

ELNA Board Meeting 9/12/22

**ATTENDANCE:**

**In-Person:** Barry Shalinsky, Julia Patterson, Lane Eisenbart, Phil Collison, Steve Evans (Presenter), Dean Pelos (community member), Patrick Watkins, Megan Davis (just bought 843 New York St.), Jackie Counts (Pennsylvania), Dave Lowenstein, Frank Janzen

**Online:** Krista Gentry, Brenda Nunez, Joe Bickford, J.T. Thornburg, Ellen Paulsen, K.T. Walsh, Kent Williams, Kate Lowder

**Board Business**

Minutes from 2 previous meetings – moved to adopt by (Dave Lowenstein), second (Phil Collison), no discussion.

Kaw River Commons Project – Steven and Kent (volunteered for 1000 hours to do these presentations)

- 2 years – cultural bridge project for walking/biking across Kaw River – funding in the 2022 CIP – additional grants - “it’s doable” – to complete the Lawrence loop – connecting downtown to the river.
- Riverfront Mall on the chopping block?
- Four Phases
  - o A -Powerhouse Meadow
  - o B –Overlook
  - o C - Twin Bridges
  - o D – Pedestrian (Downtown across the bridge – elevators)
  - o Watson Park/Jayhawk Creek

Questions?

**Barry:** City Hall – Mark Hecker, park programming - supporting the bridge project and current mayor and city commissioners. Political side is in pretty good shape, haven’t looked in the private sector yet.

**K.T.:** Just now coming to the neighborhood, north Lawrence and Pinckney – 6 people on the team or all male – more representation on your team – not equitable. The city was supposed to put money into the promenade when they repaired the dam. Fishing spot taken by Abe n Jakes that no one can fish at. Kayak park? ADA Fishing Platform? Include everybody.

**Krista:** how old are the current bridges? Any opportunity to utilize those? Would this conflict with other funding with the loop? Fishing Infrastructure?

- Midlife 40 years (70-75 yrs. before maintenance)
- Chris Tilden
- Going to share contact information with Phil

Proposed Rezoning of 900 Pennsylvania – Charlie’s East Side Tavern

Building Owner – Patrick Watkins / Brad Ziegler (Big Mill) – downzoning – general industrial to limited industrial (No Historic Protections)

Public coming up at the end of the month Sept 24 or 26 – working with Mike Myers – right on the edge of the commercial district

Design is ongoing – Bruce and Jackie, talked to a number of neighbors (slow discussions) – reaching to everyone on 900 Pennsylvania

**Brad Ziegler:** very expensive project – Add a structure to the south and east side – commercial kitchen (ADA bathrooms) outdoor seating, facing Arts District

**Frank Janzen:** Timeline – no one knows – 5 -6 months on rezoning, no design yet, spring earliest for building. Bring in trees in the winter (35-40 ft tall) Shade.

**Barry:** have you looked into the possibility of designation for historical funding – adds an extra year – building is two small – add to existing district.

**K.T.:** happy to have you, good things are happening

**Brenda:** Family was there for 5 years in 1956

**Phil:** hours of operation and noise?

Not sure of hours/restrictions quite yet! Asset not a burden to the neighborhood. Acoustics

**Jackie Counts:** Would live next door – capacity/safety – outside noise (Speakers/T.Vs)?

**KT:** what's the cuisine going to be – Saturday/Sunday brunch & taco night as well. Not being open on Mondays, Tuesday – Wednesday Cajun night, Thursday bbq.

**Camille Wingo:** 1124 New Jersey – 1872 built (featured in an article in 1873) – a letter of support you in your application in fund to restore your house – funds to finished the historic restorations – lots of work over 200,000 over the purchase price of the house – needs 100,000 (roof, paint removed and repainted, new porches and exterior stair) – before mid-October.

Motion to Phil: K.T. Second – for letter of support, written estimate for work.

Motion passes – Unanimous!

Rewrite of the city development codes – hired experts – community engagement (neighborhood planning meeting) standards reflect building in the suburbs, not in East Lawrence where we have alleyways, etc.

Easiest way to find out about public discussions/hearings – go to the city website which has a listing of every public meeting listing. Subscribe to ELNA Enews Blast!

Douglas County Community Health Assessment – Lane will check in, but hasn't heard anything since the survey.

Traffic Committee - haven't met for a long time, working on a date for the meeting – community block grants for funding. Speed bump for Sacie's street. Crosswalks taken out, will they be replaced? 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut Street – no painted crosswalks? Child hit on 14<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut going to school. Report back on current thinking/plan on traffic safety on Connecticut. Next year go to city commission, go to every meeting!

Artist create creative crosswalks – Community crosswalks for the community by the community.  
Approval to create our own crosswalks.

Voter Registration for the November Election – invited the league of women voters to the block party

Outreach to non-registered voters in the neighborhood?

Frank and Barry are in, possibly Krista – anyone else let us know in the next couple of weeks.

Newsletter – East Lawrence is in 3 different courier routes/neighborhood boundaries are the same. Every door direct mail option 18c per address. Procedures for hand delivering newsletters in inclement weather. Enlist more volunteers (1 block each). Newsletters for people outside of the neighborhood – switch to electronic newsletters?

**Lane:** Block Party – Donation letter – Raffle Items – Cupcake decorating instead of cakewalk (donate plain cupcakes – alcohol permit (park director, Derek) – refund our money for the rental fee - \$75, Dance Hues is going to perform on the Basketball Court, Central band wanted to perform as well.

**J.T.:** Valet bike parking – volunteered to staff 400 bike event rack – where to put it? New signage to direct folks.

Bike theft survey! Bike registration at the valet! Add to newsletter? Bike Rodeo for kids – this Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the rec center.

How did we feel about the hybrid meeting format? Santa Fe depot for future meetings (it's free and in the neighborhood)

Treasurer Report: \$3831 in our checking, \$ 2126 in our Paypal.

Newsletter/block party expenses have not come out yet, however.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18!

Have a great evening!