

ELNA Meeting Minutes for 3/3/2014

Introductions.

No Minutes to approve.

Jumped right into presentation from Public Works Assistant Director Mark Thiel and David Cronin. Public Works wants to present a plan to the City Commission that specifically addresses Brick Streets from repair to maintenance to replacement and refurbishing. There has never been a specific line item in the budget for brick, they have always been a part of general street maintenance. Brick streets cost more to work with, therefore brick street anything has generally been low profile. They provided handouts that included a map of what streets are brick and another map that shows the general condition "score" that a street has relative to its physical condition. There was also a general draft of the criterion to be used to determine if a brick street would be repaired, rehabbed or replaced. They asked for feedback to help refine those criteria. Because of the overall cost only a few brick streets will be impacted annually.

It was moved to get a committee together to work with the Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA) and have an impact on that criterion, amended to only include ELNA stakeholders. It passed. Committee was Phil, Aaron, Bill and KT. Michael Almon pointed out Complete streets plays a role, as well as the city's bicycle policies.

Most of the bricks the city owns have been sorted out and the remaining are not suitable. The 2100 block of Vermont will be done this summer, and they'll have to buy replacement bricks. The City has been working with a Topeka Vendor to come up with the "Lawrence" style of brick. They think they have done a good job.

ELNA says big thanks to Mark, b/c we recognize the break-through to even have a brick street policy.

Riverfront Cleanup: There will be a cleanup workday this Saturday the 8th at the Riverfront area b/t the Amtrak Station and the river. The City is excited we will be working there. Someone suggested we could "Adopt" that part of the park. We weren't sure of that role. Mike Meyers was spearheading this effort. ELIA and the Omega Group (Omega Kegger folks way back then) were credited with getting the construction easement in place on that stretch of River Shore back then. There was potential for a bonfire on the concrete slab that is a bit of a Lawrence landmark. Someone pranked, "we could be deemed not fit to adopt" in our effort to adopt the park. It was considered to have a more formal discussion about adopting the park. Many hands went up when asked who will be there on the 8th.

Trail update: Our letter efforts as well as many others convinced the city to apply for grants to extend Burroughs Creek (both directions?). There is lots of opportunity for input to the joint DG CNTY and City Multi-modal plans. Mike Meyers has had a big impact on a trail that would connect East Lawrence with Downtown and Pinckney Neighborhood. It was also reported that the City applied for the DG CNTY Heritage Grants to fund Historical Markers along the BCT.

How do we get this comprehensive? There was a meeting to see if we can get an overview of all the grants and the trail scope, including the markers so that we (City entities) can move forward in a thoughtful manner. Bring Artists and Arts into the planning phase for input into phase one (was suggested). We as neighbors sometimes see that input from residents gets lost. Neighbors are the stakeholders.

Committees: Arts Center, Cultural District, Cultural Director. Josh attended these meetings, Eldorado Architects was there – The value that ELNA could bring to these was recognized. Josh says we should send another letter of support to the Heritage Grant for the Cultural District. We'd also like to see the RFP for that. There was a motion to have Josh write the letter of support for grant and it passed. Phil proposed, Bill 2nded it.

9th and NH: There is supposed to be a meeting on April 8th to kickoff the need for a TIF district. We delivered a statement of interest on this building in 2012 that has not been included in the packet. Someone should find it and get it made a part of the packet.

Mural issue: At this time the developer had not met with Spencer and seemed to be avoiding that discussion (although discussions did move forward at some point after this meeting). Something happening the next day at CC meeting.

Yart Sale/fundraising: KH did a budget. This year's CDBG is \$1500 less than last year. We'll run out of money by end of this fiscal year. Need a Yart Sale boomer. Other fundraising opportunities are there. Ticket surcharge. Yart sale committee formed. Chris Sorrentino, Phil C., Lane

Board Special Election: Adam Smith is no longer on the board. Cindy Suenram was nominated and elected.

Reports

Turnhalle: A preservation easement was put on it. LPA's neck is on the line. We think Turnhalle will be a solid and positive thing for 'hood. Aaron wants ELNA to have an impact on the Turnhalle.

Coordinator: New York School Renovation Open house is March 11. A Chinese Restaurant wants to advertise in the newsletter

LAN: Courthouse, Watkins Museum and the Lutheran Church are heading towards the local registry. John and LAN are getting to know each other.

Planning Commission: No report

HRC: Lutheran Church is moving forward for local listing. The National and State environs related review was negated by the state. Only the local triggers a review. The Marables want to buy the Haskell mansion. HRC meetings are lighter b/c there are no state environs reviews.

CC Meeting: Trail Stuff. "Mike Meyers is great!" Spearheading a DG County wide trail effort. CC is looking for way to fill the need for funding sidewalk repairs. There's a Putt Putt Family go kart park in the works out on Clinton Parkway. Community Shelter paid back their loans to the City. Revisiting LED Lighting contract on parking at Rock Chalk park. An independent lighting consultant was hired to do help with Rock Chalk lighting

CDBG: CDAC, We think we may yet get our full grant request. Which is what we got last year.

NY School Site Council: Clean up scheduled for April 12 from 9 to noon. There's a movie being shown. We'll tell them about the Yart Sale.

Arts Center: Joshy says he talked with Susan Tatne and Ben Ahlvers. They are applying for an Artspace grant. Due in April. Wants a letter of support for an unknown plan. He'll keep in touch about this. The grant requires a "Deep engagement with the Neighbors" The charette for 9th street corridor never happened. But, this grant will have an impact on what happens on 9th street.

Horizon 202 update: John reached out to all 44 neighborhood associations. Hitting active N.A.'s. LAN meeting is same night as Zoning Appeals, so he has to choose which one to attend. John asked for transparency. Video is provided for each meeting. They will look at what was recommended in the plan and compare it to what really happened per development and ponder on that. Inclusion: Some N.A.'s feel left out of the process. Are we inclusive or exclusive? There are opportunities for improvement. Focus on being good neighbors. The most active neighborhoods are the ones closest to non-congruent uses. This will be a regular agenda item.

Announcements: Sarah M stated that April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month and shared ways to contribute. Joe Bickford found a tape of a Harry Puckett oral history.

Meeting adjourned!

Submitted by Phil Collison.