

## ELNA Minutes – December 12, 2022

Present: **Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Lane Eisenbart, Krista Gentry, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Julia Patterson**

**James Dunn, Lisa Larsen, Michael Almon, Billy Sims, JT Thornburg, Ellen Paulsen**

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. Phil moved to approve the November minutes and this evening's agenda. KT 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved. KT moved to approve this evening's agenda. Pam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda approved.

Election of ELNA Secretary: KT nominated Phil. Pam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phil is now secretary.

900 Pennsylvania Rezoning - Proposal for Restaurant / Tavern (update)

Barry Shalinsky left the room for this discussion, as he is a member of the BZA which will be considering a related item. The rezoning application will go before city commission. Neighbors have filed protest petition, so applicant must have super majority of commission to rezone. The application is to rezone from general industrial to light industrial, which would allow for the proposed restaurant use. CN2 was not appropriate in the city staff's opinion. Applicant has changed site plan to < 1500 sq ft. Noise and hours are the biggest concern for the neighbors. Building is currently 600 sq ft, and they plan on an addition of 700 sq ft. Outside area will be on NE side. Outdoor seating will have ceiling. Parking variance will be in front of the BZA soon. The current parking requirement is 21. They are asking for it to be reduced to 4. Zoning change of IG to IL was approved by planning commission. Brad Zeigler is owner and wants to work with neighbors. Mike Myers is architect. Site Plan is next and is reviewable for citizens for 10 days before going back to commission. Closing hours needs to be defined before neighborhood is comfortable with proposal.

Alley narrowing proposal at 1245 New York

Before planning commission. Amy Miller is the owner and a city planner. 1245 is a 50-foot corner lot + 19 ft more of the lot to the north. Owner wants to replat to one lot of 69 x 117. Alley is currently 16 ft wide. Current city standard is 20 ft. Basically, the applicant would like to have the entire alley remain its current consistent size grandfathered.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan Update

Luke Mortensen of planning is one of 3 working on East Lawrence plan revision. Currently he working with GIS (maps) and mapping existing conditions (brick sidewalk, concrete sidewalk, brick street, buildings, etc. KT will seek to add stone curbs to list). Staff is beginning to work on first draft and are expected to complete April / May. Public comment will be solicited.

City Historic Resources Ordinance revisions: Barry to forward Krista's comparison of the ordinances. The revisions make changes to become consistent with state law, and also provide for the possibility of administrative approvals instead of going through the Historic Resources Commission. ELNA to monitor closely and comment as appropriate.

City Development Code Revisions: how the comprehensive plan is implemented. They are calling for more infill, mixed use, and higher density. This will define rules and procedures of implementation for future development. Often the site plan is only communicated now by the yellow signs posted on property. People aren't notified of changes to site plans. Details can be found on the city planning website. Specific topics: 1. question of how to harmonize goal of infill & mixed use to historic areas. 2. For any development proposal, is it a good idea to have a required meeting with neighborhood at the beginning of the project. 3. Land is being used for real estate zones. Perhaps different rules to discourage this. 4. Affordable housing.

Traffic Safety Committee: met yesterday. Phil: CDBG planning time. What are projects we can apply for? Last year pavement markings on Delaware at beginning and end of each block (20 mph) to slow traffic. Hoping to add signage at 8<sup>th</sup> & Conn as cross traffic doesn't stop. More marked crosswalks along Ninth Street and perhaps Connecticut. Safe pedestrian routes to Hobbs Park. It was reported that at 10<sup>th</sup> & RI SW corner, cars are blocking sidewalk access. Perhaps signage is needed to address this.

City Commission is developing programs for homeless, housing homeless situation. Staff was just hired. Of concern is how to keep folks safe at night. Various options are used and working to improve options by spring.

LPA sent letter to HRC on changes they would like to see.

LAN another round on input on traffic calming in OWL. [www.drivewayssavelives.com](http://www.drivewayssavelives.com)

NYE, LMCMS etc. Montessori open house was today. Looking for members for NYE site council.

Hobbs Park: is the seating safe? Too uneven to set a soft drink down.

ELNA Plans and Priorities for 2023

Finances in order: 501c3, perhaps Lane is due for a raise.

Memberships

Newsletter ads

Changed Newsletter Delivery, some direct mail, walking; need more volunteers to walk deliver. There are 500 still to be walked.

Aaron: can we decorate this meeting room in a tasteful & fun way?

Civic Engagement

Officer / Staff Reports & Miscellaneous items (15 min)

President : Frank Janzen is in hospital. Barry tried to visit on Saturday. Today he was sitting up & talking. Very thankful for flowers. Will go to a Rehab center in Olathe.

Feb meeting will have DA Valdez. Jan hoping for MSO director.

Barry talked to LFK press about yard signs to announce ELNA meetings. Barry to send out design. About \$300 to print.

Treasurer: Bank 6735.89; Paypal 1972.28

Coordinator: Lane asked NYE to reserve 3/25 for Yart sale. Lane will deliver Holiday family adoption gift cards tomorrow. Working on Jan/Feb newsletter. Deadline Friday.

Phil is in Celtic band Numbs Up, Northumbrian Chamber Music. They will be performing Tuesday 7-8:30 at LAC

Michael: Wednesday is Brook Creek neighborhood meeting 5 followed by annual pot luck at EL Rec Center 6:30. ELNA is invited.

Adjournment: moved by KT & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil. Meeting adjourned.