

ELNA Minutes- May 11, 2020

At home via Zoom

Present: Aaron Paden, Lane Eisenbart, Frank Janzen, Pam Blackburn, Boog Highberger, KT Walsh, Hannah Sroor, Phil Collision, Josh Davis, Matt O'Reilly

Meeting called to order by Phil Collision.

KT Walsh made a motion to approve minutes from April and February. Pam Blackburn seconded. Minutes were approved. The present board members acknowledged that we didn't technically have the quorum to approve minutes.

Matt O'Reilly attended meeting to discuss the Kansas Half Marathon taking place on November 1st. The marathon will begin and end at Lawrence Beer Company. The 800 block of Pennsylvania will be blocked off for the race, and they are looking to secure parking from an East Lawrence Business. If that is not possible, they are hoping to shuttle folks from downtown to avoid increased traffic. The marathon is a fundraiser to benefit Heartland Community Health Center.

Charlie's Bar at 9th and Pennsylvania would like to reopen, the planning director of the zoning commission says they would have to reapply because they are claiming that they have abandoned use- Charlie's bar is appealing that decision. It's important to note, for posterity, that it is not the same Charlie's Bar folks, the DeCampo family, who want to reopen the bar as it was before, as a 3.2 beer and tacos bar. Instead, the people wanting to reopen the bar are affiliated with the Lawrence Beer Co group, and wish to open it as a wine bar.

Rebuilding East 9th Together update:

The project as a whole is extended through the end of October, artists are still finishing up by August 31st. The art box kids selected 901 Pennsylvania as the site to put their art box. Jude Black is still collecting plastic lids, working on sculpture, looking to confirm a space to mount it. Kent Smith and Mike Riggs- donated their project supply money to just food- \$7000 Yarn it Forward has created take-home-kits and have been leaving them on the sunrise porch. They need more yarn though, this can be dropped off at 732 Rhode Island. Ken Lassman recorded a nature walk for songs and stories of East Lawrence, also on East Lawrence Facebook page

There was not a newsletter this month. The mutual aid committee created a postcard instead which included local resources for folks. Phil has not gotten any phone calls from this.

Traffic Committee update: the committee will be meeting Tuesday May 12th. The goal is to assemble a list of traffic concerns and present them to the multimodal transportation meeting next time they meet.

800 Penn Development- ELNA feels we have a responsibility for moving the wishing bench when the 800 Penn development goes in. Decided to form a committee to plan how best to do this. Committee will include: Lane, Aaron, Hannah, Katherine and Dave

President's Report- ELNA was interviewed by Lawrence Business Magazine. The CDBG quarterly report was sent in; City Commission will be hearing our request for CDBG funds on June 2nd and will have a public comment open from May 20th to June 2nd

Vice President's report- HRC- Will get a report from KDOT on South Lawrence Traffic way. Will also talk about moving \$100,000 out of their budget to go towards Just Food

Treasurer's Report- \$1900 in account

Coordinator's Report- Created postcard instead of newsletter. Ideas for fundraising during this time: raffle for artwork, drive-in, creating t-shirts? Too early to make decision about whether COVID-19 will have an impact on block party.

Mutual Aid Committee- East Lawrence community filled many voids that the virus has created

Sunrise porch- everything is free. You can put anything on sunrise porch- food, clothes, games, puzzles, shoes, diapers and folks that need it can pick it up