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League Calendar

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| Saturday, April 21st | 11:30 AM | LWV-L/DC Annual Meeting, <i>Smith Center, Brandon Woods, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace.</i> |
| Saturday, April 21st | 7:00 PM | Land Use Committee Meeting. <i>Community Mercantile Meeting Room, 901 Iowa St.</i> |
| April 27th & 28th | | LWVK State Council, <i>Salina Ramada Inn and Convention Center, Salina, KS.</i> More details at www.lwvk.org/calendar.html |
| Saturday, May 5th | 10:00 AM - Noon | Privatization Study - Consensus Meeting. <i>First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont.</i> |
| Thursday, May 10th | 7:00 PM | LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont St.</i> All League members are invited to attend. |
| Saturday, May 12th | 9:00 PM | VOTER Submission Deadline. Please send all submissions to lightwatcher@gmail.com |
| June 8 - 12th | | LWV-US National Convention, <i>Washington D.C.</i> Register online. |

A Note from President Kay Hale

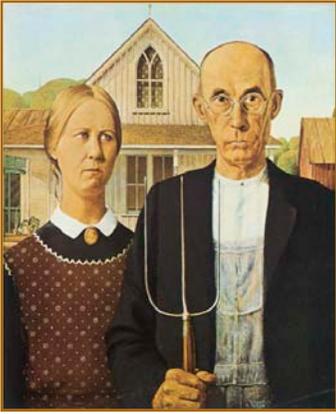
As my term as your president is coming to an end. It is with a sense of fulfillment and gratitude that I look back on the year.

There were no elections, no candidate forums no voter guides to prepare this year. However, we have had unusual issues, such as the threatened closure of the Lawrence SRS Office, redistricting, and proposals to change the state tax structure.

I want to recognize the Board of Directors for making the organization work efficiently. The treasurer, Marjorie Cole kept accurate financial records. She also processed membership renewal forms and managed the membership data base as well. I am grateful to Marjorie for managing these two interrelated functions and for advising me through out the year.



The secretary Caleb Morse faithfully recorded accurate and timely minutes. He also briefly served as Voter Service Chair. During that time he prepared a brochure on "Voting in Lawrence and Douglas County for 2011-2012, with notes on the anticipated changes in 2013." President Elect, Carrie Lindsey, headed up the new Membership Leadership Development (MLD) Team. MLD is a new program to strengthen the League offered through LWV-US. Carrie planned and implemented a very successful informational meeting about the League. I appreciate Car-



rie's great ideas and computer skills. Bonnie Dunham served on the MLD team along with Carrie. Bonnie revived the Brown Bag Lunches as a way to engage members! Bonnie also prepared several news releases that actually were published. I am grateful to Bonnie for using her writing skills to bring visibility to the League. .

Vice President, Milton Scott headed up the Communications Committee during the transition of our website to a new format - League Easy Web. Chris Lempa, served as the web administrator responsible making the transition and Caleb now fills that role. The website has been greatly enhanced as a result of their efforts.

David Burress chaired the LWV-US Education Study and facilitated member consensus on the study questions. Carol Jacobson serves as a co-chair of the LWVK Study, "Kansas Taxes: Who Pays?" She planned a local public forum on the Governor's Proposed Tax Plan. Melinda Henderson took over as Voter Services Chair and she has developed plans to register young voters. Bob and Lee Ann Duver set up for meetings and were on hand to greet participants. James Dunn serves on the LWVK Board and he keeps us informed of activities at the State League

There are so many people we need to thank! Month after month, Ruth Lichtwardt tirelessly edits the VOTER. Sharon Brown does labeling and emailing. Betty Lichtwardt and Alan Black lead the Land Use Committee. This year the committee analyzed city planning and environmental issues and made recommendations to the City Planning Commission, which were conveyed in 31 letters. How can we fully say thank you to these dedicated League members?

In closing I want to thank my husband Gary for supporting my tenure as president of the League. He has been my sounding board, proof reader and trusted assistant.

I am pleased to have served as your president this year. Members have rallied to achieved the objectives we established for ourselves. It's been fun stressful, challenging and fulfilling.

I encourage League members to get behind the new officers that will be elected on April 21st and gear up for the elections of 2012.

just for fun:

Name the Artist. Give yourself bonus points if you can also name the painting. Answers in the March VOTER.

