

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Minutes

Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 • 7:00pm-9:00pm New York School Library, 936 New York St

Present: Aaron Paden, Catherine Reed, Todd Foster, Mike Anderson, Joshua Davis, Holly Myers, Mandy Enfield, KT Walsh, Kaitlyn Stanley, Lane Eisenbart, Peggy Robinson, Sacie Lambertson, Amanda Davis, Elizabeth Keever, Phil Collison

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Introductions were followed by

2. Housekeeping Announcements

a. New York MLK Chili Feed Tuesday January 22nd, 5-7, at NY School

b. March 11th, the 2nd Monday, is USD 497 Spring Break. The meeting will be held at Delaware Street Commons.

3. The December minutes were approved. Board members were reminded to fill in the CDBG quarterly report.

4. New business

a. Food Truck Festival by Elizabeth Keever from Just Food. Just Food served 13,000 Douglas County residents last year with over one million pounds of food donated. They are requesting ELNA's support for the Festival, which is a major fund raiser for them. Josh will write a letter of support and submit it to the group for approval. The layout of the Festival will be the same as last year. Ninth Street will remain open. There is support for a food pantry at New York School: ELNA will continue to work with Just Food and the PTA to make this happen.

b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together Project. Mandy. There will be a second public input meeting this Thursday January 17 at Makerspace. The third meeting will be March 3, possibly at the Amtrak depot. Mandy presented a draft timeline for the project.

c. Fundraising Ideas. Mike. ELNA lost money last year, and HUD grants are likely to decline in the future. Aaron and Pam raised over \$2K from kickball concessions. The newsletter is a big expense: should we try more hand delivery? This may lead to confusion. Another home tour? The last one raised about \$3500. This required a lot of work and money by Mike and Eric Jay, and developing the tour requires a long lead time. Mike is willing to work on this. If no one volunteers to lead the project by February, we will defer a home tour until 2020. More newsletter ads? The cost is \$300 for the back page. Aaron will contact Cottins for the March/April newsletter, Phil will find a sponsor for May/June. Kaitlyn will find someone during the summer. Mike will send out ad information to the board.

d. No one volunteered to be the new representative to LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods). Phil will go this month. Lane will put an announcement in the e-newsletter, Phil will contact absent board members.

5. Recurring Updates

a. HUB. A concern regarding the proposed development at 11<sup>th</sup> and Mass Sts: parking would be tight. Should the City Commission consider changing the parking requirements? The HRC said the proposed building is too big but no new plans have been submitted.

b. Sidewalk project for JeanAnn and Dave. The city has given them more time. Aaron will be in touch regarding repairing their sidewalk.

c. East 9th, City portion. According to the city, there will be sidewalk work through March, street work during March through May.

d. Downtown Plan. Todd. There has been no meeting since October. Community outreach is planned February 4 through 9, including meetings with stakeholders and online surveys. The website is not active. Todd will keep Lane informed.

e. 13th St bicycle boulevard. Suggestions for a different street such as 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> have met with no response. Aaron argued for 12<sup>th</sup> St. There is no new information.

f. RiverKings . Phil. The Amtrak depot will reopen Feb. 22 at 4 pm. Riverkings status is uncertain.

g. Downtown Grocery Store? This item will be removed from the recurring updates as the project seems to be dead.

h. Conservation Overlay. KT. The HRC is still waiting for help from the city.

## 6. Reports

a. President. Phil attended the City Commission meeting.

b. Vice-President. KT. There's a history of attempts to expand Hobbs Park. It may be time to bring up this possibility again.

c. Treasurer. Mike. We have \$4400.68 in the bank.

d. Coordinator. Lane. Chili feed. Phil will sit at the ELNA table. Thursday January 24 is New York Elementary night at Lawrence Beer Company.

e. Committees

i. Budget/Fundraising Committee. See 4c above.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. See 4d above.

iii. Planning Commission. No report.

iv. Historic Resources Commission. The next meeting is this Thursday Jan 17, at City Hall at 6:30.

v. City Commission. No report

vi. CDAC (Community Development Advisory Committee). No update.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. See above 6d.

7. Updates / Announcements. From Suzan Hampton: there will be a prairie restoration at the community orchard near Parnell Park, by Parks and Rec plus architecture students. A picnic shelter will be included. See the Prairie Block Facebook page for updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed