

•%1 ELNA Minutes – March 05, 2018

Present: Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Jennifer Distlehorst, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Dave Loewenstein, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh

Frank Janzen, Joe Bickford, Penn Pennel, Suzan Hampton

Meeting called to order by Phil Collison. January and February minutes were reviewed. KT moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Jennifer. Minutes were approved.

Penn Pennel, an urban planning student, spoke about their semester project on drainage problems in East Lawrence. They are looking for neighborhood help in identifying problems and see what measures can help. This is to increase biodiversity and economic impact.

Vanessa spoke on the library initiative to identify how an artist's work is connected to nature. They are looking for artists to give 20 minute talk and perhaps tour their inspiration place. The Library is looking for people for the summer and fall. Spread the word.

Rebuilding East 9th is on the HRC agenda from 3/15. They understand the neighborhood's desire to retain brick sidewalks and limestone curbs. Property owners along 9th have been asked about their preference.

Downtown Grocery developers have withdrawn their request for a loan from the city to fund part of the development. There is still not enough parking.

River King walking tours will be starting soon. Lane will try to get information at YART sale.

No update on Hike thru History. City planning to put panels on Burrough's Creek Trail. The first panel has already been installed.

Sheetrock/tape/mud will be installed this week in Leon's house.

Wishing bench work will begin in a few weeks by Eric.

Aaron has been working on updates to the bylaws. Summary: 1. Move the meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month so not to conflict with Monday holidays. 2. Officers will be selected by the board itself (instead of the general membership). 3. Including the treasurer. 4. Various updates to make wording consistent thruout the document. 5. If a tie occurs for the 14th member, the board will vote to break the tie. 6. These votes are by board members present at the meeting. 7. President refrains from voting unless there is a tie.

ELNA has a plan for limited English proficiency. KT asked if there was a provision for late notifications and did it need to be covered in the bylaws.

Next steps on the bylaw changes is to send out the language, followed by a meeting read thru. This will count as the 1st read thru.

HRC would like to help East Lawrence on their conservation overlay development. Preservation Alliance would also like to help. Perhaps professional staff time could be provided. Suzan Hampton has been added to the committee.

President's report: CDBG report was submitted in February.

VP report: KVKB concessions will be done again this year. Tentatively, the dates Aaron will be requesting are May 27, June 3, June 10 and one more in July.

There are no soccer goals in East Lawrence. Kaw Valley has some that are not being used. The cost to fix them is \$400 / set. They will be located at NY Elem and E Lawrence Rec Center.

Treasurer: no update

Coordinator: Yart sale setup is Friday, March 30. Sale is Saturday, March 31 from 8 am to 2 pm. We must be out by 3 as another event is happening later in the day. Phil will organize the music. People taking donations to KT's please leave on the front porch or alley back steps. Daisey is becoming upset with the traffic. KT would also like hanger donations.

Brook Creek would like to invite everyone to their meeting on Wednesday, 7 pm. Nancy Thelman and Sheriff's officers will be present to discuss proposition 1. Meeting is at East Lawrence Rec Center.

Brook Creek would like to know if ELNA is interested in a neighborhood garage sale again. Consensus is yes.

John Gascon talked about the affect of the 9th street improvements and St. Luke's AME. The long term goal of the church is to have the basement access be level with the ground/sidewalk to help with their accessibility issues. This involves dropping the sidewalk. They are hoping this can be worked into the city's plans. They have begun a capital campaign and can accept Art Place grants. They would like a letter of support to include asking the city to reconsider accessibility to St Luke's. Mike moved for ELNA to write a letter in support of St Luke's ADA improvements as part of the 9th street plan. Vanessa seconded. Motion passed. Mike also volunteered to write the letter.

Budget/Fundraising: need a sponser for the next newsletter.

LAN: LAN sent a letter opposing the 19th St expansion. There are tours being organized of the jail to help individuals better understand the jail expansion proposal.

City Commission: has received complaints on the new LED streetlights. They are now installing 3000 kelvin lights instead of the 4000 kelvin.

NY PTO/Site council: Student leadership is now selling coffee on Mondays for \$1.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. Meeting was adjourned.