Kershenbaum</i>	Richard Kershenbaum	704 New York	4-18-94
14. <i>Anne Patterson</i>	ANNE PATTERSON	1142 RHODE ISLAND	4/18/94
15. <i>Charles Moore</i>	CHARLES MOORE	917 N.Y.	4-18-94
16. <i>Shelle Rosenfeld</i>	Shelle Rosenfeld	1008 Connecticut	4/18/94
17. <i>Annette Kuhlmann</i>	Annette Kuhlmann	728 R.I	4/18/94

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1. <i>K.T. Walsh</i>	K.T. Walsh	732 R.I.	4-21-94
2. <i>Linda Lips</i>	LINDA LIPS	300 R.I.	4-22-94
3. <i>[Faint signature]</i>	[Faint name]	[Faint address]	[Faint date]
4. <i>Robert Wagner</i>	ROBERT WAGNER	407 E. 11th St. Lawrence, KS	4-22-94
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6. <i>Brian Proffit</i>	BRIAN PROFFIT	1712 N. 7th St. Lawrence, KS	4-22-94
7. <i>Arthur Anderson</i>	Arthur Anderson	1040 New Hampshire	4/22/94
8. <i>Barbara Willits</i>	Barbara Willits	1205 Delaware	4-22-94
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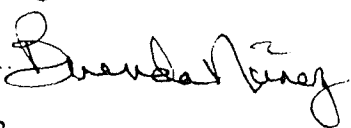
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1. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	JON GRAY	1029 DELAWARE	4/18/94
2. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	MARK KAPLAN	1029 DELAWARE	4-18-94
3. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Donna Kipp	1029 Delaware	4-18-94
4. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Mary Lisa Pike	945 Rhodel Island	4-18-94
5. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	NANETTE ROUBIDEAUX	1009 Barker	4-18-94
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1. 	Brenda Nunez	815 NA	7-25-94
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East Lawrence Improvement Association

Minutes of General Meeting April 18, 1994

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Mark Kaplan in library of New York School.

Minutes of previous meeting approved and available to members.

Agenda

1. Elections

President Kaplan announced that elections would be held to fill two (2) vacant positions, that of Vice-President due to death of Shelly Miller and Secretary due to resignation of Jim Dewey who is to become a paid coordinator. These elections will serve offices until General Elections at General Membership meeting in October 1994.

Two candidates were nominated for Vice-President; Jim Powers and Mary Grey. The result of vote: 14 Powers, 8 Grey. Jim Powers will now serve as Vice-President.

There were no nominations for Secretary. Jim McCrary volunteered to fill position until elections in October. The vote was unanimous.

2. New York School

Kaplan spoke to the need for someone to replace Shelly Miller as neighborhood liaison to New York School. "The schools

are the cornerstones of the neighborhood and now the School Board is threatening to delete three teaching positions in New York School. Someone needs to assume this job".

3. Eastern Parkway

A position statement drafted by the Executive Board on April 18 was brought before the general membership for approval. (See attached copy of statement) The history of relations between ELIA and City was explained by Kaplan and the lack of response to demands by ELIA. Kaplan felt that since another organization in the community was leading opposition against the Parkway and that it seemed the project was "mothballed" at this time, that this proposed statement was timely.

After discussion of resolution it was proposed by Shelly Rothenthal, Mark Kaplan, Jim Dewey that various changes be made. A motion was made by Jim Dewey to delete completely the last two (2) paragraphs and all but first sentence of third paragraph. Further it was moved that a statement be added saying to effect "...that ELIA and the city should work together to implement neighborhood protections for East Lawrence...". As part of the motion it was asked that volunteers stay after meeting to re-write the statement and submit to City Commission.

The vote in favor of this motion was unanimous.

4. Executive Board

According to By-laws the Executive Board can have up to 15 members. At present it has 11, explained Kaplan. He announced that Mary Grey, ELIA LAN representative and Brenda Nunez, CDBG representative has expressed interest in becoming board members. It was felt that these representatives belonged on board in order that members could receive information more directly. A motion was made by Jim Dewey that both LAN and CDBG representatives serve

on Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Kaplan. Motion was carried in a unanimous vote.

5. Seeking non-profit 501(C)3 status for ELIA

Kaplan presented to membership the concept that ELIA should become non-profit in order to become more professional, assist in fund raising activities and make it easier for Vista Volunteers to work in East Lawrence. He called for discussion in order that Executive Board could study this possibility and submit application for non-profit status. Brenda Nunez pointed out that ELIA could possibly ~~lose~~ lose CDBG status if too much money was collected. John Swift and Jim McCrary both expressed concerns that non-profit status might be subject to too many guidelines from federal government. Bill Wachspress suggested that board should have or seek legal advice before making decision. Ann Peterson stated that it was the Executive Boards job to study things like this. Other members expressed desire that Board study possibility and report back to membership at July meeting. Berry Shilinsky made motion to authorize board to study non-profit status and report to membership. This motion was withdrawn. Marsha made a motion to authorize board to study 501(C)3 status and to implement application if they chose. Jim Dewey seconded. The vote was unanimous.

