

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Sidewalk sale

**From:** jfurse2944 <[jfurse2944@gmail.com](mailto:jfurse2944@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 3, 2014 at 4:02:23 PM CDT  
**To:** "David L. Corliss" <[DCorliss@lawrenceks.org](mailto:DCorliss@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** Sidewalk sale

Mr. Corliss, I'm sending this letter at the request of the downtown association. I am a 30 year member of this and all previous associations. Unfortunately Ms. Zorgi will probably not be happy with my opinion. Sidewalk sale has been a Lawrence tradition for many more years than the 30 that I have been a member. Nothing should be done to change this event. I believe every merchant and group should be not only allowed to participate but should be encouraged to do so. The current mindset of, it our street and if you want to participate you need to pay us, is truly misguided. Please count me amongst the opposition to the associations request. Keep the sidewalk sale open for all who are willing to brave the heat and the long hours to freely participate.

Sincerely, Jeremy Furse Britches Clothing Inc

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: DLI Sidewalk Sale ROW Request Support

**From:** Brits <[brits@britsusa.com](mailto:brits@britsusa.com)>  
**Date:** June 3, 2014 at 3:47:42 PM CDT  
**To:** "David L. Corliss" <[DCorliss@lawrenceks.org](mailto:DCorliss@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** **DLI Sidewalk Sale ROW Request Support**

Hello!

I have been out of town and have not had a chance to send a letter and will not be able to attend this evening's meeting, but would like to advise that Brits supports DLI's Right of Way request for the Annual Sidewalk Sale.

Thank you,  
Sally Helm  
owner

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Lawrence, KS 66044

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**From:** Cynthia Trask <ozdog@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 31, 2014 1:10 PM  
**To:** Mark Thiel  
**Cc:** ozdog@sunflower.com  
**Subject:** Sidewalk Sale

Dear City of Lawrence City Commissioners,

Here below, you will find the letter I have sent to The Downtown Lawrence Association. I have a small business and cannot afford the \$200 cost of the sidewalk sale for participants, nor can I afford the loss of my business if my storefront is barricaded with another business on sidewalk sale day.

Thanks for your attention,  
Cynthia Trask

Dear Sally,

First off I would like to thank you for being the first director in our 15 years of having a store front business in the heart of Lawrence to step foot in our door and introduce themselves.

Now, I would like to address the new sidewalk sale guidelines you want to implement. As a small business owner i would like you to know that on sidewalk sale day if we sell \$200 or \$300 of product, we will have had a great day. So, to lump us, as a small business, in with Sunflower Bike Shop, Urban Outfitters, and the like, is very, very unfair. I hope you realize that the small, unique, non-chain, and individual shops add quite a bit to the charm and vibrancy of downtown.

I am also forwarding this letter to the city commissioners as well, as I am unable to attend the City meeting concerning the Side Walk

Regards,

Cynthia Trask

Blackbird Trading Post  
8 West 9th Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: DLI Sidewalk sale

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**From:** Mark Swanson [<mailto:mark@hobbsinc.biz>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2014 11:56 AM  
**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** DLI Sidewalk sale

June 3, 2014  
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Lawrence City Commission,

Having owned and operated business in Downtown Lawrence for more than 30 years, Kathleen and I would like to express our support for DLI controlling Side Walk activities as described in the Executive Director's letter to Dave Corliss.

Created as a group of independent businesses to collectively have more "bang for their buck" in making the downtown an environment for business to thrive, success that has brought us to this point has allowed those that are not as connected to Lawrence to participate without feeling any responsibility of support. Centralizing the efforts for this event through the organization that coordinates the event seems to us an obvious solution.

Sincerely,

Mark and Kathleen Swanson

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Sidewalk Sale DLI

**From:** Thomas Luxem [<mailto:cindyssimplelife@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2014 12:27 PM  
**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** Sidewalk Sale DLI

As a member of Downtown Lawrence, Inc. I support Sally's efforts to make the annual sidewalk sale fair and level for all businesses involved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Thomas Luxem

owner

Cindy's Simple Life

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Tom Luxem

Cindy's Simple Life

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Sidewalk Sale

**From:** carolyn richmond <[crfortuity@gmail.com](mailto:crfortuity@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 2, 2014 at 8:39:27 PM CDT  
**To:** "David L. Corliss" <[DCorliss@lawrenceks.org](mailto:DCorliss@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** Sidewalk Sale

Hi. I am writing to give you my opinion on the sidewalk sale that downtown lawrence sponsors. I have had retail stores at Oak Park Mall and Independence Center. I currently have stores in Lawrence and Manhattan Kansas and on the country club plaza in Kansas City. The first year I participated in this sidewalk sale event blew my mind. I have never seen that many people shopping at 6am and continuing through out the day. The major malls do not put on an event as good as downtown lawrence. The sales for most stores generated by this event are huge. The issue that comes into play is that other retail establishments that are not a member of Downtown Lawrence or don't own a brick and mortar store downtown are benefiting emencely from this event. I and others gladly pay a yearly fee to belong to downtown lawrence. This fee goes towards events such as sidewalk sale, Christmas lights. .. These fees bring in thousands of shoppers a year who spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in downtown Lawrence. I know you cannot make nonmember businesses join but if they chose to participate in events that we pay for on a yearly basis then they should be charged a fee for each event they participate in. If you do not own a brick and mortar store downtown then you should not be selling anything downtown. These businesses are taking money away from the bread and butter businesses of your cities downtown. Shopping, eating or just strolling downtown is fun thing to do but please help protect your business's that support the Lawrence community. Thank you so much. Carolyn Richmond  
..fortuity 809 Mass

