

ELNA Meeting 08/10/2026 Called to order at 7:00

Attendees and Introductions: Julie Proffitt (she made brownies), KT Walsh (VP) jazzed about 14 boxes of ELNA History she's been digging through. Barry Shalinsky Past Prez, and Democratic Precinct committee member and says EL was one of the top voting participants in the state! Jon Brudvig (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran), Joe Bickford, he mows lawns and is a steady musician, Bob Troyetsky (presenter), Hume Feldman (presenter), Hannah Britton (presenter), Stephanie Mauer (presenter), Nancy Overmeyer, Courtney Shipley, resource about City happenings. Lisa Harris Frydman, Barker Prez, here for the presentation. Vickie Goetz, visiting from Barker, too. An LHS Alum, here for the presentation. Jeffrey Lewis here with Legacy Farms presentation, Justin Price (Presenter), Rick Frydman (Barker) Carrie Stallwitz, Trina Tinsley (presenter), Scott Lamb (presenter), just moved in on Connecticut here for legacy farms presentation. Jan Butin (B), Sacie Lambertson (B), Darrel Proffit (Prez), since '23 for another round of living here. Grand kids are gone. Phil Collison (secretary) Lane Eisenbart, Coordinator, Krista Gentry (Bz), Donna Eades (z),

Approve Agenda? KT moves, Sacie 2nd, all approved. Minutes, KT moves Sacie 2nd, Approved by all

Trina Tinsley is here and is in charge of this Legacy Farms project, There is a handout. She's here with Jeffrey Lewis. They have a proposal for 1501 Learnard. They are in the initial stages and are working to generate support. Their goal is to help People who need help. Folks who are in Recovery, reentry, unhoused, to support, teach and get them job trained. There is a place in the ozarks that has demonstrated the type of place they are looking to build.

Trina says she's lived for 4 years in here in EL. Jax project. Her son Jack saw what was happening in North Lawrence with the homeless and wanted to feed them. They've been doing that and feel it was a positive for them. She follows up with wrap around services to check in on folks and give positive food and moral support. Helps them be successful. Trying to fill a gap. Scott thinks it is a real positive those greenhouses are there. Great resource. "Folks need help. Accessible and affordable help. We are all too close to that edge of poverty." They help folks obtain vital docs. And it is really hard if you have none. They know how to clear the way to get your vital docs. Just putting them in a housing voucher is not enough. Folks need help finding community in their new housing. They want to build a multi pronged campus. With 12-15 individual housing units that will be populated by folks who are strongly vetted. They will enforce their rules. Lots of accountability in this model. They would also help folks develop work and life skills, it's a minimum 6 month commitment for up to 2 years to participate. There will be a tech lab there. With AI integrated into it. And onsite farm work. All participants will be working. They'll be learning to budget. They will have personal centered case management with an individual plan. They will be busy!! They will provide 2 meals per day prepared by the participants (to develop life skills). 2 years of training should be enough to move them through.

The site is currently zoned for light industrial. They would need a zoning change to a mixed use agricultural commercial zoning. The houses will be on the south side of the property. They are seeking relationships with businesses and trying to find more local businesses to collaborate with. Partnering with the Farmer's Market. They want to be accountable to East Lawrence and be good neighbors. Seasonal events. Pumpkin patches, Christmas activities and more.

Greenhouse by Scott. Scott Lamb. Grew up in the country on 10 acres, but never farmed. Wants to build a closed loop ecosystem that turns chicken poop into compost. Heat the greenhouses in the winter with their chicken body heat. They will grow produce. In a sustainable holistic manner. Garlic is a good product to start out with. Also potted plants. He has worked in a greenhouse for 2 years. He sees lots of potential there. There would be some retail there. They will replace gravel with rehabbed soil. The goal is not farming but to grow people. And provide food resources. Revenue generation will be a key component. They'll grow all 4 seasons. Cool raised beds, chicken coops, garden sheds.