6. CDBG/Clean up

Brenda Nunez, ELIA CDBG representative, announced that this year was the last time the East Lawrence clean up day would be funded since the city has in place a program to pick up bulk trash at residences. The last two Saturdays in June were set as dates (18th and 25th of June).

Two residents had comments and experiences with city in relations to clean up. Leroy Hatch said he called Park and Rec to ask about cleaning sidewalks on river bridge which were littered with glass and trash. He said they would answer his questions. A

second resident said she called city to arrange bulk trash pickup at her residence. She said the city spokesman, "Slim", was vague about details and said basically that if it took one person more than 15 minutes to pick up trash it would cost \$55.00 per hour. After seeing her trash the city spokesman said she would indeed be charged the above rate. She cancelled the pick up and three days later was cited as being in violation of environmental laws.

Jim Dewey asked that someone from ELIA contact the city in response to these to complaints and see that clear directions are given to people about bulk trash pickup and cleaning the bridge.

7. Quarterly General Membership Meetings/Newspaper

Mark Kaplan asked that ELIA have quarterly general membership meetings on 2nd Monday of January, April, July and October. Also that Newspaper be published quarterly prior to the general membership meeting. A newsletter would be mailed out following each executive board meeting to all members with minutes of that meeting. Kaplan made a motion for above. Jim Powers seconded. In discussion some members did not want to change from bimonthly meetings. It was a valid concern but it was pointed out that board meetings are open to all members. Motion was passed by a vote of 12 to 2.

8. Resident Ann Peterson, 1122 Rhode Island, said that after reading article about new County Jail in Journal World she sent letters to both Oread and East Lawrence neighborhood groups asking for clarification of there 'support' quoted in article. She said someone called from Oread in a couple of days and it was two weeks before someone from East Lawrence contacted her. It was explained that what ELIA supported was statement by County Commission not to expand facilities to the East Side of Rhode Island and further that bond issues would come up and that ELIA was continuing to monitor this jail expansion (see article in ELIA Newspaper, April 1994). Kaplan apologized to Ms Peterson and

explained that this happened during a time of extreme difficulty for ELIA following the loss of Shelly Miller. Jim Dewey encouraged the use of both monthly newsletter and quarterly newspaper to keep residents informed of ELIA participation in neighborhood activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jim McCrary, April 19, 1994.

**Position Statement of the East Lawrence Improvement Association
Concerning the Proposed Eastern Parkway, Roads and Traffic
April 18, 1994**

By a resolution adopted on August 2, 1993, the East Lawrence Improvement Association is on record as opposing the planning and construction of an Eastern Parkway as proposed by the City of Lawrence, unless meaningful neighborhood protections are in place by May 1, 1994. As the May 1 deadline approaches, it is apparent that the necessary neighborhood protections will not be in place. Nevertheless, it is equally apparent that the City has taken positive steps to further implement some of the so-called 18 criteria for neighborhood protection. ELIA salutes the City for the positive steps taken over the last 9 months and encourages their continuation.

As events have unfolded in recent months, it seems prudent for ELIA to reexamine its position on the Eastern Parkway in the light of current circumstances with respect to roads and traffic in Lawrence. ELIA has always been firmly resolved that any Eastern Parkway should be an auxiliary route to another bypass -- an Eastern Parkway should not become the main Lawrence truck route. Recent questions raised by students at Haskell Indian Nations University, and declining support in the local business community make it increasingly unlikely that the South Lawrence Trafficway will be built in the foreseeable future, if ever. As such, an Eastern Parkway, if built at this time, would become the principal route connecting K-10 with I-70. This would be contrary to the 18 criteria, and completely unacceptable. In addition to negative impacts on the East Lawrence neighborhood itself, this would create a major traffic snarl in the area of the outlet mall and the Kaw River bridges, where one pedestrian was already hit in recent days.

ELIA calls upon the City and County to follow the lead of Rep. Jan Meyers and mothball the Eastern Parkway project until the question of a main bypass for Lawrence is resolved. ELIA has long supported the concept that the main connecting route between K-10 and I-70 should be east of town across a new Kaw River bridge. We call upon the City, County and KDOT to explore this option in earnest.

In the meantime, the City should continue to implement neighborhood protections for East Lawrence. A viable East Lawrence is important to the health of Downtown and the entire central city. With or without an Eastern Parkway: the Delaware Street truck route should be posted at 20 mph; the truck ordinance should be vigorously enforced on all neighborhood streets; the west side of Rhode Island Street from 7th to 9th should be rezoned RO-1A; housing rehabilitation and historic preservation should be promoted; the riverfront greenspace should be protected; an authoritative neighborhood plan should be adopted.

When neighborhood protections are firmly in place, ELIA would be willing to consider the construction of a route connecting Downtown with a new bypass east of town (K-10 to I-70 across a new bridge).