Dave Corliss  
City Manager

City of Lawrence

6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Dave,

I am a small retail business owner and current member of Downtown Lawrence Inc.. Although I am unable to attend Tuesday's City Commission meeting, I would like to show my support for the DLI Sidewalk ROW Permit Request. My business has been a DLI member for at least the last 15 years. One of the best benefits is the Annual Sidewalk Sale. It is a privilege that we pay for as members and I do not think that non-members should be allowed to use the sidewalk that day. It is unfair for them to benefit at our expense. If these non-member businesses could join DLI we, as a downtown community, could afford more customer benefits on that day such as cooling stations, space for independent vendors and charity organizations.

In conclusion, in support of DLI's proposal, I ask that DLI members have exclusive ROW on our Annual Sidewalk Sale Day.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Nash

MissFortune's Creation Station

726 Massachusetts

Lawrence, KS 66044

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June 2, 2014

Lawrence City Commission

RE: DLI Sidewalk Sale

Dear Commissioners:

The City Commission should grant Downtown Lawrence, Inc. (DLI) the exclusive use of the downtown right of way for the sidewalk sale Thursday, July 17, 2014. The sidewalk sale has become a very large event for downtown Lawrence. In the past DLI or the City could issue permits to use the city right of way during the event. Having two entities that can issue permits for the same event causes a real problem. DLI always needs space for nonprofit and other worthwhile organizations to set up booths during the sidewalk sale. Having the city issue permits simultaneously creates a logistical nightmare. On the date of the sidewalk sale, DLI should be in control of the event, including the City right of way.

All downtown merchants directly benefit and from the sidewalk sale on July 17 regardless of whether they are a DLI member. The only issue is whether they get to use the City's right of way that day. DLI puts tremendous time and effort into the sidewalk sale. Sally Zogry, the DLI director, spends several weeks getting ready for and is very busy the day of the event. I think she is placed in an unfair position of, being in charge of the event, but still allowing others to dance to the beat of their own drum. I know Kathy Hamilton the former DLI director was frustrated, at times, with this situation. Allowing DLI to have control over all the city right of way, will provide a more organized and successful event.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Riling

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE:

**From:** Debroah Briggs [<mailto:nailtech55@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2014 12:24 PM

**To:** David L. Corliss

**Subject:**

Dear Dave,

As a member of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., I wish to express my request to revise the current process for the Downtown Lawrence, Inc. Annual Sidewalk Sale ROW and event permit. All businesses on Mass. St. are benefiting from our annual DLI Sidewalk Sale. While I pay my dues, non-member businesses are 'piggy-backing' on our sale, benefiting from sales that we, not they, are paying for. Since DLI pays to promote this sale it seems only fair to me that non-DLI businesses should purchase a permit from DLI. I personally have witnessed non-DLI businesses taking advantage on our backs *and* blocking parking stalls with their own vehicles for the day!

Thank you for addressing this huge concern. I will plan to be in attendance for the meeting on Tuesday.

Thank you again,

Debbie Briggs

Extra Virgin

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: DLI Sidewalk sale.

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**From:** The Etc. Shop Owner [<mailto:etcowner@sunflower.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** DLI Sidewalk sale.

Hello Dave,

I would like to add my support to Sally Zogry and the Downtown Lawrence Sidewalk Sale.

It's not fair to members like me who have been supportive of downtown for 34 years. When Kansas Sampler blocked off the entire sidewalk & parking out front, you could see that the pedestrians were having trouble getting by, and there was less parking for the customers.

The annual sidewalk sale brings a huge crowd to downtown every year, and the people who are not members benefit just as much as the members do with out paying their fair share.

I will be attending the City Commission meeting Tuesday night.

Thank you your consideration.

Linda Lester

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of support for DLI sidewalk sale

**From:** "[info@phoenixgalleryks.com](mailto:info@phoenixgalleryks.com)" <[info@phoenixgalleryks.com](mailto:info@phoenixgalleryks.com)>

**Date:** May 29, 2014 at 3:32:09 PM CDT

**To:** "David L. Corliss" <[DCorliss@lawrenceks.org](mailto:DCorliss@lawrenceks.org)>

**Subject:** Letter of support for DLI sidewalk sale

To David Corliss and Commissioners,

I am writing this letter in support of the Lawrence Downtown Inc. sidewalk sale proposal . As someone that works (Phoenix Gallery) and lives downtown, I know how vital the sidewalk sale is to downtown Lawrence. I also know how much work and money goes into it by DLI on that day, so I feel that it is important to set some guidelines. I don't feel that asking non-members and out of town vendors a fee to set up would be a problem and I would think that they would be willing considering how much of the work, including advertising, is already done for them.

Our DLI members and director spend a considerable amount of time and effort for the sidewalk sale. Please let the benefits through their commitment to downtown be recognized.

Thank you so much,  
Susan Shea - Phoenix Gallery