Board Votes to Endorse 2012 Convention Resolution

The Board of Directors voted to endorse a resolution submitted to the 2012 LWV-US Convention by the Leagues of Concord-Carlisle, Amherst, and Sudbury, Massachusetts. This resolution reaffirms the LWVUS commitment to combat undue influence in the financing of elections and urges the League to advocate vig-

orously for measures to reverse the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling which grants to corporations, unions, and other legislatively determined entities the individual rights guaranteed to natural persons of this country by the Constitution. The Resolution is shown here:

Resolution to 2012 LWVUS Convention

Whereas the LWVUS position on Campaign Finance states: The method of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process;



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Whereas the **LWVUS position on Individual Liberties** states: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the Constitution

should not be weakened or abridged;

Whereas the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections;

Whereas the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* has unleashed a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

Therefore, be it resolved we, the representatives of local and state Leagues assembled at the 2012 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to advocate strongly for all measures – including but not limited to a constitutional amendment- which

- affirm that free speech rights belong to natural persons, not corporations or other non-person entities;
- allow Congress and the States to set limits on campaign contributions and expenditures;
- ensure that elections are determined by the votes of natural persons.

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

March 15, 2012, 4:35 p.m.

Board Members Present: Joan Golden, Deborah Thompson, Chris Burger, Terry Leibold, Ursula Minor, and David Vance, new board member. **Absent:** Fran Devlin
Library Staff Present: Mike Wildgen, Kim Fletcher, Amanda McConnell
Friends of the Library Present: Susan Craig



Foundation Director's Report: About 655 tickets were sold for the Susan Stamberg event and net revenue after expenses was \$14,424. The Capital Campaign net total was at \$1,104,000. The Cad-dystacks golf event will be held on April 28th and 29th for families during regular library hours. The VIP adult golf party begins at 7:30 pm on Saturday and will be attended by "The Lawrence Masters" and new Library Director Brad Allen.

The 2012 "Weave A Tale" Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th in the library auditorium. This annual event is made possible through the Library Foundation's Joyce Steiner Memorial Fund. This year's featured storyteller is Donna Washington. Her website is dlwstoryteller.com.



Grant Update:

- A \$6,000 grant from The Douglas County Community Foundation to fund a laptop pilot project at the library.
- A \$1,000 grant from CH2M Hill, a national engineering firm with a Lawrence office, to bring the Fractal Foundation of Albuquerque, New Mexico to Lawrence this July. They will present two wonderfully entertaining shows on math and fractals as part of the summer reading program.
- A \$500 grant from Westar Energy to help fund children's performances for the summer reading program.

Friends Report: Susan Craig shared that the Friends is celebrating their 40th Anniversary. New Friends of the Library Executive Board members are: Julie Trowbridge-Allford of the Raven, Bill Carswell, and Ron Schorr. Elected officers include Susan Craig as President, Mary Burchill as Vice President, and Ron Schorr as Treasurer. The next book sale will be in April and the fall sale has been moved up to the 3rd weekend in September.

Review Memo on Construction Manager (CM) Contract: Groundbreaking for the new

library will be sometime in the fall. Upon approval at the City Commission meeting on March 27th, the CM can start working with the architect in deciding how packages are broken down for bid.

New Library Director: Brad Allen will start as the new director on May 1. An offer has been negotiated which includes help with moving expenses and granting some vacation days during the move. A motion to pass the offer was unanimously approved. Mike has agreed to stay at the library until Brad gets here.

Budget Committee: Joan and Fran will serve on the budgeting committee again. Mike will work with the staff on the budget before Brad arrives. The budget information needs to be compiled by April or May, and any requests about additional operating expenses are due by July.

- Elinor Tourtellot, observer



ary, February, and March. Additional reminder messages to the LWW membership were sent via the e-mail list-serv.

The committee met for a second time on February 17 to select the recipient of the award. Scott Criqui, the Human Resources Manager for Trinity in-Home Care, nominated by Kurt Schuler with an accompanying letter of support from Arla Jones, was chosen for the award. The Fluker Award honors a Douglas County resident who shows leadership in promoting citizen participation in government. Through Scott's efforts in Human Relations and Voter Education, Scott has been an encouraging force for all to have the opportunity to be active participants. Serving as the Chair of the Lawrence Human Relations Commission, Scott has been a leader of education efforts to inform city leaders and citizens about the discrimination faced by members of the LGBT community. As a result, the City Commission has voted to include Gender Identify as a protected class in the Lawrence Human Relations Code.

