

ELNA Meeting September 8, 2025. Called to order at 7:03

Attendees and Introductions: KT Walsh (B), Lane (Coordinator), Barry (Prez), Phil Collison (Secretary), Sacie Lambertson (B), Nancy Overmeyer, Max Wilcox (B), Ray Rayburn, Darrell Proffitt (B), Brenda Nunez (Bz), Steve Clark, Jane Huesman, Julie Proffitt, Pam Blackburn (B), Joe Bickford, Sarah Norman, Ellen Paulsen(z), Matt Michel (z), Aaron Paden (Treas), Jan Butin, JT Thornburg (z), Krista Gentry (Bz).

(B) = Board Member (z) = on zoom.

Approve the August Minutes and the Agenda, KT moves and Sacie 2nds. Discussion – none Voted against it.

Guest Speakers Steve and Jane from Clark and Huesman. Here to speak about the Farmer's Market. They have a slideshow. Executing a community engagement plan. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of a 4 phase plan. Site selection process is occurring. We'll get to impact that eventually. Is there a consensus for what could be at the farmer's market while the market is not going on? There is a feasibility study for that. Their Goals. Finish up phase 2 in November at Market end. Present to the City Commission. Partners are The City for funding, County and others including at large stakeholders and the people near a selected site. There's a community forum on Thursday with a few more scheduled. The market is trying to create a permanent space with a roof and permanent signage and bathrooms. A Community gathering place with electricity and water. Consistent stall size. And how many stalls? 104 vendor stalls now. Shooting for 110. A cooking demonstration area, musician space under cover and dining/social areas. OP, Davis, CA, Ithaca NY all have a permanent space. City Market has a good space. The Lawrence one is a producers market. Only what they produce. Many vendors need room for their vehicle. 22 different markets were looked at. Most were City owned. Ours is not. Each year they have to get city approval. Potential sites are parking lots in downtown. And those are mostly too small. The top sites are the current, 9<sup>th</sup> and Vermont st, and 7<sup>th</sup> street straddling b/t watson park. They delved into those 3 spots. Restriping the surface and removal of islands and sidewalks should be a part of the construction activity. Checker's might go into the parking lot at 9<sup>th</sup> and VT. The 7<sup>th</sup> street proposal could impact stormwater. Parking impacts pedestrian safety. Cost will be a major issue. How does that cost get distributed through the vendors and their products? Current vendors do pay a small rental fee. The goal is to keep that the same for them. Some comments about how the 7<sup>th</sup> street site has a lot of amenities already. It's a park. Not a parking lot now. The City Band could play there. Could it be in South Park (west side?). Tough location for logistics.

Block Party! Lots of Volunteer opportunities. Invite people! Bike repair. Ray's Birthday!

Local elections. 4 candidates for 2 CC seats. 7 candidates for 4 school board seats. Pay attention. Register to vote. Find the LJW candidate review from today. They condensed their view points to a paragraph or so. Worth looking at.

ELNA Board candidates need to declare at the October meeting. We'll be electing officer's, too, in November (elections will occur then).

Budget. Has it been updated at all? No. It's a template, and it is small. We keep it simple. We are \$5,000 short right now from lack of support from the City. Members of LAN met with Commissioner Brad Finkeldai to get the \$5k back for the 4 neighborhoods that used to get it. He thought we could be a Chamber type entity and we'd decide which neighborhood might get the money. It's a long shot. We asked for it and the CC's will consider it. We'll need letter writers and speakers on the 16<sup>th</sup> to further

our cause. Our budget is about \$15k, we generate close to \$10k. The other NA's mostly have no other income. ELNA is also a 501c3 so we can fundraise.

Hobbs Park. No new update for that. KVKL is doing a lot of fundraising. Tonight they reported in to the LPRD advisory committee. We will look that up.

Residential Preservation Committee. We met yesterday. The next task is to do outreach at the block party to find people to volunteer and or put their house on the local registry. We may have an inroad into School of architecture students to do some research. We'd also like to do some outreach at the block party.

701 townhouse project. The group went to the CC last Tuesday for their appeal and it was rejected. There was not a sense that they looked beyond the merits of the appeal. The group felt like they were stonewalled by City Staff. There was not good clarity from City Staff for how the process worked. They ended up doing an FOIA that delivered the information and it came moments after the decision was made at the CC. That's kind of stinky.

Coalition for Collaborative Governance participated in the budget discussions. Their issues were not well received.

Demo permit for a garage along the alley along Connecticut. We don't think it is worthy to dispute this.

Is Central doing a fun run? The September 17<sup>th</sup> is a dine and donate from 4-8 pm at Haskell Taco John's for NY School and we should tell them we want to donate.

LAN met and considered where we are as we have not been effective. We reviewed our history in our neighborhoods, and noted what we thought was important to us.

Sept. 20 will be the La Yarta art project dedication. 5:30 start time, dedication is at 8<sup>th</sup> and Delaware. And ends at Van Gogh.

Treas report. Write our board about what our favorite things about the neighborhood, and anecdotes about our 'hood. Like how we helped a neighbor feed his kids.

Matt (Michel) has been an elected person in other states. Bought Panta Ray's house. Could we get a mil in the City budget.

Krista has a paw paw patch! Come and get em.

Move to adjourn. Done! 8:52 meeting done.