

ELNA Meeting June 9, 2025 Welcomed by 7:15 p.m.

We are having technical difficulties.

Attendees and Introductions: On Zoom, John 'JT' Thornburg, Ellen Paulsen, Max Wilcox (B), Tim Junanian, Krista Gentry (B), Barry Shalinsky (Board Prez), Sarah Norman
In Persons: KT Walsh (VP), Charlotte Pessoni, RJ Torrey, Joe Bickford, Jan Butin, Sacie Lambertson (B), Phil Collison (B), Pam Blackburn (B), Courtney Shipley (City Commission Candidate), Angela Longhurst.

Corrections to the minutes, The zoom or board designations are off. Pam moves to accept, Sacie 2nds. All are in favor.

We'll let RJ go first. He's been involved in the County crisis response team. In 2018 we (Douglas County) voted to build a treatment and recovery center. It's built and running just north of LMH. He got asked to be on the board for the TRC (Treatment Recovery Center). Anyone who shows up can be treated. (Should it be limited to in county only?) They help folks with a mental health crisis that is difficult to deal with. He is spreading the word it exists and they think they are having a positive impact. There are less people in jail. That may be a coincidence. They have a mobile response team and they are active. 60% of the times that they are called they are successful in their intervention. And one of the few places in the country where there is one. There is a mobile crisis line and you can use that number to contact them or by calling 911. It is run by Bert Nash. 95% of people stay for less than 48 hours. If they do need to stay longer, they may land at Ossawatimie. The treatment center is open for 24 hours daily. There is a peer support person and a certified addiction counselor. If there is an arrest, the police have learned to take them straight to this TRC. They are doing positive intervention with only minor police involvement. So far there's been 2200 interactions, with many repeats. This is a good system! It works! It is good news. The number is 785-841-2345. Thanks RJ!

Angela is here, too. She is interested in getting an east side dog park. Behind East Heights School? At East Lawrence rec center? There is a North Lawrence Dog Park. That's the one over the levee way out. On the south side of the entrance. East Heights is now owned by Tony Krsnk and may be working to create living and services in the same place. We suggest taking this to the LPRD advisory board and suggesting it there. Keep us posted.

Hobbs Park Master Plan. Barry sez. The City Commission approved applying to put the Murphy Bromelsick House and the Municipal Stadium on the historic registers. They need folks to help with writing the narrative on the social histories of the 2 locations. Most of the research has been done. Kaplan has the histories. 4 pm on Tuesday at Watkins Museum (downstairs) for whomever might be interested in writing that narrative.

Residential Preservation Committee. We've been meeting about once per month.

The EL Neighborhood Plan. There was a big meeting to present the initial writings on May 22 at the Carnegie Building. We still want folks to fill out the surveys. Watch out for the yes/no questions with a gray answer that reflects what we truly want. The survey doesn't have a closing date.

The Lawrence Coalition for Collaborative Governance has noted that the surveys that the City does are nebulous and ambiguous and poorly written.

City Sidewalk projects. Along Connecticut Streets. It was hard to get to South Park from 9th and Connecticut. There was mud. And the boulevard or verges were overgrown. They impact line of site. Rhode Island was in better shape. The City has not been very cooperative about working with ELNA to do this.

Demolitions. 900 Penn. It may not get torn down. 1012 Rhode Island. It is not worth saving. It's too bad. 1124 Rhode Island demo is a garage in the back. 13th and NY needs a re-plat to combine the lots to build apartments.

701 Rhode Island townhouse update. From Sarah Norman. They were supposed to send out a letter informing folks, they didn't. But now they say they don't need to. A group met with the Deputy Director of the state historic society and were told there really are no protections for this.

Coalition for Collaborative Governance. They are looking at the how the City is interacting with its people. There was a good meeting at the library to discuss the City budget.

LAN: Hoping not to lose the FTE for inspection department. And what text amendments we might want to put forward to amend the Land Development Code. There is a text amendment that wants to get rid of the hardship clause that impacts the BZA. That's a central tenet of the Charlie's demo issue. There are many things that are now bypassing BZA and going through planning staff.

New York School Pantry is still open through the Summer. NY School boys and girls club is meeting at Deerfield this summer. There is construction going on at NY School. Repairing soffits and gutters.

Staff Reports. Coordinator: There was a party in south park on Saturday. And Rain. Lane stayed dry. She sold a lot of merch. \$700 worth. There will be a homeless resource center outreach at South Park from 5-8 pm on Sunday July 13th.

Prez report. The Firefly festival is coming up this Saturday. He'll try to convene the preservation committee to meet in June. LAN is working on whether neighborhoods will get their 2025 (this year) allotments. Barry is going to organize a nominating committee for this year's board elections.

Treasurer. \$397.50 avg profit for the 3 kickball games so far this year. \$10,611 in bank account. Plus a deposit of \$415 and a Venmo of \$250 to add to that. We've been talking about neighborhood funding. We think we got our money for ELNA this year. LAN is working on doing something about this. A discussion about the budget and how we impact it ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.