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 442393

LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044

May 2nd, 1984

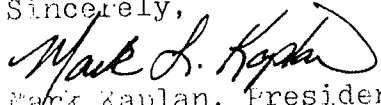
Ms. Margene Swarts
Housing and Neighborhood Development
City Hall, Box 708
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Margene,

Here are two invoices to the ELIA, for which we would like to make payment from our administrative expense account

Also enclosed is a set of receipts for which I've made personal cash outlays. I'm hoping that the accompanying documentation is adequate.

Sincerely,


Mark Kaplan, President

Shelle Rosenfeld, Treasurer

NJ Lawler \$373.05
53 W 72nd St 7G
NYC 10023

Pollmiller & Assoc \$383.40
Box 15233
Lenexa, Kansas 66225

Mark Kaplan ~~\$122.95~~
1029 Delaware St \$ 87.54
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May 13, 1994

Mark Kaplan
E.L.I.A. President
P.O. Box 442393
Lawrence, Ks. 66044

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

I have reviewed your letter dated April 24, 1994, and the information you attached to the letter.

First, I want to make it clear that I am only trying to administer the CDBG funds in a manner that is reasonably consistent with the proposal that was approved by the CDBG Advisory Committee and the City Commission. As Margene and I explained during our visit with you, we are not allowed to make major changes in the procedures and programs as they were approved.

The CDBG Advisory Committee tries to recommend funding for neighborhood associations after considering needs and proposals. In the case of the E.L.I.A., the amount funded was based upon 45 hours per month for a part-time coordinator. As I told you during our visit, if you want to make the position full-time through July 1, you need to get the approval of the CDBG Advisory Committee and the City Commission.

For now, I must repeat what the committee agreed upon - Honor the existing contract with the City.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Goodell, Director
Housing and Neighborhood Development

LAG/dm



E.L.I.A.

East Lawrence Improvement Association
P. O. Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

Maryanne

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City Commission
City Hall
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Dear Commissioners,

In the wake of Shelley Miller's illness and tragic death, and the resignation of Nanette Roubideaux, our neighborhood coordinator, the East Lawrence Improvement Association has spent several months reorganizing. In March, a revitalized core of executive officers began to address a rapidly growing number of neighborhood issues and to cooperate with groups such as Downtown Lawrence, Inc., City Planning and the County Commission in addressing the C-4 Bonus Zoning proposal, the generation of a long-term Neighborhood Plan, the consideration of jail expansion and the possible redevelopment of the 1000 block of Massachusetts Street. E.L.I.A. has committed itself to the publication of an expanded tabloid newsletter and new neighborhood social and educational events such as a fall homes' tour. In addition, E.L.I.A. has continued its commitment to ongoing projects such as the annual neighborhood clean-up (June 18th), rebuilding neighborhood sidewalks, the History Project and the annual potluck dinner.

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In April E.L.I.A. hired a new neighborhood coordinator. In order to facilitate such an ambitious slate of programs E.L.I.A. requested that the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development allow the coordinator to work approximately 100 hours a month through July 31, ^{already} in order to use all of the coordinator funds allocated to E.L.I.A. during the 1993-4 CDBG fiscal year. Such full use of these funds would average 45 hours/month over the twelve-month funding period and be well within the parameters of the original agreement.

In an enclosed May 13 response (see enclosure) HAND director Lynn Goodell stated that "...if you want to make the position full time...you need to get the approval of the CDBG Advisory Board and the City Commission." Because the City Commission has final authority over this request and that time is so extremely short (the funds will expire in less than ten weeks) we are therefore respectfully asking the Commission to consider our urgent request. If it would at all expedite a timely decision, we are willing to have our request placed on the regular agenda. We wish to stress that we understand the unusual nature of our request, but considering the number of issues and projects with which

E.L.I.A. is dealing, we feel it is vitally important to use all of the resources we have been allocated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Kaplan, President

Jim Power, Vice president

Jim McCrary, Secretary

Shelle Rosenfeld, Treasurer

E.L.I.A.

Telephone (913) 842-2769

East Lawrence Improvement Association
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Agenda for ad hoc officer's meeting with Mayor Jolene Anderson, 23 May 1994.

Truck Traffic- Truck Ordinance Revision's:

need stronger ordinance - too vague - difficult

Eastern Parkway:

C-4 Bonus Zoning- Parking Needs and Proposed Amendments:

1000 Block of Massachusetts Street Redevelopment:

Development of 700 Block of New Hampshire and Rhode Island:

Growth Constraints on Government building in 1100 Block of Massachusetts Street:

History Project:

Youth Center Development and Park's Issues:

E.L.I.A.

