

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 9 2019, 7pm New York School

Present: Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Catherine Reed, Dave Lowenstein, Irene Tsuneta, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis (NY), Kim Brook, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Pam Blackburn The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by KT Walsh.

1. Introductions

2. Housekeeping Announcements

3. Approvals. The June and August minutes were approved as read.

4. New business

a. Kaitlin Stanley, East Ninth Project. She will attend next month.

b. Kim and Irene, East Ninth Project. They will create a narrative of East Lawrence into the future using yarn. Eight crochet events will be held at Sunrise, 6-8 pm on Tuesdays, starting Sept 10. All are invited to participate. Crochet lessons will be given. The project will be displayed at Art Tougeau and Art in the Park, then pieces will be auctioned with proceeds going to the remodeling of St. Luke AME. For more information email yarnitforward@gmail.com.

c. An ELNA rep is needed for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Barry may apply.

d. KH wants to resign.

e. Nevel update in letter from Phil. There's a neighbors meeting Tuesday Sept 17 at 6:30 outside Penn House. On Monday Sept. 23 at 6:30 they go to the Planning Commission.

f. Block party. Lane. The street closure, alcohol permit and barriers are in place, T-shirts have been ordered. Outlets are needed for the stage. Lane needs to meet with the school. More volunteers are needed.

g. Board elections will be held Monday November 11th. Declarations of intent to run are needed at the October 14 meeting. Board members reach out to other community organizations and projects, work on ELNA committees, and support Lane in her work.

5. Recurring Updates

a. East 9th Update, City portion. Ninth St. is almost complete. Remaining issues include broken bricks, lights, tripping hazards, gravel pile in front of Wishing Bench, continued flooding at Connecticut. KT will bring these to the city.

b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. About half of the art projects are getting started--9 have hired assistants. Youth corps will be started soon: open to all under age 18. KT: oral histories are being collected.

c. Opportunity Zone update. none

d. Advertisers for next newsletter. Aaron: Slimmers will sponsor next month's.

e. Conservation Overlay. KT. This is still up in the air with the City Commission. LAN has helped speed up the process. Design guidelines are needed.

6. Reports

a. President. None

b. Vice-President. KT gave her report in notes above.

c. Treasurer. Aaron does not have access to full records yet. We have \$601 in PayPal and \$360 to deposit from concessions.

c. Coordinator. See above.

d. Committees

- i. Budget/ Fundraising will become active after the Block Party and Board elections.
- ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. No representative in attendance.
- iii. Planning Commission. Hope House is on the agenda for Sept 23 at 6:30.
- iv. Historic Resources Commission. Studying a ramp at St. Luke AME.
- v. City Commission. Issues include sidewalks, sites for industry, sanctuary city designation.
- vi. CDAC. No news.
- vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The school is preparing for their 150th anniversary. Snacks are still needed.

There is water in the basement.

7. Updates / Announcements

Irene and KH are having a tie-dye sale on Saturday Sept 21, 9-5 at 916 Rhode Island.

The new City Manager needs his sidewalk repaired.

Pam will write an article on tree maintenance for the newsletter.

Special thanks to Marshall and Malcolm Maude, plus Jake and Hannah, for running the concessions at kickball Sunday 9/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed