

ELNA Meeting 10/13/25 Called to order at 7:02.

Attendees: Courtney Shipley, Nancy Overmeyer, Darrel Proffitt (B), Julie Proffitt, Lane Eisenbart (Coord), Barry Shalinsky (Prez), Pam Blackburn (B), Phil Collison (Secretary), Sacie Lambertson (B), KT Walsh (VP), Brenda Nunez (BZ), Sarah Norman (BZ), Joe Bickford, Krista Gentry (BZ), Aaron Paden (Treasurer), Jan Butin. B = Board Member. Z = attended by Zoom.

Approve the minutes and agenda? Darrell moves, KT 2nds, All in favor? Yes.

Local Elections. Voter registration deadline is tomorrow. Early voting starts on Wed. the 15th. We all should be voting from our neighborhood!

Neighborhood Elections. Declaration deadline for ELNA Board elections is tonight. The following members declared their candidacies: Barry Shalinsky, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Sacie Lambertso, KT Walsh, Courtney Shipley, Aaron Paden, Darrel Proffitt, Brenda Nunez, Max Wilcox, Krista Gentry, Sarah Norman and Jan Butin.

There was a brief discussion about the relative advantages of hybrid Zoom meetings versus in person meetings. We will continue to use hybrid Zoom / in person meetings.

Meeting Locations. At the block party Barry heard the City didn't want us to use this Depot facility any more. Starting in January we'll be using a new place to meet. NY school is inviting us to meet at the school. The PTA would sponsor us for insurance purposes. Krista is on the PTA and willing to attend meetings or assure that another PTA representative is present. ELNA members can join the PTA or the site council. There is another place we might be able to use on nights NY School is not available. The people renting the old Nostalgia Room space have invited us to meet there. at 9th between NY and CT street.

ELNA Budget. Our annual expenses usually come to about \$13,000. We generate approximately \$8000 on our own fundraising. Our \$5,000 grant from the City helped us. The City approved funding \$20,000 for neighborhoods in the FY 2026 budget, but the process for ELNA getting some of that money is not clear. The 4 neighborhoods that have been receiving funding are going to get together and nominate LAN to be the distributor of the money, and propose a method for LAN to manage the money. Neighborhoods already wrote a proposal 3-4 years ago. That will get dusted off and revamped for this proposal process. A Collaborative "Neighborhood University" may come from this to generate more neighborhoods to participate and potentially be funded. We have a lot of participation on a regular basis from folks in a variety of ways in our neighborhood. Brenda notes that historically we were always a part of the CDBG process and that was used to fund the (then qualifying) 5 low-mod neighborhoods. HUD could easily lose its funding next year.

Hobbs Park Master Planning. KVKL is sponsoring the movie Field of Dreams. It will be showing at Liberty Hall on Sunday October 26 at 1:00 p.m. as a fundraiser for Hobbs. Maybe we can have a table and some merch there.

Residential Preservation Committee. The City hosted a meeting to discuss a proposed text amendment that would weaken the Oread Neighborhood Plan. This Neighborhood Plan is an official City planning document that must be followed. Our Neighborhood plan is currently only a "suggested" plan. Both Barry and Phil attended some of that meeting. Per marci francisco there was a compromise discussed that could allow a property owner to rebuild a duplex where a triplex was demolished. Sarah wants to be in the loop if it goes before a City board.

Infrastructure changes. Brick sidewalks is a part of this. The City decided that sidewalks along CT and Twelfth Streets need to be repaired. A few households are putting brick back in their sidewalks as part of that project, but about three-quarters of the brick sidewalks are going to concrete. The 700 block of NY street just got a layer of asphalt over it. Not as a part of the Capital Improvement Plan process. Also the alley in the 600 block b/t CT and Rhode Island Streets. They tore out the concrete. Left the 80-year old sewer line in place and are putting more concrete on top of it. We don't understand why these projects were done. The picture we are painted is that this was a last-minute decision that was not previously planned. The 700 block of CT / RI alley may be next.

Demolitions. Charlie's Bar won't be torn down. They will be building it back as a bar. There are still some active demolitions, though. 13th and NY is progressing. 1045 New Jersey had Mona Cliff Murals that are detachable. It looks like it could be becoming a single-family residence.

HRC report. 923 Rhode Island is registering their Accessory Dwelling Unit officially. 842 Pennsylvania is getting a facelift. It's already Paisley and Stripe, a Hair Salon. We also heard about 1015 Pennsylvania getting a facelift.

701 Rhode Island. Construction has begun. It's noisy. Seemingly the plans they are executing do not quite reflect what was promised. Another lesson in when developers won't be held to their good intentions. There is a stone wall that was supposed to be repaired. It appears it will be replaced and not repaired. It's no longer there.

Coalition for Collaborative Governance. They are meeting on Wednesday this week perhaps at 7 at the Library. Darrel attended the last meeting. The City Commission and School Board candidates were there and got to pick which questions they would answer.

The stucco house that was for sale along CT was being repaired. The house may have sold.

Alphabet Soup. NY PTA wants to facilitate neighborhood trick or treating. There is an option for a trunk or treat thing along NJ. Downtown is a big attraction. They need some donations this week for their book sale and more. Central Middle School is having their fun run on Halloween. A known person is looking to move to an apartment in EL. Anyone got one?

Coordinator report. Block Party followup. It was a very nice evening. All the candidates that were there thought it was a very positive event. Let's do an adopt-a-family thing. Can that happen at another time during the year? It is definitely needed. "Thanks for the advertising for the yard sale at 740 RI", says Joe B. They raised \$645 for Kansas Public Radio.

Treasurer's report. \$8367.97 in the bank. Post expenses from the block party. Very current number. We spent \$780 on merch before the block party, so we're stocked up. Lane will probably do some pop-ups over the winter holidays.

Pam moves to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.