*I need to ask
Planning how ELIA plan
begin, etc.*

*Received
5/27
3:20 pm*

Telephone (913) 842-2769

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27 May 1994

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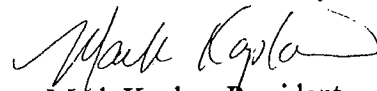
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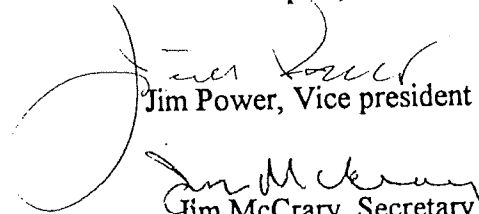
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- 3 - what will coordinator do w/100 hours?
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- 2 - what is "VA and running & working in smooth manner"?


and our neighborhood organization, to use all of the resources we have been allocated.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mark Kaplan, President


Jim Power, Vice president


Jim McCrary, Secretary


Shelle Rosenfeld, Treasurer

cc: CDBG Advisory Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: CDBG Advisory Committee
FROM: Margene K. Swarts, CDBG Program Manager *MKS*
SUBJECT: Neighborhood Coordinator Request
DATE: June 1, 1994

As you are hopefully aware by now, there will be an emergency meeting of the CDBG Advisory Committee on Thursday, June 2, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Commission Room, City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the request from the ELIA regarding CDBG funds allocated for the coordinator. Information regarding this request is enclosed.

Additionally, the PNA may have a request regarding the CDBG allocation for their coordinator. If so, the information will be presented at the meeting.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your attendance at this meeting is very important, so I hope that everyone on the committee will be there. If you will be unable to attend, please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. My number is 832-3117.

Bob ✓
Dave ✓

CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

From: Planning Staff / Bob Siqueiros
Re: East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan
Date: June 3, 1994

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the City Commission on the progress of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. At this point we are about half way through the process and we expect to have a completed document by the end of 1994.

Please find enclosed a schedule outlining the East Lawrence Neighborhood planning process. Staff and the neighborhood group have remained relatively close to the schedule. The next neighborhood meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 15, 1994, at City Hall, 3rd floor conference room. The meeting agenda includes discussing the survey results, identifying key issues and appropriate new sections of the plan.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the process, please call or come by the Planning Office.

cc: Mike Wildgen
Linda Finger

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan

- February** - Introduction & Orientation
 - Evaluation of Existing Neighborhood Plan
- March** - New Draft Neighborhood Survey
- April** - Utility/Infrastructure (presentation & assessment)
 - Approve & Mail Neighborhood Survey
- May** - Police Protection (presentation & assessment)
 - Determine Additional Inventory & Assessment Needs....
 Develop a Strategy to Complete by August
 - Begin Compiling Surveys
- June** - Survey Results
 - Identify Key Issues / Sections of the New Plan
- July** - Transportation Assessment & Presentation
- August** - Complete Neighborhood Inventory & Assessment
 - Establish Neighborhood Priorities
 - Draft Goals & Objectives
- September** - Finalize Goals & Objectives
 - Develop Draft Improvement Plans
- October** - Draft Report/Plan
- November** - Revised Draft Report/Plan
- December** - Final Report/Plan
 - Adoption by ELIA

MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Wildgen, City Manager
From: Lynn Goodell, Director of HAND
Subject: E.L.I.A. Use of CDBG Funds
Date: June 3, 1994

Last night, the CDBG Advisory Committee voted to allow the East Lawrence Improvement Association to use its CDBG coordinator funds for normal coordinator activities and the items set out in the May 27, 1994 letter (copy attached). Please advise the City Commission that this has occurred, and staff has no problems with this decision.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Lynn Goodell, the Director of HAND mentioned in the memorandum.



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July 18, 1994

To: ELIA

From: Mayor Jo Andersen

Re: City Commission goals regarding the eastern part of Lawrence from the river to 23rd Street and Massachusetts to the eastern city limits

Dear Neighbors:

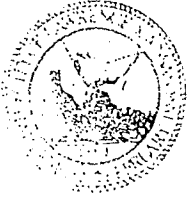
During the annual City Commission goal-setting session last May, one of the most important goals listed was to assess and meet the social and infrastructural needs of the eastern portion of Lawrence. As a result, we kicked up into highest priority on the wastewater capital improvement plan the East Lawrence Sewer Relief line, which should be completed sometime next summer. This will provide relief of overburdened sewer lines and hopefully will prevent many of the sewer back up situations experienced during rain events.

Identifying and solving some of the social problems is more complicated. Our attention to this area was piqued by the recent report by District Attorney Wells on the profile of the at risk juveniles in Lawrence. A large percentage (35%) live in this part of town. In addition, we keep hearing about substandard housing stock and the low ratio of homeowner occupancy which create additional problems for the neighborhoods involved.

It was suggested by John Nalbandian that we form a task force to define problems and solutions related to the above issues and to develop a plan of action to alleviate the problems. We envision the task force to be headed by staff from the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development, and to include a coalition of people from the social welfare department of KU, city officials, and residents of the neighborhoods. The issues to be addressed will fall into these categories:

1. Public Safety. This will include further development of Community Oriented Policing strategies so that neighborhoods can work more effectively with law enforcement.





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2. Stabilization of housing stock, including renovation, encouragement of homeowner occupancy, and historical preservation

3. Better coordination of social services, especially for low income citizens

4. Identifying other needed infrastructure improvements

5. Transportation issues, including public transportation and alternative forms such as pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths

Several members of the school of social welfare have participated in and/or orchestrated successful neighborhood projects in other cities that may be modified to serve our needs. We will begin preliminary discussions in August as soon as everyone gets back from vacations.

