

ELNA Meeting December 9, 2024 Welcomed by Barry at 7:06 p.m.

Attendees and Introductions: Barry Shalinsky (Prez), Lane Eisenbart (Coord), Phil Collison (Secretary), KT Walsh (vp), Sacie Lambertson (b), Brian Workman (NY School Principal), Krista Gentry (b), Walt Clogston (z), Pam Blackburn (bz), Suzan Hampton (bz), Joe Bickford, Ellen Paulsen(z), Jan Butin, Jenn and Jeff (Chip) Niefeld, Nancy Overmeyer, Aaron Paden (Treasurer). Moved to accept minutes and Agenda by Sacie, KT second. All in favor – we are.

Elections of Officers. The current slate of officers are willing to do it again. Pam moves we accept the slate of officers. Sacie 2nd. Barry Prez, KT VP, Phil for Secretary. No other nominations. All in favor – We are.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. It would supplement the New Land Development Code. The first one was created in 1979 and updated in about 2001. In 2021 a process was started to do the update that one. It came to a halt after about 18 months because of the development of the new land development code. That new LDC does away with single family zoning. There is an option for an overlay district that would impact the LDC. Barry followed up with City Hall today. He found out there are no deadlines, only an aspirational goal to have something worth looking at at our February Meeting. A first draft outline. We don't really know what that draft will look like. It is being done by the planning staff. We've already had a lot of tear downs in the last 6 months. Our rules currently allow 3 unrelated individuals in a residence, In the new code it will allow up to 5 unrelated people, and get rid of parking requirements. What happened with the historic activities from last month. There are design guidelines that want to be followed within that district. The local registry is what triggers a local review. State and National has no environs so doesn't help. There are people who like to rehab old houses. Discussion ensued about a 3 tiered approach. We need to watch the progress on the LDC. We need to watch the HRC for how the Historic designations can help, and they are asking for a moratorium on teardowns. And we'll have to have a plan to impact the neighborhood plan as it is being updated. There is a history of how all these things came to be that we can be aware of, too. Status of the neighborhood plan is that planning staff hopes to have something for us to review next month. We are having little impact on what they are working on. Can we suggest we help them work on it? We should ask about that.

Demolition and sidewalk issues: Our new brick streets policy is an administrative policy and not a "required" code.

There is a survey crew out measuring sidewalks in East Lawrence along Connecticut from 9th to 12th. We will reach out to the MSO and find out what this survey is for.

There is a movement afoot to put a pause on demolitions for certain areas of the City. It will be discussed by the HRC at their 12/19 meeting.

Hobbs Park update: Barry got invited to a meeting at Watkins Museum. Justine Burton is on the Watkins Board. Their education and outreach director invited Barry, John Delaney, KVKL reps and Lee Ice to talk about the stadium. There is excitement to figure out what is needed to reinforce the concrete in the stadium, and also making it ADA accessible. Lee Ice notes you used to enter the stadium through the stands. Would like to re-craft that. Mr Ice knows lots of people that can make a project go. Bill James could be a factor. There are many things that need work in Hobbs Park. We would like it to be a comprehensive project. That next meeting is at Watkins Museum on January. There are many people excited about a comprehensive Hobbs Park restoration plan. Lynn Zollner says the stadium is on the local register.

Traffic Safety update. None. No update on the Safe streets initiative. Nor on Delaware Street 20 mph paint project. Pedestrian access to Hobbs Park should be a priority.

The School Board is looking at all the playground and itemizing their resources. Could we add the embankment issue at Central to their list? TSC will talk to Shannon Kimball about that resources report and having an impact to it. Also, NY School is getting a new playground.

Tom Harper reached out to Barry about the Amtrak Camp and he's interested in seeing if FOTK, ELNA or ?? could get a work day going there? Environmental restoration. Tom also asked the City

about being involved in that, and was not well received. There is probably hazardous waste back in there.

Lane (coordinator report). Friday Pop-up at the MB house this Friday from 5-7 in conjunction with KU Art Sale happening in that area, too. Wrapping Party is Sunday 3-6 at Aaron's 835 ½ mass Street. Jan-Feb issue comes out mid January. Done by Sunday. Lane is looking at MLK Chili Feed. And getting ready for the Yart Sale and getting that date going. (March 29th?).

VP report. Thursday December 19th at HRC for demo moratorium.

Holly Krebs emailed Barry on the Pool Project. She is trying to point out that the City gathers the survey information and does nothing with it. Over and over again! And doesn't release the survey results.

LAN report, 9th street will be under construction for 2 years from Mississippi to Ohio or Tennessee Streets.

There was a report of some people in a car assaulting Dennis.

Meeting adjourned. At 9:08. Thanks all!!