

ELNA Meeting August 11, 2025. Called to order at 7:08

Attendees and Introductions: KT Walsh (B), Lane Eisenbart (Coordinator), Barry Shalinsky (Prez), Phil Collison (secretary), Sacie Lambertson (B), Kelly Corcoran, Edmond Stansberry, Nancy Overmeyer, Sarah Norman, Max Wilcox (B), Ray, Emily from NY PTO, Darrell Proffitt (B), Julie Proffitt, Brenda Nunez (B), JT Thornburg, Krista Gentry(B), Joe Bickford, Aaron Paden (treasurer), Jan Butin. (B) = ELNA Board member

Approve minutes and agenda, KT moves, Sacie 2nds All approved.

Elections for ELNA are in November, declarations in October. The nominations committee will meet this month.

City Primary elections happened. The four winners were B. Schumm, B. Littlejohn, K. Polian and Mike Courtney. Courtney Shipley won handily in East Lawrence, and finished a close fifth citywide.

A budget document was shared. \$14,500 projected expenditures. \$7825 in revenues. Shortfall of \$5,000 we are not getting from the city plus another \$1700 or so. Barry is suggesting a pledge drive to donate \$5-20 monthly. That will come out in the next paper newsletter.

Some new folks just showed up – 3 New York Elementary Students with PTO chair Emily.

Hobbs Park Master Planning Committee is meeting to write the history of Hobbs in order to place the Municipal Stadium and M-B House on historic registers. This project hopes to restore the stadium and house. Hernly architects are doing a survey to figure out what all needs to get done and that comes with a price tag. Krista says there's a fundraiser for the Hobbs Park at Free State Brewery Wednesday the 13th from 5:30 to close. \$1 for each beer purchased and Chuck Magerl (owner) will kick in \$1 for each, too. Kaw Valley Kickball League has ongoing fundraising efforts.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. The City Planning Dept. ran a survey on what folks want to see in our plan. It closed on July 31. Things are crawling along. We will invite City staff to the block party for an info table.

No new words on sidewalks or new demo permits.

Sarah Norman is here. She's been organizing her 7th and Rhode Island block with the Townhouses proposed. \$600+k each. She says it went through the HRC process and now is going through the Planning Dept. The neighbors appealed the site plan and it will go in front of the City Commission on September 2nd. Q. What is the nature of the appeal? 1. the notices never went out. 2. False information was given to the HRC, regarding what should take precedence and a historic house on the registry should take precedence. Plus parking and other issues. The neighbors are requesting a letter of support and some folks to show up! Apparently in the staff report they referred to a section of the guidelines that didn't exist. Found the right one after the fact. The assigned planner was out of town during the appeal period, and the planner of the day wasn't very knowledgeable. Sacie moves that Barry write a letter supporting the neighbor's appeal. KT seconds. All in favor – All were. (it was a member's vote). If they don't follow the City's regs, we don't get a project that is as good as it should be.

Coalition for Collaborative Government. Barry sent them a copy of the RI letter of appeal. Asking for a comment for them. The process was not transparent.

NY School PTO. Back to school night tonight. They gave out popsicles, etc. And it was noted that the mural got

touched up by KT and Brad. There was also a bit of a cleanup. There's a new janitor, new administrator, new teachers. Folks worked hard.

Residential preservation. Krista met with Brenna and Krista got good tips and is working up the gumption to do some nominations for local register. 818 New York is a potential candidate, the original parsonage for the AME church. ELNA has a goal to get more houses on the local register. Lots of volunteer opportunities. Could we run a master class on how to get your house on the registry? Dave Evans was a good researcher for finding out the history of houses. Doing research at the Spencer now requires an appointment to find your data. Is there a newspaper article out there on this? Krista wants to get a house under her belt. An article might talk about the importance of historic preservation.

Sacie reports there's 2 houses on her block that are in sad shape and one house may be torn down and replaced with another house by the son. There's another house that is boarded up. Status is unknown on that house.

KT summarized the HRC agenda. There's an active group that has formed the Hall of Honor Diversity Project at Lawrence High School. They are turning up good info on important people including learning that the first black member of the school board was actually in the 1860's.

Aaron and Lane are going to review it and polish our budget. Potentially approve it at our next meeting.

Coordinator Report. 1. La Yorda mural opening. Sept. 20 at 5:30 pm. A tryptic (of 4 panels) will be debuted. Lots of activities planned for that date. 2. Douglas County has invited the community to the arboretum on October 11th for an exploration of that place. Self-directed and otherwise. 3. Fid Pick Championships are coming up. Do we want to sell merch there? Suggested to work on online merch site. It could be good to have a presence. Jan B might be able to help out there. 4. Block party is a go for Sept 27. All the permits are granted. Bands? Joe's band. Reggae band? Chip's band? Lane's gonna inventory the merch.

Treasurer's report. One Big game to go. \$1800 in profit so far. We usually do well at the championship games. The 24th or the 31st. Bank balance is \$9985.22. There's an opportunity for cost saving on web hosting. Aaron might combine his web site with ours. That feasibility will be scrutinized. Could we replace mailchimp? USPS has non-profit status. We can look into that, too. City budget stuff? Doubtful. We can show up at the city budget discussion and ask.

A neighbor got broken into. They think they know who it was. The house wasn't locked. It has not been reported, yet. Could it be a mental health issue? Bert Nash can field those types of calls. You can go to the police station to make a report, too.

The Walk Bike Roll Convention. Put on by KDOT. Wes Marshall is the guest speaker. October 29-30 at the Springhill Suites.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44