Among the first things we will look at are local success stories, such as the Mayor's youth advisory commission, the Teen Center, the very pro-active neighborhood association at Edgewood, and the East Lawrence historical preservation project. We envision recruiting neighborhood members of the task force from long-term residents who know the people and the challenges first hand.

Please contact me with any feedback you may have. These plans are very preliminary; I will keep you updated as they develop.

With best regards,

Mayor Jo Andersen



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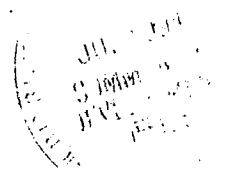
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E.L.I.A.

Telephone (913) 842-2769

East Lawrence Improvement Association
P. O. Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

July 19, 1994



Lawrence City Commission
City Hall
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Commissioners:

As you know, on April 18 of this year, the ELIA membership passed a resolution opposing construction of the proposed Eastern Parkway. At the time, we were hopeful that our elected officials would discuss with us the reasons for our opposition, and how we might proceed together to improve the city's transportation system without destroying the livability of neighborhoods such as ours. Since then, 60.6% of respondents to a City-sponsored survey in East Lawrence opposed the project. Only 18.1% supported its construction.

Regrettably, the City has not responded in any way to our position on the Parkway. Now, we find that the City proposes to spend additional taxpayer dollars on planning for the road. Moreover, we find that item listed in tonight's Consent Agenda -- a venue normally reserved for routine matters. We do not consider the Parkway a routine matter, as it would have major and lasting impacts on all of Lawrence's older neighborhoods.

So, is it any wonder that we sometimes feel our concerns are being ignored? Frankly, we find it outrageous that the City is proposing to allocate additional tax dollars to a project that is mired in controversy and delay.

I cannot attend tonight's City Commission meeting, but please accept this letter as a strong objection to any action that would facilitate construction of the Eastern Parkway.

Yours truly,

Mark Kaplan,
President

cc: Senator Eck Bole
Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum
Representative Jan Meyers
KDOT Secretary Michael Johnston

Goodell

East Lawrence Improvement Association

P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

July 21, 1994

Bob Siqueros & Fred Sherman
City of Lawrence
Planning Department
City Hall
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Bob and Fred:

Thank you for your participation in the excellent session on East Lawrence transportation issues Wednesday night. We were able to discuss a number of vital issues, and reached many important conclusions that should be included in the new neighborhood plan.

As you know, there was unanimous agreement that the plan should explicitly prohibit construction of the Eastern Parkway. Only 18.1% of neighborhood residents supported the Parkway, when asked as part of the recent neighborhood survey. In addition, ELIA is on record opposing the project. Clearly, then, the neighborhood plan must exclude the possibility of its completion.

This issue is a vital concern to us, because of the disastrous long-term effects the road would have on East Lawrence. As we discussed, the Parkway would promote the expansion of commercial and industrial uses in and around the neighborhood. In our view, the road will generate irresistible development pressures, much as we've recently seen in the Nieder Acres situation. These incompatible land uses, which encircle the neighborhood north of 9th street would soon close like a bear trap on 12 - 15 blocks of homes, while most of our lateral streets fill up with cars and trucks.

This also ties into our concerns about inadequate downtown parking facilities, particularly in light of the current plans for commercial expansion along the 700 block of Rhode Island, and the 1000 block of New Hampshire. Additional traffic flow and parking must be restricted all along Rhode Island, in order to protect our vital western boundary with the Central Business District.

As we discussed, stricter enforcement of the city's truck route ordinance, improved facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, better maintenance of sidewalks, streets and alleys, as well as improvement of public transportation, are all important issues. In our view, however, if the Eastern Parkway were to be built, all the other improvements would be for nought, since the road would destroy the neighborhood's livability.

The Eastern Parkway has represented an unnecessary obstacle to

cooperation among East Lawrence, the City, Downtown Lawrence, and other entities. In addition, planning for the Parkway continues to consume large sums of public money.

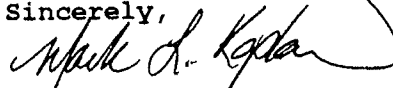
At Wednesday's meeting, you asked us to think about our collective vision for the future of East Lawrence.

Our neighborhood has survived for well over a century as an ethnically diverse and culturally rich urban community. As an amateur historian and urbanologist, I know of no other neighborhood in the country that has thrived on racial integration since the 1850s. I know of few neighborhoods with such a diverse assemblage of 19th Century working-class residential architecture. In a city with the highest housing costs in Kansas, East Lawrence still presents an opportunity for moderate income residents to realize the dream of home ownership. It would be tragic, in this more enlightened time, that a city-sponsored project should wreck such a community.

We hope that the misguided Eastern Parkway project can soon be put behind us, so that we may together devote our energy and resources to preserving and improving this unique Lawrence neighborhood.

Thank you again for all of your hard work on the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. We look forward to carrying the project through to completion with your able assistance.

