

## June 2018 ELNA Minutes

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Monday June 4th Delaware St Commons, 1222 Delaware St

Present:

Aaron Paden, Boog Highberger, Catherine Reed, Cindy Maude, Cindy Suenram, Dave Lowenstein, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joe Bickford, Judy Romero, KH, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Michael Davidson, Mike Anderson, Penn Pennel, Phil Collison

The meeting was called to order by Phil Collison at 7:05.

1. Introductions.
2. Housekeeping Announcements
  - a. July meeting delayed one week
  - b. June July and August will be at the DSC Common House
  - c. Treasurer selection and bylaw change approval will occur at the July meeting. Mike Anderson volunteered to replace KH as treasurer.
3. March minutes were approved, May minutes approved as corrected.
  - a. REMINDER: CDBG quarterly report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
4. New Business/ In-depth discussion
  - a. Bylaws update. Both new and old versions of the bylaws will be posted for public review, with possible approval at the July meeting. Moved and passed.

### 5. Recurring Updates

- a. Arts Place Grant. Update by Cindy Maude, Lawrence Arts Center.

The proposal that the whole grant should go to St. Luke AME was rejected by ArtsPlace as ArtsPlace prefers a broader scope including more artists. (St. Luke is mounting its own capital campaign. Should ELNA be involved in this?)

Cindy submitted a comparison of old and new budgets plus a timeline. The full updated report will be posted on the ELNA website and linked to Facebook for public input. Depending on the input received by the ArtsPlace grant committee, ELNA will approve or reject the report at the July meeting. If the report is approved, recruitment for the facilitator and other positions will begin immediately. A motion to this effect was passed unanimously.

Margaret Morris is the new Arts Center CEO. The City of Lawrence supports the project. ELNA and the Arts Center will work together on hiring. The original 5 artists will be included, the others will be juried. There's a concern that not everyone agrees with the plan: there must be buy-in from all the artists. Cindy will follow up with those who have disagreed in the past. Seeing the 9<sup>th</sup> street repairs in progress will energize the neighborhood.

- b. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion. The project is out for bids.
- c. Downtown Grocery Store. Parking is still an issue.

d. Riverkings. Phil sent a letter of support to Tom Markus and to Steve Novak at the Watkins Museum.

e. Wishing Bench. It looks great thanks to work by Eric Jay and his crew. It is very sturdy and heavy and will be difficult to move.

f. Conservation Overlay. We're waiting for HRC to talk with the City Commissioners.

g. Home Tour. Eric has the contacts. Probably 8 houses will be on the tour. Tickets will cost \$20. The committee will do a flyer during July, volunteers must be recruited by August 1. Signs for each house, flyers, postcards, booties and maps are need, and an after party will be planned.

## 6. Reports

a. President. We're in good shape financially from CDBG. The zoning board will make exceptions for duplexes on small properties.

b. Vice-President. Kickball concessions netted \$289.50. There's another game this Sunday.

c. Treasurer. We have \$2491.11 in the bank.

d. Coordinator. July newsletter submissions are due June 15. Lane will pursue a sponsor for the block party Sept 22. Aaron is recruiting a reggae band. Lane will also look into music. Some documents were removed from the website due to lack of space. Lane and Aaron will pursue options for keeping all documents accessible.

## e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods discussed Tenants to Homeowners.

iii. Planning Commission

iv. Historic Resources Commission will hold its state meeting in Lawrence Sept20-22.

v. City Commission. Parks and Rec wants to install the splash pond at South Park. KT will write a letter asking for the pond to be installed in East Lawrence. Phil will distribute the letter.

vi. CDAC has more money.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The new principal is here.

## 7. Updates / Announcements.

Penn thanked ELNA for help with the integrated stormwater management. They'll bring the poster to the block party.

The swim club pool near Kennedy School needs repair. Lane will check into fundraising.

The kickball team almost had to forfeit their game but were able to recruit a player on the spot. More players are needed, especially women over age 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.