ELNA Meeting February 10, 2025 Welcomed by Barry at 7:07 p.m.

Attendees and Introductions: Barry Shalinsky (Prez), Eric Hyde, Erica Hunter, Sacie Lambertson, Nancy Overmeyer, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Sacie Lambertson, KT Walsh, JT Thornburg, Krista Gentry, Peggy Robinson. Lane is out sick. Agenda item 1 person.

Agenda and Minutes acceptance Sacie moves, KT 2nds. Passed.

Agenda item 1, 1000 Connecticut. She (I didn't catch her name!) manages this property. Dylan bought it in 2014, Could it become a community space for us, Educational workshop, arts workshops. It's a nice space. It's 2200/month, so expensive. She's trying to keep historic buildings occupied. She's managed it since 2015. It needs a use. 3000 sq feet. It's big. There's a couple of spaces there that could be useable. It is not handicap accessible. It would hold about 4 cars in that parking lot. They may want to share parking with NY school or someone else. She's in early stages of talking with the City. We suggest she talk to the City and come back with what the City thinks.

Yart Sale. March 29. Friday night setup.

Eric Hyde is here. He is running for City Commission. He read his speech. We don't have enough morality nor God. He wants to run on integrity, unity and vision. Advocating for the best decisions for all people. He'll be interviewed by the University Daily Kansan soon. So far it is he and Steve Jacobs that are running so far. There will be 2 seats elected this time. Lisa and Bart are the 2 seats. Folks should be civil at CC meetings.

Hobbs Park Master Planning. Not much to report. The goal is to potentially renovate the stadium. There is support at the city to get it on the national and state registry. They are stopping at the HRC and the Parks and rec meetings to get their take on it. The Watkins group did have reps at those meetings but we're unsure what happened there. Head of parks and rec, Watkins museum, and Lynne A at HRC say play the cards slowly and deliberately to get this moving. Some of the survey work has already been done by Hernley and Associates. We'll keep paying attention. Barry suggests ELNA put in $1000 to a renovation fund for this Hobbs Project. KVKL, LPA, Shelly Miller trust each are donating $2500. It could cost $15,000 or so. They don't think they can get enough city approvals in time to apply for a DG CO heritage grant. There will be plenty of opportunities for future grants. Hobbs park is currently on the local registry. This is only a grant to determine what would need to be done to renovate the stadium. Which would be much more.

Residential Preservation Committee. We want to get more properties on the local historic registry. (reading the article on Neighborhood plan from the newsletter). Krista reports she's spoken with Brenna B and Brenna has prepped a thumb drive with a lot of data that includes homes that have already been researched and could be ready to be submitted for the local registry. We need to go through that and cull the right ones.
There's been a number of demolitions and we are trying to slow that down. The local registry includes a 250' zone that would be impacted.
Our next meeting will be 2/22 at Sacie's house.

There may be a public meeting upcoming on the East Lawrence Plan. It may be in April. We are unhappy with the city process.

Lawrence Development Code (LDC). LAN submitted a letter requesting change to the occupancy portion from 5 to 4 people. It could be considered at the 2/25 Planning commission Meeting.

1022 Connecticut is up for demolition.

Row houses on 700 Rhode Island. They can do them by right. Get to them early to have an impact on the design.

Coalition for collaborative government. The Holly Krebs group. There is a survey out there for this.

HRC meeting will include getting hobbs park on the state and or local registry. Thursday Feb. 20th.

Traffic Safety Committee. We got a response back from the School Board on the Central track. They were not real supportive of our issue with those sight lines.

Prez report: Nothing new beyond what has been shared. He's gotta prepare a report for the City RE our city grant.

VP report. Get your yart sale stuff moving!

Treasurer. Taxes are filed.

Trinity Lutheran Church is having a lock-in for their kids on Feb. 22nd.

Krista NY School is trying to revamp the teacher's lounge and K will keep us posted on their needs.

Pam says that's it! 9:08 pm.