Sincerely,



Mark Kaplan,
President

c: Lawrence City Commission
Douglas County Commission
Senator Robert Dole
Representative Jan Meyers
Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
Lawrence Journal-World
KANU Radio
KLWN Radio
Pitch Weekly
New Times
Topeka Capital-Journal
Sunflower Cablevision

East Lawrence Improvement Association
P. O. Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

Associate Membership Funds

We will be making a promise to new associate members that the money they are providing to the ELIA will be spent in a certain manner. This is a promise we can not afford to violate even if by accident. The money we are raising is similar to a trust, and we will have a legal obligation to spend the money according to how we represent how we will spend it. It is possible that we may wish to separately incorporate this project as a tax-free East Lawrence Foundation.

Thus, I propose that we follow certain guidelines when we begin to sell Associate Memberships:

Money from the sale of Associate Memberships shall be put into a separate account from other ELIA funds.

Money from this account may only be spent according to majority vote of the board of directors.

Administrative costs (copying, stationary) incurred as a result of working on projects may be approved by a majority vote of ELIA officers.

Money from this fund shall provide a salary of \$350 per month for the position of Special Projects Coordinator for the expectation of 40 hours work per month or 1/4 time.

Designated projects will be approved of by majority vote of the board of directors.

I also suggest that we establish a similar procedure for the expenditures of all funds with which ELIA has access. I suggest that the treasurer be the only officer to have access to the charge account at Kinko's. The two coordinators should also have access to the charge account. If another officer has a project that needs to be charged s/heshould ask one of the coordinators to charge it. The major advantage of this procedure is constant knowledge of ELIA financial resources. This will benefit the organization in budgetting its resources more effectively.

Attach B

E.L.I.A.

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East Lawrence Improvement Association
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Associate Memberships

The E.L.I.A. has begun an Associate Membership drive to inform the larger Lawrence community of our efforts to preserve and develop the best aspects of Lawrence's oldest residential neighborhood. The funds generated by this membership drive will be used to develop programs for the preservation of the unique history of the neighborhood and the betterment of resident lives. Activities that are planned for development include the East Lawrence History Project, crime prevention programs, educational opportunity programs and improved community infrastructure.

Associate members will receive 4 issues of *The East Lawrence News*, providing information about issues affecting the East Lawrence Neighborhood. *The East Lawrence News* comes out quarterly before every general membership meeting of the E.L.I.A. and has a circulation of more than 2,000.

A 20% discount on advertising in *The East Lawrence News*.

A Certificate of Membership suitable for framing.

The knowledge that you are helping to preserve and protect the oldest historic residential neighborhood in Lawrence.

RETAINER AGREEMENT

The East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA) hereby agrees to be represented by, Sharon W. Stephens, Attorney at Law, in matters relating to the execution of a proposed conservation easement for approximately six (6) acres of riverfront property east of 7th Street.

In accordance with the initial retainer agreement, it is agreed that the remaining \$500 from the Omega fund shall be paid as a retainer for legal services which shall include representation of ELIA before the city of Lawrence and non-profit organizations, including but not limited to, representation before the City Commission, as well as at board meetings of non-profit organizations, concerning the negotiation of the easement's acquisition, filing, and administration. Moreover, it is agreed that Ms. Stephens shall be available for consultation until the end of this calendar year, December 30, 1994.

It is agreed that she will be compensated for this representation for the amount of \$35 per hour, but that the total expenditure for all legal services shall not exceed \$1,000, of which \$500 has already been paid for the initial drafting of the document and other legal services. ELIA recognizes that this billable rate is substantially lower than \$85 per hour, the standard rate for legal services in this community, and that Ms. Stephens is voluntarily waiving the remaining portion of her hourly fee.

At the conclusion of representation, copies of all files, documents, and correspondence concerning the conservation easement shall be transferred to the East Lawrence Improvement Association.

Representing the East Lawrence Improvement Association:

Signed _____ Date _____

***Name
Address
Phone***

Signed _____ Date _____

***Name
Address
Phone***

Attach C

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Agenda
Item #10

E.L.I.A.

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E.L.I.A. Press Release Procedures

A press release procedure will assure that all officers of the organization are aware of ELIA policies, and will have input to make sure that the feelings of the board of directors are respected. The advantage of having a uniform policy lies in the fact that when people are elected to positions of responsibility in the organization a set of rules will be in place to for people to follow. Continuity of organization will thus be maintained even as people on the board come and go.

Suggestions for such a policy include:

All press releases are to be made on official ELIA stationary.

Press releases should be prepared by the Neighborhood Coordinator.

After drafting a document, the Neighborhood Coordinator should then present it to the four officers for their approval.

If the officers approve the release of the draft by a majority vote, the Neighborhood Coordinator shall then issue it to all relevant parties.

If there is a tie or one of the officers wishes to bring it before the board of directors, the Coordinator shall contact as many of the board members as possible. The Coordinator shall poll the Board, and if an absolute majority of the board votes to release the document, then the coordinator shall issue it to all relevant parties.

All press releases shall be understood as *de facto* official policy statements of the board of directors.

