

ELNA Meeting 12/08/25 Called to order.

Attendees: Max Wilcox (B), Julie Proffitt, KT Walsh (Veep), Lane Eisenbart (coordinator), Darrell Proffit (Prez), Barry Shalinsky (B), Krista Gentry (B), Pam Blackburn (B), Phil Collison (B), Sacie Lambertson (B), Sarah Norman (Bz), Ellen Paulsen (z), James Dunn, Eric Kirkendall, Brenda Nunez (Bz), Joe Bickford, Courtney Shipley (B), Jan Bhutan (B), Bill Simms, Aaron Paden (Treasurer).

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

Thanks to Barry for all he's done for us. In the media, and in front of the community. Darrel got him a little something. A Lawrence Kansas Candle in the shape of a Lawrence, Kansas Brick.

Holiday Adopt a family. We'll get together on Thursday Dec. 11 at 835½ Massachusetts and do wrapping, et al. We're about halfway there for collecting the dough.

Any news on the new City Commissioners? Yes. We have open meetings laws. Before folks take office they can have meetings. There was a meeting b/t Dever and Mike Courtney.. They met for about 4 hours. There was a q about building apartments on the old Alvarado golf course. Those neighbors are against that development and the Planning commission sided with those neighbors so it will take 4 votes to override the Planning Commission when it comes to a vote by the City Commission. There may be a big push on getting a new City Manager. The new folks are interested in doing an interim pick. Craig Owens is leaving in May. When Craig got hired they narrowed it down to 2 people and then had public meetings with each. The public favored Craig Owens. Should we make recommendations to how they choose the new C.M.? Perhaps that's a new agenda item.

Parking Lot Proposal at Sunrise Project. They want to put overflow parking for a new development at Sunrise. The apartments would be behind the wheel at just southwest of 14th and Ohio. Barry and Sacie attended a meeting about this. The sale of the property is contingent on getting the zoning change, etc. The Planning Commission meets on 12/17 to make this decision. It would need to change from Light industrial to another light industrial that is unconditioned. All the uses would be allowed. The developer has other uses in view for this new light industrial zoning. There could be a protest petition that would require a 4-1 vote from the CC. Also, if parking is too far from the site it could require a Board of zoning appeals approval. Now the Land development code only requires one parking space per building. The norm is for 1 per bedroom. They'll need parking for their tenants. Barker N.A. hosted this meeting. The outcome for this meeting was Barker has a committee that will write a letter and lobby for their point of view. They want to see the staff recommendation before they write their letter. That will be out next Wednesday with the release of the PC agenda. They suggested EL write one, too. Barry moves that we write this letter. Pam 2nds. All were in favor. Is anyone going to this meeting? Maybe. Could a counter offer be made? That would be a tough one.

Rezoning proposal at 1045 Pennsylvania. We know who is proposing this. It consists of 2 lots. They are shooting for 2 single family residents. She might be living in one of them.

Meeting location for 2026. We think we are set for New York School for our meetings in 2026. We'll check in and clear the way.

LAN ELNA Budget document. Phil gave a report on that.

Hobbs Park Master Planning / Fundraising. KT reports where that is. Junction City has a stadium built at about the same time. The Committee is the Watkins Museum, KVKL, East Lawrence, and others. Hernley and Associates Architecture is doing the history for it.

Residential Preservation Committee. No news. The EL Plan has been in the works for 5 years. There is a draft of a goals statement. In 5 years. There's a north Lawrence corridor study being done with lots of resources etc. The folks in NL are wondering why they're wasting money when the needs are well known. Meanwhile our plan is floundering in the mire. The Jan. 6 meeting will be reviewing the goals for strong welcoming neighborhoods. What do we get out of a neighborhood plan? It is a codified way to make this plan.

Infrastructure sidewalks, streets and alleys. A discussion ensued about how to do this moving forward. We now have more info on how to do brick as we move forward. On 12th street they did improve the sidewalk at 12th and CT with a bumpout. We'll get our subcommittee back together in the new year.

Affordable housing. The Kansas leadership center put on a show at the library where they had a discussion about affordable housing and how the City was doing it. There is an idea that we'll have to start paying developers to build housing. In 2019 there was a city committee to identify what are the actual costs for infrastructure for new builds. That committee was stymied by the Covid pandemic. On a national level the government wants to do away with permanent housing in favor of transitional housing only.

701 Rhode Island. Sarah N reports that they sent letters to the City and got a response from Mayor Finkeldai. Another sent an email in and got a response from the City Attorney. The places are going on the market right now. We made them move a pile of dirt at least that blocked views of oncoming traffic.

Coalition for Collaborative Governance. They're meeting with the new affordable housing consultants. And they keep pushing for more transparency in general.

City Commission. Planning Commission, HRC. HRC is requesting CC approval to put Central Middle School, and Watson Park on the National registry.

New York School. MLK Chili Feed is gearing up. We'll get to help with desserts. Per usual.

Dine and donate at Lawrence Beer Company on Dec. 11 for LCMCS

Board Training and planning. A board workshop! Friday January 2nd?? We'll come up with some potential dates and times.

Prez report. Darrel appreciates the help he's gotten.

Veep. Reported already.

Treasurer: \$6556.65 in the bank. No fundraisers until the Yart Sale which is 3/28. So, we gotta get by. The newsletter price went up. \$750 newsletter plus \$250 mailing.

JT is not here tonight. He's in hospice at Neuvant House.

The Kansas Native Seed Collection Group is meeting on Dec. 14th and 27th. Contact Max for details.

Adjourned! At 8:55!