Forty-four persons attended the Thirteenth Annual Helen Fluker Award Luncheon on March 3 at the Smith Center. Each person with the exception of the honoree and his guest paid \$14.00 for lunch. Three members of the Fluker family attended the luncheon. Bob Fluker was unfortunately not able to attend, and was missed. Expenses for the luncheon were \$564.00 (47 reservations @ \$12) to Brandon Woods for the meal and \$28.14 to Pro Print for 60 copies of the printed program. The committee members contributed the costs for postage and copies. Treasurer Marjorie Cole received the reservations. The large picture of Helen Fluker, stored by Carrie Lindsey in a storage unit, was on display at the luncheon. Audrey Kamb furnished the easel for the display. Although Marguerite Lohrenz took care of all of the reservation and luncheon arrangements with Brandon Woods, persons who are not residents of Brandon Woods may make reservations. Phone the number 838-8000 to speak to either Madeleine Klusman or Don Minter. The honoree received an engraved tray from Mark's Jewelers. Trays to be engraved annually with each recipient's name were purchased

Helen Fluker Award Annual Report

The Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award Committee Report, 2011-2012

Members: Marjorie Cole, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Marguerite Lohrenz, and Janet Roth, Chair.

The committee met on August 17 to divide responsibilities and determine the date, place, schedule, and assignments for the selection of the award. The deadline for nominations was set for February 15, 2012, with the award luncheon to be on March 3, 2012, at the Smith Center of Brandon Woods at 11:30 a.m. Reservation for the Smith Center was made with Madeleine Klusman (mklusman@5s qc.com) from the Brandon Woods staff while Don Minter (dminter@5s qc.com) of the staff was contacted for the luncheon menu selection. Bob Fluker was notified that the luncheon would be on March 3.

In January, the committee began seeking nominations for the Helen Fluker Award with an article in the Lawrence Journal World. A letter from President Kay Hale and the 2012 nomination form were sent to 32 community organizations on January 17. Voter articles regarding the Helen Fluker Award were prepared for Janu-



by the Fluker family and are stored at Mark's. Seven trays remain to be given.

- Janet Roth, Chair

Land Use Committee Annual Report

The Land Use Committee (LUC) had monthly meetings between March 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 at the Community Mercantile on the Saturday evenings of the weekends before the Planning Commission (PC) meetings. The PC meetings generally were held the week of the fourth Wednesday of every month except in November and December, when they were held early to accommodate Thanksgiving and Christmas. The LUC meetings were scheduled for the preceding Saturdays because we depended on Planning Staff Reports, generally not available until only a few days before those weekends. Because of the complexity of many of the issues the Staff Reports required study time.

To summarize our actions, we discussed the PC Agendas and any other important planning issues pending on the City Commission or County Commission Agendas, then decided which items on the agendas to respond to with letters or comments. We sent a total of thirty-two letters, five of which were specifically to the City Commission or to both City and County Commissions, and twenty-seven to the Planning Commission. The subjects of our letters could be classified generally as issues dealing with policy (1 letter), interpretation or enforcement (6 letters), final development plans (FDP, 1 letter), zoning issues (3 letters), text amendment issues (TA, 13 letters), comprehensive plan amendments (CPA, 3 letters), and sector plans or area plans (3 letters). In addition, our Chairman, Alan Black, spoke for the LUC on some of these issues on several occasions at PC meetings.



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The issues that required more than one letter from us, and were reviewed more extensively by the Planning Commission, were generally text

amendments and area plans. An ongoing issue was a text amendment of the zoning ordinance that reduced the distance and height restrictions controlling non-single family uses when adjacent to single-family districts. The restrictions were originally included in the zoning ordinance to protect single-family areas from incompatible, out-of-scale and too close adjacent development. This issue still hasn't been resolved. Another general issue was text amendments that would allow the density (number of dwellings) to be increased in multiple family districts. This was approached in various ways: through reducing the parking requirements in large boarding houses, increasing the density allowances in planned developments, and actually eliminating the density caps on high-density



multiple family (RM32) districts. These were initiated by developers or planning staff, and some issues have been resolved and some are still pending. The two area plans that created perhaps the most controversy this year were the Northeast Sector Plan and the Inverness Park District Plan. The Northeast Sector Plan is still pending, with the main issue being preserving prime soils and floodplain areas versus using these areas for industrial development. The Inverness Park Plan involved a zoning change as well, with the issue being an area overloaded with student apartments that were impacting the established single-family development. This issue was finally resolved in favor of the single-family neighborhood after many months of controversy.