Attached

E.L.I.A. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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East Lawrence Improvement Association
P. O. Box 442393
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July 26, 1994

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the East Lawrence Improvement Association, I wish to protest the Public Works proposal to create special benefit district financing for storm drainage at a point northeast of Ninth and Delaware. The business owners along the 900 block of Delaware who are requesting possible benefit financing built their properties in what is essentially a culvert. Therefore, not only can one question the issuance of building permits for flood prone property but also, the potential subsidized bailout of these industrial developers by their adjacent commercial and residential neighbors.

In Neighborhood Plan discussions with representatives of the Utility Department, installation of a 40 inch drainage pipe in East Lawrence was one of the proposed elements of an upgraded storm sewer master plan intended to benefit all residents of the city. To expect a handful of property owners to pay for an essential city improvement immediately beneficial to their industrial neighbors, would create an unfair and unnecessary tax burden.

If taxpayers must account for a lack of judgement by private developers or the city-at-large, E.L.I.A. believes the inherent tax burden should be financed from the general fund, and the accompanying petition shows that there is very little support for this project within the projected benefit district.

Sincerely,

Mark Kaplan, E.L.I.A. president

Mark Kaplan

E.L.I.A.

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East Lawrence Improvement Association
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Lawrence, KS 66044

PETITION

We, the undersigned residential and industrial property owners within the confines of the potential Ninth and Delaware storm drainage improvement district, do hereby demonstrate opposition to our inclusion in the creation of said district as proposed (see map). We feel this district is part of a city-wide storm drainage system which would benefit all residents living downhill, as well as the few business owners who chose to develop property over a previously dry culvert. The cost of any line enlargement beneficial to the entire city, but specifically requested by a few business owners impacted by drainage problems, should be borne by the city-at-large.

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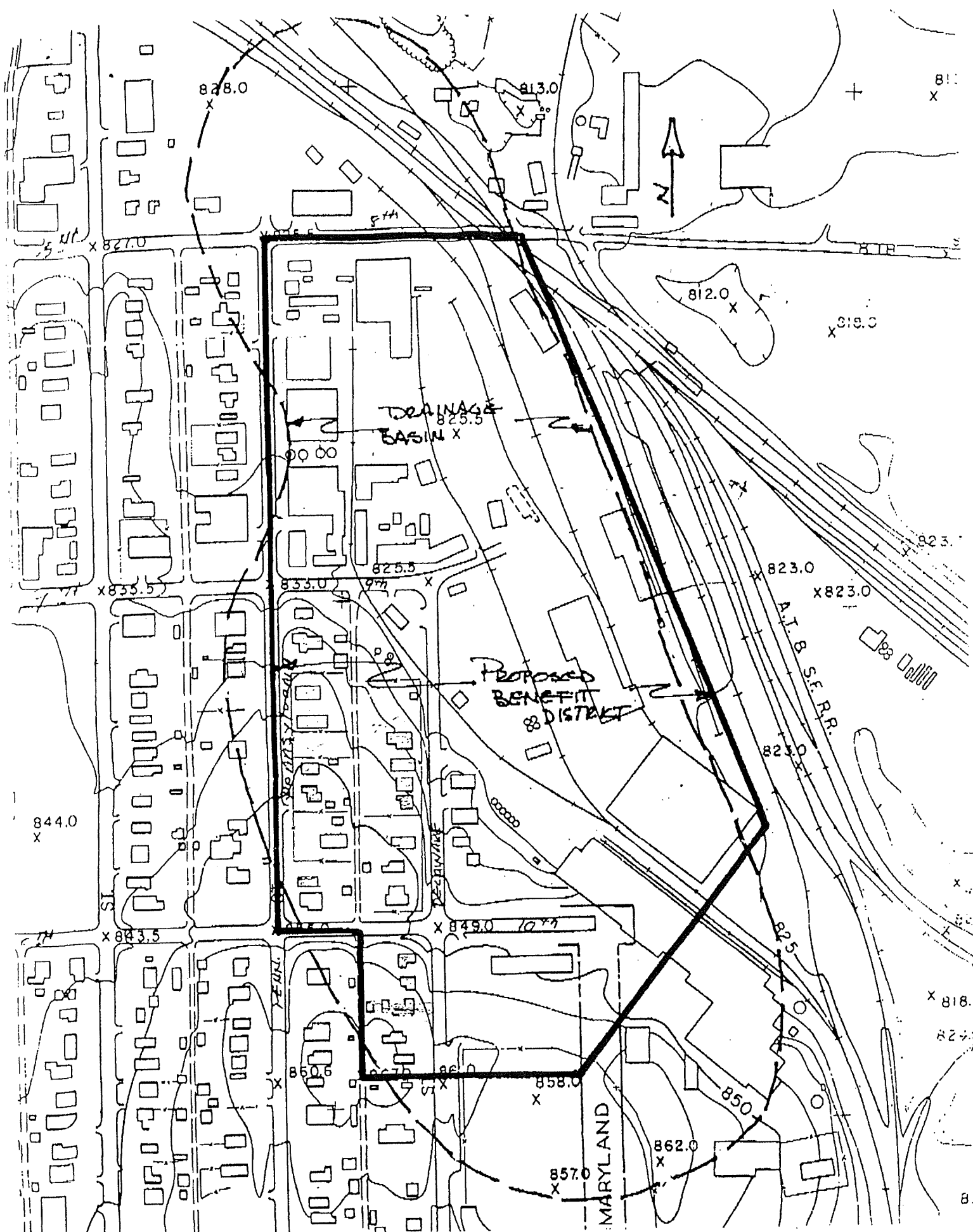
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Officers [1996-1997]**

