

ELNA Meeting 07/13/2026 Called to order at 7:00

Attendees and Introductions: Pam Blackburn (B), Jon Brudvig (Pastor @Trinity Lutheran), Jan Butin (B), Sacie Lambertson (B), Barry Shalinsky (B), Joe Bickford, KT Walsh (B), Courtney Shipley (B), James Dunn, Dennis and Karen Christilles, Aaron Paden (Treasurer), Darrel Proffitt (Prez), Lane Eisenbart (Coordinator), Krista Gentry (BZ), Max Wilcox (B), Sarah Norman (B)

Approve Minutes with corrections. Moved by Barry, 2nd KT. All were in favor. Agenda, add an item about the strong mayor proposal coming from the Chamber of Commerce, Moved by Barry, Pam 2nd, all were in favor.

This weekend Darrel met with Tina Tinsley who was coming but she is postponed to August. She wants to start Legacy Farms proposed for 1501 Learnard at the old Sunrise Project. She will be here in August.

DataCenter Moratorium. This is on the City Commission Agenda for tomorrow night. Should we be writing a letter supporting this moratorium? Currently Pam moves that Darrel write a letter to the CC supporting that moratorium. Sacie 2nd. All in favor. All are aye.

KVKL Kickball Sunday night food. 2 more weeks plus the championships. There have been rainouts and Aaron has been out of town. Sales of \$706. \$519 in profit. And we've only made \$855 for the year so far. Numbers are approximate.

Hobbs Park Merch. Could we do a re-print of the 2016 KVKL T-shirt for the fundraiser for the 2016 scoreboard initiative. KVKL are not ready for a re-print as yet. Darrel sees lots of ELNA merch being worn around town.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. There is a plan to recruit an East Lawrence Sounding Board with certain criteria. That board would consist of a person of color, a renter, a homeowner, a business owner, an architect. And each is a resident of EL for 5 years.

Update your voter registration.

Hobbs Park Meeting. The group that is working on the stadium project. Watkins museum, Hernly and Associates, KVKL, ELNA.

Lawrence Residential Preservation Committee. We met yesterday at Sacie's. Hatching a plan to recruit photographers to document all the houses and features within the neighborhood. Churches, sidewalks, schools, greenspace and more. Also interacted with the KS Historical Society about uploading documents to their databases.

Storage Proposal for use at the old Border's building. They are requesting a text amendment change to allow a storage use within that zoning. It has gone to the planning commission and will land at the CC pretty soon. This changes all of the Central business district zoning so one could be anywhere downtown. It could set a poor precedent that could cannibalize downtown and deteriorate the buildings, etc.

Lawrence Loves Parks Coalition. Received from Holly Krebs. This is an initiative to start a foundation that would support for our parks and rec system. Primarily to help to reduce user fees at Community

buildings. The meeting will be held July 27 from 6-8 pm at Lawrence Public Library Room Z. It would be a community led 501c3.

Alphabet soup:

City funding allocations for neighborhoods. The City authorized \$20,000 for neighborhoods for this years budget but did not decide how to distribute that money. Holli Joyce @Schwegler NA and LAN asked the City where did our money go last year, which was allocated but not distributed. The City has a new public comment policy where you contact the City Clerk and ask to make one of the 4 early slots on the 2nd meeting of the month. We should try and get that slot.

Elected Mayor initiative by the Chamber of Commerce. All the former mayors have been asked to participate with support for a new PAC. It may appear on the agenda in 2 weeks to discuss a change in the 3rd CC 4 year seat to go back to a 2 year seat. The new City Manager agreement includes a clause that states if we got a strong mayor then they would have their contract bought out in its entirety. The rumor mill says that the AFL-CIO is pushing for Datacenters at the state level in Topeka. We have a total democratic process with our current CC structure. A strong Mayor means you can buy their vote. It could be seen as a ranked choice voting process. Special Interest Groups want to buy a position. In our peer cities, Wichita needed \$170,000 on their campaign. In Lawrence, a mayor spent \$8000 on their campaign. The Chamber is reaching out to non-profits for their support. The Chamber wants to create a PAC to finance the campaign for this. Barry moves we write a letter in opposition to this initiative. Darrel and Courtney will get together to write this letter.

The City sent KT a link to a map of where all the trees are in the City and identifies them. She is going to keep working on that.

The City is deploying 2 markers for Nick Rice and Tiger Dowdell. Tiger's near the Black Panther house at alley next to old Salvation Army buildings alley b/t New Hampshire and Rhode Island on Thursday at 7p.m. And Nick Rice will have his marker at 1241 Oread avenue. Where the Gaslight was. On Monday the 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Coordinator Report. The Block Party is on for the 4th Saturday in September. Sunday the 19th from 5 to 8 p.m. is a fundraiser in South Park for the Homeless Resource Center (D.A.R.E. Center). They are taking donations for that.

A new resident pointed out that there were tons of fireworks in the neighborhood. And there seemingly was no enforcement nor info pushing folks to know that rule. Suggests we take that on next year.

Treasurer's report. \$5204.83 in the bank. Waiting on the kickball deposit.

Anecdote. Darrel has a security system in his new house and he doesn't use it. He accidentally hit the panic button on it and the horn went off. Fire trucks and Firemen showed up. It was difficult to turn off the horn.

8:50 Meeting adjourned.