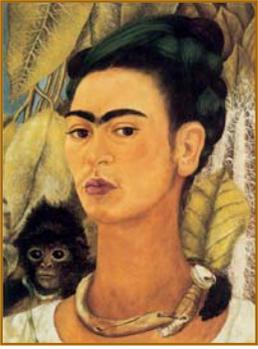
For a more detailed report of our letters, please see the table, Annual Summary of LUC Letters 3-11 thru 3-12 posted on the League website.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting

Mar 8, 2012, 7-9 pm, First Methodist Church

Present: Kay Hale (President), Milton Scott (Vice President), Marjorie Cole (Treasurer), Caleb Morse (Secretary); Directors: David Burress, Bonnie Dunham,

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James Dunn, Melinda Henderson, Ruth Lichtwardt, Carrie Lindsey. **Absent:** Bob Duver; Carol Jacobson. **Members present:** Gary Hale.

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Kay at 7:10 pm. The agenda was adopted as distributed by Kay.

Minutes adopted. Minutes of the February meeting were adopted as distributed by Caleb on Mar 9.

Treasurer's report. Marjorie reported total income for Feb of \$398 (\$50 in contributions, \$225 in dues, and \$123 for the Fluker Luncheon); and expenses of \$216.66 \$155.06 for the printing of the February Voter and \$28.37 for meals and hospitality). Net Inflow was \$214.57. As of Mar 1, balances in various accounts were as follows:

Checking = \$1771.19

Money Market = \$4397.04

Stucky = \$7113.44

Judiciary = \$1088.58

All checks have cleared. We have \$250 remaining in the Education Fund after paying our LWV US PMP through the third quarter. \$610 was contributed to the Ed Fund during our December fund drive.

President's report. Kay reported on the following:

2012 Annual Meeting Update. The following items will be published in the upcoming VOTER: Report of the Nominating Committee; Statement of LWV-L/DC Proposed Program; and the Proposed Budget. Carrie Lindsey and Sharon Brown will produce and mail post card invitations to members. Melinda Henderson will do the layout for, and print, the 2012 /13 Membership Directory. Mary Margaret Rowen will arrange the catering. We still need an Audit Committee and a volunteer to take photos. Kay has already: arranged for a speaker (Camille Nohe); appointed a Budget Committee (Marjorie, Carrie & Kay); appointed a Committee to read the Annual Meeting Minutes (Arline Seely-Bench and Jeanne Mann); and appointed a Parliamentarian (David Burress)

LWV US Privatization Study. The following events have been arranged to facilitate arriving at consensus on the Privatization Study: An overview of the Study will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Apr 21 (Pre-

sender: Camille Nohe); the Consensus Meeting will be held May 5, First Methodist Church 10 am – noon (Facilitator: David Burress). The Study Guide and background materials are posted on the website.

LWVK State Council Meeting. Council will take place on Saturday, Apr 28, 8:30 – 5:00 pm at the Salina Ramada Convention Center. The registration fee is \$55 per voting delegate. The Lawrence League is entitled to send 8 voting delegates. Several members expressed interest in attending.

LWV US 50th National Convention. Convention will take place in Washington D.C. Jun 8 – 12. The Lawrence League is entitled to send 2 voting delegates. If you are interested in participating in the National Convention, please contact Carrie.

Chamber of Commerce - Eggs and Issues Breakfast. Kay was welcomed as the LWV-L/DC President at the Chamber of Commerce "Eggs and Issues" Breakfast on Mar 3.

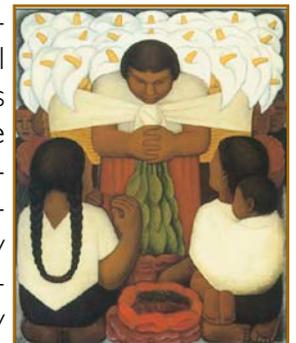
Resignation. Chris Lempa submitted a letter of resignation from the Board on February 20, 2012.

Action Items

Action 1. Adopt the 2010 Program Study Report submitted by Carrie. The purpose of this study was to examine the question "How Can Voter Participation Be Increased?" However, it being unclear to Carrie that she was supposed to write a report, we will consider this item at next month's meeting.

Action 2. Adopt a Proposed Program for submission to Annual Meeting. The proposed study on use of Amtrak station for transportation hub has been withdrawn by Alan, who reasoned that such a study of this current issue would take too long. Alan will look into existing positions to see if any would support action by the League on this issue.