President Fadra Andrews, 1323 CT, 841-2834
V.P. Prisella Adams, 1423 NY, 843-2114
Sec. Dana Hurlburt, 1140 NJ, 749-4843
Trsr. Shannon Murphy, 404 E 10, 842-0643



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Margene K. Swarts, Community Development Manager *MKS*

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.

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TO: Brook Creek, East Lawrence, North Lawrence, Oread, and Pinckney
Neighborhood Associations
FROM: Margene K. Swarts, Community Development Manager *MKS*
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.

Enclosures



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July 15, 1999

Jean Ann Pike, President
East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 2393
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Jean Ann:

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 lgoodell@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Lee
Housing Programs Specialist



EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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August 10, 1999

Ms. Margene Swarts
Community Development Director
HAND
City of Lawrence
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RE: Neighborhood Coordinator's Salary

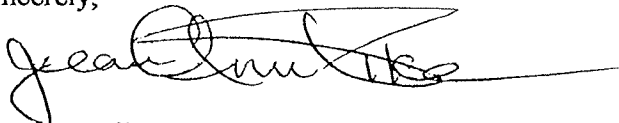
Dear Margene:

Thank you for attending the East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA) Board meeting yesterday. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you. We will formalize any further comments we have on the report after we meet on August 16th.

In addition, on August 9, 1999, the ELIA Board voted to increase the Neighborhood Coordinator's salary to \$9.15 an hour, effective July 14, 1999. The Board will review the salary amount at our January 2000 meeting and then again at our April 2000 meeting to avoid depleting our coordinator funds.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact myself at 841-0795 or Carrie at the number above.

Sincerely,



Jean Ann Pike
ELIA Board President

Jean Ann -

The increase in the Coordinator salary is approved, but will be in effect with the new grant year, which is ~~the~~ August 1, 1999. Call me at 832.3117, if you have questions.

Margene
8.18.99

Margene Swarts

From: Aimee Polson [aimeepolson@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 5:41 PM
To: Shawn Price; Jennifer Hackney; Tim Morland; Nancy; Jill Elmers; Carmen Collins; Christy Dahl; Cindy Nau; Doug Byers; Margene Swarts; Michelle Crank; Ed Tato; Erika & Jeff Plumlee; Mark Lehmann; aimee polson; Jason Fizell; Beth Rowlands; Ed Tato; Karen Butler; ardysramberg@hotmail.com; Brosius; Donna Duncan; O'Brien; Wachspress; jlagray@hotmail.com; corbmurf@sunflower.com; spiritdancer_roya@msn.com
Subject: ELNA Updates

Hello everyone,

ITEM #1

Everyone receiving this email has now officially been taken off of the snail mailing list with the exceptions of:

Ed Tato, Ardys Ramberg, Tim Morland, Madeline O'Brien, Nancy, and Bill Wachspress.

If you are on this list and would like to be removed from snail mail as well, email back. If you are not on this list and would like to continue receiving postal service, email back. Nancy, what is your last name?!?!?

ITEM #2

The Douglas County Commission is having a final public hearing concerning DG CO redistricting on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm. The options are to have East Lawrence in the 1st District with the core of the city and represented by Democrat Charles Jones or to have East Lawrence move into 2nd District with Baldwin and Eudora and rural areas in eastern Douglas County and represented by Republican Bob Johnson. "East Lawrence" in this case refers to everything east of Mass between the river and 15th Street. So this encompasses the entire East Lawrence neighborhood. As of now, ELNA has no position on this, but you might. So the final time to speak before the Commission on the matter is this Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse at 1100 Massachusetts.

ITEM #3

There will be a presentation of the history of economic development in Lawrence this Thursday, January 17th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, building #21 from 7-10 p.m. This is in preparation to update the economic development portion of Horizon 2020. The presentation will outline how Lawrence got to where it is today. It will provide anyone who attends basic information before the matter is opened up to public discussion in a month or so.

ITEM #4

Tenants to Homeowners is hosting an open house Friday, January 18th from 4-6 p.m. at 1808 and 1812 Atherton Court to show their two new 3-bedroom 2-bath walkout basement homes. To get there Take Harper north to East 17th Street. Turn east on 17th to Irving Court. Turn right on Irving Court and you will run into Atherton cul-de-sac. Turn left and the homes will be on your left.

I think that is it for now. Have a good evening. Maybe I will see you at the meeting tonight at New York Elem. or at the Chili Feed tomorrow night.

Thanks,
Aimee Polson
ELNA Coordinator