

ELNA Meeting May 13, 2024

Called to order at 7:03 by Barry.Shalinsky

Attendees: Barry Shalinsky (Prez), KT Walsh (VP), Phil Collison (Sec), Krista Gentry (B), Jan Butin, Justine Jenevier, Steven Spencer, Nancy Overmeyer, Sacie Lambertson (B), Joe Bickford, Andrew Janeway, Aaron Paden (B), Lane Eisenbart (coordinator), RJ Torrey, Darrel (B) and Julie Proffitt (z), Ellen Paulsen, Brenda Nunez (B), John Thornburg JT (z), Donnie Mellenbruch, Pam Blackburn (Bz) (B)=Board; (z)=Zoom

Approve Minutes and Agenda: KT moves minutes Krista 2nd Any corrections? No All in favor. Agenda, Krista moves, KT 2nd, It passes.

Item 1 Events:

Pride Parade: June 1 downtown. 1st time ever for ELNA. Lane with details. Signed up. And in the event afterwards. North to south along Mass, ending at South Park. Noon to 10 p.m. Unsure of starting location? We'll sell merch at South Park. Possum Graphic with pride flag on a tote bag. Lane needs help with our entry. Maybe Eric Farnsworth will provide bikes. And a banner. We could decorate bikes.

Kickball Concessions: Aaron knows. Stacey Ahlvers is stepping down from KVKL boards. We will run concessions for all but 2 games. The schedule has just come out. 1st week is May 19 for ELNA concessions.

Proposed Demolitions of housing: 1136 New Jersey and 1111 New Jersey Streets. Krista says 1136 bought by the Neighbors. They think the house needs demolition. Architect says not worth saving it. Foundation issues. Have strategized how to save it. They're proposing a single story single family house. 1111 is owned by the Nevels at 12th and NY. They have built also at Penn house. It's a 1920 Shotgun house. 420 sq. ft. There's 14 intact in E. Law still. Could it be moved? Incorporated into another house? They asked the tenant to move and they did, so house is now vacant. There are houses nearby that are on the local registry. And we believe the two proposed demolitions are in the environs. It has gotten a lot easier to do a tear down. The only restriction seems to be that you have to have a plan for what to with the empty lot. Both current owners have been active in East Lawrence. Both demos will be on the regular agenda not the consent agenda. Barry suggests we talk to both owners about preservation.

Local Register Nomination at 739 Connecticut on May 16 HRC. Barry wrote a letter of support for this house. This is a working class home built by a Black railroad worker and is very reflective of the humble roots of the neighborhood. It is a big functional 2 story house.

Land Development Code amendments. There will be many meetings upcoming this week for this. We should plan to show up for these meetings. They want to ignore the covenants that restrict higher density development in wealthier suburban neighborhoods.

Water Line Update 13th street is now open. 15th street is closed. Learnard will be impacted at some point. Through June 28 maybe. Wondering how it impacts Sunrise Project?

Brick streets and sidewalk policy. Limited to certain older neighborhoods. Sacie has a questionnaire that asks for 3 options. What combinations of brick, concrete or mixed use. We should figure out how

to fill out this survey. A list is going around of the non board members who wish to receive this information.

(We just had a problem with the zoom fritzing out. It might be working again. It appears to work.)

Parks and Rec Strategic Planning Meeting is May 23rd at the Sports Park Pavilion 5:30 to 7:30. It's called a Community Open House. KT points to a Negro Leagues former stadium in Paterson, New Jersey that is being rehabbed with tax credits and fundraising.

City Grant for Safer Speeds. Neighborhood Speed issues. We would get to be like Old West Lawrence. Would we want to do this?? It was agreed to try to get additional info before deciding.

Primary elections are coming up. Barry would like to invite candidates to our Meetings for short presentations.

ELNA Elections are coming up in November. We need some new candidates for our officers. Should we talk about board obligations to help folks want to sign up?

Alphabet Soup: HRC. (Historic Resources Commission) There's a garage that has approval but still working through the ARC (Architectural Referral Committee).

Other Business: There was a walker on the levee trail that heard what sounded like a bit cat? It bounded into view for a short time. It looked to be a juvenile? Wildlife authorities thought that was kind of cool. Also a fox has been seen in our neighborhood.

Coordinator issues. Lane signed the documents for a "Nature Arts Workshop" for the DG CO Heritage Grant.

Treasurer's report. \$9984.03. This budgets for newsletter and a coordinator.

KT put in a pitch to be on the board of the north Lawrence young person's dance group.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Phil Collison, Secretary