

Chalk Hill Court
Lawrence, KS 66049
September 11, 2015

Mike Amyx, Mayor
2312 Free State Lane
Lawrence, KS 66047

Dear Mayor Amyx:

We the undersigned residents of Chalk Hill Court, an established neighborhood in the Sunset Hill area, strive to maintain the integrity and safety of our neighborhood. Most of us are homeowners, and we pay our property taxes in exchange for city services. We have a mutually beneficial relationship. However, we have several serious concerns that have not been properly addressed in a timely manner. Here is a list for you:

- 1. 912 Chalk Hill Court.** The owner abandoned this home in November of 1999. Since that time, it has steadily deteriorated. Many of us in this neighborhood, as well as Jeanne Pees, SNHA President, have contacted Brian Jimenez and his staff on numerous occasions. The gist of the conversation was that it was up to the neighbors to take care of the property, so we have had to mow the lawn and trim the brush. At one time, there was a water leak that needed to be stopped. Finally, after many years, Mr. Jimenez obtained a search warrant this summer to inspect the premises. He found the house and its surroundings in poor repair. We have young children in our area, and this house is a safety hazard and an attractive nuisance. We ask the city to either demolish this residence and fill in the empty space or have the owner make the necessary repairs. This decision is long overdue! Please address this concern at your September 22nd city commission meeting.
- 2. Access to Chalk Hill Court:** Each time we enter and exit our cul-de-sac, we encounter a dangerous driving situation because of limited visibility caused by the Chalk Hill. Drivers from the 8th Street direction zoom over the hill, and we have had far too many close calls. At one point, the city planned to install a speed bump (the lines were even marked on the pavement!) but did not pursue the installation because one couple, who no longer live in the area, complained. Must someone be seriously injured before the city responds to our request? Jeanne Pees and the city engineers have examined this spot. The city erected a sign that says, "Hill blocks view," but it has made no difference. We still are at risk!
- 3. Kasold Drive reconfiguration:** We are very concerned about the proposed "street diet" for this section of Kasold Drive. For those of us who live in this area and drive on this street every day, such a proposal will make access very difficult. Every other section of this road is four lanes so merging into two lanes will make it unsafe. The residents who live by Westlake Hardware Store are concerned about their large delivery trucks backing out onto Kasold, already a dicey situation. The residents of Presbyterian Manor are justifiably concerned about

their access onto Kasold as well. We in this neighborhood see few cyclists in the area, and there is already a sidewalk on which they can ride. What about the streetlights and the grassy median? There are so many reasons why the present configuration should be maintained and so few, from our perspective, that it should be changed. Neighbors attended the meeting at Christ Community Church, and there was a great deal of opposition to the reconfiguration. Several members in attendance felt that the city had already made up its mind to change the street design and were merely going through the motions of obtaining our input.

- 4. Trashcans:** The property at 3308 W. 8th is an eyesore. For over three weeks, recycling containers full of trash have remained at the curb, creating a health hazard. No one has enforced the code that states that trash cans must be removed from the curb within twenty-four hours. The landlord should be made to comply just as we are expected to comply.

We hope that you will give our concerns serious consideration. After all, would you not want what is best for us and for our neighborhood?

Sincerely,

Susie Nightingale
Susie Nightingale, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain

- 920 *John & Susan Williams*
- 931 *Don & Jane*
- 923 *Spice A Ward*
- 935 *John & Melinda Nunez*
- 932 *Fernnie Bell*
- 917 *Robert Walt*
- 905 *Jachintan*
- 900 *Ellid Kopp*
- 901 *Michael Lindsey*
- 904 *Lou Ann Shels*
- 913 *Syler [unclear]*

916 - *Ryan Morrison*
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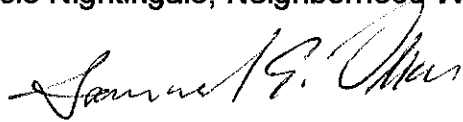
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