

ELNA Meeting August 12, 2024

Introductions: Barry, Aaron, Lane, marci, joe, Nancy Overmeyer, JT John Thornburg, Krista, Ellen Paulsen, Jan Butin, KT, Max Wilcox and their dog fuzzy, Phil

Minutes approved. And agenda. Aaron 2nd

Announcements. 3 events. Block Party Saturday Sept. 28. Facebook event is made. Start inviting! Anyone welcome. Including candidates and other elected officials. Get Voter registration there. County Clerk? He's great! Lane has alcohol permit and all of that.

Marci gave us some insight as a candidate.

County wide turnout was 18.5%, Our precincts were about 25%. Not like 2 years ago with amendment 2 on the ballot. Our neighborhood supported all the successful candidates. Marci, Brooklynne, Loomis, Reid winners. On repub side, the east side republicans did not vote for the incumbent congressman who won. Tracy Mann in the 1st district. There was a primary challenger and that person won in our precincts.

A neighbor is continuing to have drone issues, where they hover too close to her house. We have heard from a DA candidate that drones are not well regulated.

Art and Nature workshop in prairie park. The first one 8/24 stone carving with Karl Ramberg 9-1, 8/31 drawing, 9/7 with Monda Cliff, 9/14 Mona and Suzan will make prayer type flags.

La Yarda at the arts center. It opened last Friday at the LAC. Through 9/21. She's built an artistic rendering of a room that is a scenario of a la yarda home. There are some photos on the fence that follows the newly built trail b/t 8th and Delaware to train station. There will be an August Final Friday event, and a 9/16 artist's talk. There are recordings of oral history.

3 piles of rubble where there houses used to be. 1111 NJ, 1013 CT and 1208 CT. Nice small affordable houses. One built in 1860, 1900 and ???. Did we get notified? 1013 was on HRC agenda as the 2 on NJ. Didn't have a design for the replacement. We're not seeing 2 of those houses. There are not a lot of options with tear downs. It's a by-right thing and you just have to have a plan for replacement. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. When the new land development code comes in watch out! It is gonna get worse. Both of the CT are in the footprint of the RI historic district. It made no difference. Q. Who is tearing them down? Developer? Homeowner? One was a big property owner. Another we are not sure of. One was a homeowner. Marci and Joe rescue places and we respect and appreciate that. We're going to double check if we got demo permits for all 3. We contacted city staff and they said we send them out. The title is permit technician.

Krista. Tell us about Traffic safety. We submitted a statement request and confirmed they received it but haven't heard back from anyone else. We picked certain areas from last minutes. Lawrence Land development code amendments. There's a 500 page document that is now frozen. Take a look. It's all about more density in our part of the City. They are breaking it into parts to be considered by the Planning Commission. Check the website for the meeting dates.

Brick streets and sidewalk policy. KT attended the HRC meeting and made a good presentation. Barry and LPA did, too. Excellent comments were heard about enlarging the area where brick sidewalks could be preserved. The draft policy was changed to include almost all of our

neighborhood. Another interesting thing that happened was we talked about writing a letter regarding allen press building. Setting a precedent for allowing it with no plan for replacement. HRC specifically stated it was not a precedent. It is an unusual situation and it is an exception, not a precedent. Most of the boards are being sunsetted and will have all new members. Did any ELNAn's apply? For HRC you have to be qualified with an education in that field. There are some members without those qualifications, though. They messed up the rollout process. JT: as of now the CC will confirm the last 2 positions to the HRC.

Barry did a meet and greet with new director of parks and rec. Twas a good visit. Luis Ruiz is the director. Parks and Rec morphed to include arts and culture under their umbrella. He had some awareness that EL is the Center of arts and culture in town. We have house concert places in our neighborhood that are good. He was interested in hearing about those. There could be some foundation money to do an architectural and structural analysis of the Hobbs stadium. He seemed to support those initiatives. Bring money to the table and they get more traction. Our budgets are being cut in our current environment. P&R is too. JT: He acknowledged this meeting at their board meeting. And noted that we need more shade at the splash park. We want some shade thrown on East Lawrence this time! A neighbor pointed out there is roundup used out on the levee with no publicity. There is a new contract for application. They gotta learn the ways of Lawrence. Contact the health department and report it there.

There's a new survey for location of the Downtown Bus depot location. There's been a discussion on next door about the lack of parking to catch the T connector to JoCo JuCo.

Budget issues. The Fire department is having the numbers of staff cut. Do they really need every group to show up at every call? These are tough situations that require a lot of knowledge. It's hard to keep up. We've noticed that many firefighters show up to do inspections. At KU it is one person who hits all of their inspections.

Primary elections. Eric Bloom is the republican who lost the House district #1 primary. ELNA elections are coming up.

The new development at 1000 block of New Hampshire looks like a prison. Not a good look.

Prez report: KSHB-41 KT and Barry met with the reporter and reporter wants to cover Lawrence neighborhoods. Met for an hour. Our City grant was approved. We don't have the paperwork back yet. We submitted a request for the funds anyway.

Wish List for New York School. Wipes, copy paper, markers. Indoor shoes (slippers). Cake mixes and frosting. Cloth Storage baskets.

Dave Evans passed in July. He was difficult but a really good guy. An incredible champion for our neighborhood. Hell of a researcher. JT and Dave spent time doing research together. JT did research on the Roosevelt fountain in south park. Very significant.

Vice Prez report. There's a potluck at the Block party.

Treasurer's report. \$14101.16. Kickball collected YTD \$3150 in sales. 2 rainouts and 2 missed chances. It's a good year. There's some expenses and some depositing still to be done. A lot of the \$14k is grant for that workshop. Is there a charge for those workshops? Yes. Minimal.

Update for New York. There's another primary class. And there's a new principal.

Other business. JT says Law enforcement center there's an update coming out on 8/14. He's trying to get info about and a push for bike parking there.

There are 3 historic registries, local, state and national.

Coordinator report: Will do an ELNA merch and her own merch Popup for final friday someplace.

Adjourned.