Carrie summarized her proposal for a restudy of Local Government #4. There was some discussion of what the position covers (Lawrence government only? Other municipalities in the County?). Kay noted that the position addresses the school board only



insofar as it recommends cooperation between city government and school board. David (Milton) moved to recommend this review as proposed. David commented that the position seems too specific, since League thinks all government should be transparent, and asks that the study clarify this issue. Motion carried. This study and the review of our position on housing (which was discussed at the February meeting) will be recommended to the membership for adoption at Annual Meeting.



Action 3. Evaluate a Proposal to Hire a Part-time Assistant. Carrie summarized her proposal to use our Money Market funds to hire an assistant to implement and manage League activities during the upcoming election cycle. In short, she proposed using up to \$3,600 of the Money Market account to pay someone to assist us in election-related activities this fall. The timeframe would be 24 weeks from May 14–Nov 9, 2012. The position would be 10 hours per week and the employee would report to the President with the Voter Services and Membership chairs assisting in identifying duties. The rate of pay would be offered at \$10 per hour. The position would be filled by a non-League member who would operate as an independent contractor so as to avoid the need to fill any difficult employer forms, taxes, etc. David asked about the state of the Money Market account; Marjorie explained that there had been money in the account since she started. We had used \$500 once for an ad, but that is the only activity she has seen. David asked if there were any other reserves. No; all other monies are committed. David (Marjorie) moved to adopt a policy requiring the board to keep approximately one-fourth of our Annual Budget in reserve; carried. David (Ruth) moved to allocate \$2300 from the Money Market account to hire an assistant to work on information activities related to the 2012 election. David specified that Carrie should create a very specify job description, noting that League will have to file a form 1099 (but will not have to pay taxes). Question called; motion carried. Carrie (James) moved to include the requirement that qualified applicants NOT be League members; mo-



tion carried (with Caleb voting against).

Action 4. Consider the Budget Committee Report and approve the proposed 2012-13 budget.

Upon presentation of the proposed budget, members raised several immediate concerns (some about the format of the budget; some about the amount of income anticipated; some about other items). Carrie (Marjorie)

moved to table the budget until the Budget Committee can reconvene to discuss these issues, and to email the budget to board members for approval by the following Sunday; carried. During the discussion of the proposed budget, David asked whether the committee had considered a dues increase. There ensued a rather long and largely anarchical discussion of what the dues should cover; and by how much (if any) we should raise them. Caleb thought dues should be adequate to cover all the costs of a membership. Carrie noted that this has never been the case, and she

thought contributions would be high in this election year to make up anticipated shortfalls. Ruth suggested raising dues by what she acknowledged to be a token amount (\$5; not enough to cover the actual cost of the membership). Kay raised concern that about the appearance of raising dues even as we use some of our Money Market account to hire an assistant. David asserted that he wouldn't vote for a budget that knowingly overestimates expected contributions. Carrie (Ruth) moved to recommend raising membership dues by \$5 for individuals and \$10 for households; David (Caleb) made a substitute motion to recommend raising membership dues by \$10 for individuals and \$15 for households, with the option of avoiding the increase for the 2012-2013 year by paying in advance. Melinda asks what we get for our dues. Mostly, a lobbyist at the national level, the answer was. David called the question; the substitute motion failed (with 4 yeas, 4 nays).

Kay called the question on the original motion; carried.

Action 5. Consider the Nominating Committee Report and approve a Slate of Candidates to be published in the VOTER.

Kay presented the slate of candidates, as communicated to her by committee member Sharon Brown

Proposed slate for 2012-2013: Officers: Carrie Lindsey, President; David Burress, President Elect (with the provision that next year we nominate a Co-President to serve with him in 2013-2014); Milton Scott, Vice-President; Caleb Morse, Secretary; Marjorie Cole, Treasurer. Directors Returning to the Board: Bonnie Dunham; James Dunn; Melinda Henderson; Ruth Lichtwardt. Directors New to the Board: Margaret Arnold; Sally Hayden; Cille King; Marlene Merrill. Non-Board Members of Nominating Committee: Sharon Brown, Kay Hale, Mary Lou Wright. David (James) moved to accept the nominating committee's report; motion carried.

Committee Reports.

