

In attendance:

Christine Kosirog, Brenda Nunez, Cindy Suenram, Katherine Harris, Susan Tate, Sara Minges, Leslie Soden, Pam Blackburn, KT Walsh, Frank Janzen, Lane Eisenbart, Aaron Paden, Mike Myers, Eric Jay, Michael Almon, Louis Wigen-Toccalino

Feb, April and May Minutes: Phil moved to approval with changes, KT seconded, approval unanimous

Maddie Hinds, Habitat for Humanity Community Outreach Coordinator: Habitat builds safe, decent and affordable housing for families living between 30-60% median poverty. Have built 85 houses in Lawrence, 86th will be at 1233 New Jersey for a single mom with 3 kids, one with special needs. They currently live in Eudora, but kids go to school and mom works here. Families must pay for their houses, mortgage is 0 interest. Majority of labor is provided by volunteers. Habitat Restore is also big funding mechanism for salary, rent. In kind donations are also accepted, as well as land donations. Board and committees are volunteer based. Here to request support to welcome family to the neighborhood and the workers. Volunteer, bring food/drinks for builders, whatever! \$20k needed to get started. Goal is to get started by July. Build 9-3, T/Th/Sat. ELNA can include write up in newsletter. Energy star approved in order to keep utilities manageable as well as the mortgage. Families must put in 225 hours of sweat equity into the home, or another home being built.

Budget:

Fundraising-Need volunteers for June 29, July 13 and July 27 game. KVKL donated \$750 to ELNA. Aaron will donate \$\$ needed for creation/printing of drink coolies. These will sold at concessions.

Newsletter-About 7 people volunteered to walk. No takers on organizing, maybe Josh can still do it? Looks like the best days to walk it would be June 27? Susan Tate said they would love to have the newsletter go out in time for the Film Fest and would be willing to split the cost of postage. Not sure if that would be feasible with the timeline for printing. Cindy/Lane will look at it.

Tiller/Mower home-Penn House is interested in housing it. Cottins would be willing to house it, with a deep discount for ELNA. Lawrence Creates is also interested, but not sure they have the space for it. Maintenance will be done by Phil's friend. Phil will talk to Kyle at Penn House about specifics.

9 Del Lofts-Tony has requested \$270k. Neighborhood Revitalization Act (NRA) doesn't have to pay taxes on improvements of property for 10 years, it can be extended if CC deems it so. KT feels he's gotten lots of incentives so far and wonders if he should get these as well. Meeting June 16, 6pm with Tony happening at Van Go to address rumors and find out what his plans are. Neighborhood stance will be that the process should go through regular process. Aaron will follow up with the emails that have been going around.

Emergency funds for homeowners in need and contractor referral program-Leslie talked to Corliss and got name and contact info for \$5000 emergency home fund. Will put info on the website and enews. City also suggested we come up with a contractor referral program for the neighborhood.

River Clean up dates, Mike Myers-We're signed up for the conservation program through the city, now they want dates that we'll do the work. We have officially adopted the Riverfront Park. Will do dates on March 14, November 15 and June 13 (2015).

Penny's truck routes-Tabled for now

Reports:

President-No report

Vice-President-Absent

Treasurer-\$5,810.73 in account. Pending CDBG reimbursement requests, when those get sent in they will tell us how much remains.

Coordinator-Worked on website, lots of new memberships. Upcoming newsletter ideas: KVKL, Recyclery, Decade, emergency fund info

Committees:

LAN-Leslie and Cindy (Brenda had to leave) sent a letter about lack of transparency between chamber and city. Police in attendance gave info about new station, this is public knowledge now.

Planning Commission-Nothing

HRC-KT- Mark Thiel gave brick street report. Phil Collison was there and tried to really push importance of maintenance over the long term. Is it in historic environs (or potential environs)? Does it run e/w and house does not face it (then it might go concrete)? Movement is slow and lots of what ifs-they have talked about using asphalt on streets that have potential to be bricked again so that it is easily removed later. Also talking about being better about maintenance. They are starting a budget so they can do maintenance. Maybe we could help this discussion by figuring out what we, as a neighborhood, want our streets to be and how to determine what should be bricked and what should not be. HRC said they do value brick streets and a report will be coming out after they study Mark's report.

Courthouse added to local register as well as Watkins, 2 houses on 13th and Haskell.

826 RI was rejected and need to start over.

City Commission-KT-Public meetings and input on Horizon 20/20, survey online. Not a lot of public input so far, so any input you give will really be listened to! Emergency 30k for sewer repairs on 1000 block between Delaware and Pennsylvania. New hotel built near Freestate High School was held to the 55% food rule.

Lawrence Preservation Alliance-Open house at Turnhalle on Sunday June 29, 1-4pm. Formal presentation at 2pm.

CDAC-No updates

PTO/Site Council-Pesticide/herbicide free spray on grass was voted on, fence line will still be sprayed in order to keep grass down off fence. Construction on school has started. Need site council volunteers for next year, will start in August.

Arts Center-No updates

Horizon 20/20, John-collecting info still. Chapter 2 of data is re: population of city, this is 15 years old. There's a lot of data to collect/update and it will take time. So get your info in.

Updates/Announcements:

Lewis from Decade Coffee Shop-Now open, go drink coffee there!

Social Service League is doing extended hours T-Sat, 10-6pm.

Lawrence Food Garden tour, this Saturday from 9-12 and 5-8.

Lawrence Creates huge sale on Saturday.

Phil, Lane and KT have been invited to be on KLWN show on June 30 at 9am.

Adjourn: Cindy moves, John seconded, motion unanimous.