Fluker Committee. Marjorie submitted the following report electronically: On Feb. 17, we chose Scott Criqui from our nominations unanimously to receive the award. We were pleased when the LJW printed our announcement of this in its entirety (no shortening!). Forty-four people attended the luncheon at Brandon Woods on March 3, including five members of the Fluker/Naramore family and six members of Scott's family. Many friends and supporters of Scott came as well as League members. The food was good, the atmosphere enthusiastic, and the presentations at the end, moving. Jan shared her personal experiences with Helen Fluker and the reasons for establishing the Fluker award. Kay spoke about the selection of Scott and the support of the League, based on a league position, for his cause. Kurt Schueler explained why he had nominated Scott and told of Scott's work with the Human Relations Committee and the City Commission, culminating in the addition of gender identity in the City of Lawrence Human Relations Code. Finally, Scott, obviously moved by the honor, thanked all who had helped and gave a history of his attempts to educate the public about the problems of the LGBT community. We haven't yet received the bill from Brandon Woods but it looks as if we will have broken even, or very close to it, in the expense of this event. Three people who had made reservations failed to come but two who had not made reservations showed up. Committee members: Jan Roth, Marguerite Lohrenz, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Marjorie Cole



Membership and Leadership Development. No report.

Land Use. No report. (Caleb had not attended the February meeting; Carrie had represented the board at that meeting.)

LWVK Board. James reported that the State Board has asked local Leagues to submit 2 or 3 questions for candidates running for the Kansas Legislature for our Vote 411 project.

Voter Services. Carrie and Melinda are planning to go to Baldwin to present a program on good citizenship to a sorority at Baker University. Melinda is waiting to hear from LeeAnn Duver about whether the Lawrence Voter Education Commission is planning to run voter registration tables at the farmer's market, and waiting to hear from Arla Jones about presenting to Lawrence High School students on voting issues.

Communications. No report.

- Caleb Morse

Land Use Committee Meeting

The March meeting of the Land Use Committee (LUC) was held at the Merc on the 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission (PC) Agenda was shorter than usual, and therefore they met only on Monday, the 26th. We discussed all PC agenda items plus one issue pending on the City Commission (CC) Agenda. We sent two letters to the PC and one to the CC.

Our first letter to the PC was on Item No. 1, the Final Development Plan (FDP) for Bauer Farm Phase 7—Theatre Lawrence. The development is to provide a new location for this group, formerly known as the Lawrence Community Theater. The Final Development Plan constitutes the Site Plan that has all of the land planning details, such as landscaping, before the Final Plat can be recorded and the property transferred to a new owner. In this case, we noticed in the FDP that the needed screening between the parking

area adjacent to an undeveloped residential area was lacking, and asked in our letter that it be added. The staff agreed and recommended, as an additional condition, that this be done. OUTCOME: The PC approved the project with the additional screening required.

Our second letter was on Item No. 3, a text amendment to the Douglas County Zoning Regulations, that included a new definition, including a list of uses allowed, under the new category of Agritourism. The object of the new category is to allow certain benign uses in the County Agricultural Zoning District, which are, as the title implies, farm-oriented uses attracting tourists (or customers). Because of the wide variety of uses permitted, some are permitted without restrictions but others need to be registered with the county zoning authorities and the State. We sup-

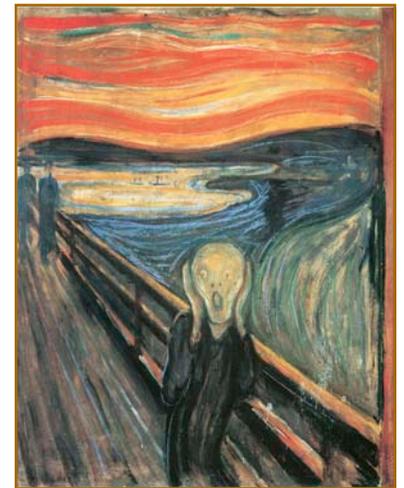
ported the new category, but suggested, because of the complexities of determining the process, that the regulations require a prospective Agritourism owner to check with the county zoning authority first. OUTCOME: the staff and PC agreed.

Our third letter was to the City Commission regarding Item 3 on their Regular Agenda for March 27. At this meeting they were to consider a policy statement to be adopted by the City on developing complete streets. The main problem that we saw with the statement was its lack of specificity when applying it. It seemed so full of indeterminate language and loopholes that it would be difficult to enforce equitably. We presented a list of suggested language changes. OUTCOME: The CC adopted the policy unchanged.

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

Joining at the local level automatically makes you a member of the State and National Leagues. Dues for LWV Lawrence-Douglas County are \$50 for a single membership and \$75 for a household membership (two members sharing one mailing address). Dues are used to cover our [per-member-payments](#) to LWV-Kansas and LWV-US. Money we raise ourselves covers all local expenses. The League year begins April 1 and ends March 31. The date listed above your name on the address label on your VOTER is the date through which your dues have been paid.

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