Cost effective operating budget. Looking at 2.4-3.6 million just at startup. Reuse of existing structures. Paid staff. But most of the labor will be volunteer. 17-20 people plus staff will be being fed daily.

Funding will follow a HUD standard. Jeff wants to partner with the community.

What's Barker think? They've been meeting in smaller groups. They support the concept. Keep the greenhouses with agriculture and also personal long term housing. Concerned about short term aspects of residents.

What will labor look like in the winter. There should be greenhouse work and learning going on. Maximum of 20 persons as residents. Q. Will people be coming there from outside to work? A. Yes, probably mostly volunteers. Q. Does that zoning exist? A. We think in the county there is but not in the City. Q. is the land still for sale? Yes. From Chat. Q. That land costs a whole lot, do you have funding yet? A. No not yet. Q. What sort of housing? Tiny homes, multifamily? A. they are looking at their options. Cottages (300 sq ft), tiny homes (200 sq ft). TTH has a model. They will be semi permanent not transitional. What is the difference between definitions of semi permanent housing vs transitional housing? Q. Can they get that kind of money?? A. It'll be hard. The legal side hasn't started. They are a 501c3 but at the beginning stages. There are many grant opportunities out there for these types of activities. A big lump sum at the start will generate more revenue streams. They've been doing this for a month. They just got a bank account. They are in the infancy stage and this is outreach so we hear it from them first. They will keep us all posted, ELNA and Barker. Q. How many chickens are you talking about?? We're in nose shot of those odors!! A. They will try and get the right number. Thanks for coming out!!

Hobbs Park T-shirt project. We took a poll. Lane made it happen. They are printed!! The final kickball game is 8/23. We paid \$9, we sell for \$20, \$2 per shirt goes to Hobbs Project.

Stadium Group Meeting is tomorrow on the 11th at 4 at Watkins Museum.

EL innovations. There was a meeting at Allen Press with the Eastside Company folks. It is a big project. East side innovations. We haven't heard any more about this. It could be Mini golf to a farmer's marketplace. Big plans with no definite direction. It will take a lot of work. Timeline is that they have an option to purchase that expires at some point. So they gotta get the capitol for that. It is not a large amount of money? \$2.5 million for the whole plant. Seeking individuals to purchase shares of it similar to the Free State Brewery model. It was a surprise to learn that we would be the ones who would go out and find the financing. 100 folks \$5k per person. They want small local investors but that means investors are on the hook, not them. Have they been successful elsewhere? Yes, but in different format for that community. Such as the foundry in St. Louis. An entertainment theme.

Funding from the City budget. Reminded Finkeldai and he acknowledged he'd try and resurrect that. Polian was also informed about it.

EL Neighborhood Plan. Still learning about this. Perhaps the new president could meet with the new City Manager. We hear he is easy to connect with. Email him.

Block Party. September 26th 5-9 Hobbs Park. Permits are acquired. Time to plan music. It's Aaron's 50th birthday on 9/24. Exploit that. Democrats and the sunrise project all have pie sales close to that date.

Lawrence loves Parks meeting sponsored by Holly Krebs groups. They want to set up a foundation to support our Parks and Rec. Barry attended one of their meetings. F.L.A.T. KVKL, Hobbs park group, Prairie Park. Are all involved. It's a start-up.

There was a meeting run by CC and County commissioners to discuss whether our homeless project was not well run. It was not well received.

The push for Mayor was also not well received.

Alphabet soup. The Hobbs Park Legacy Committee. They are raising money. They got a \$12k fed grant. There was a tree study in 1987 done by ELNA. With interesting results.

Barry and Courtney went to the new Plan 2040 meeting. Consultants spent at least 48 hours in town. Neighborhoods were not a part of those consultant meetings. Strategic Plans are not popular in Lawrence. We don't follow them so why have them. It seemed like the consultants listened.

Losing Senate Candidates. Erik Murray, Taylor has an organization the Kansas Leadership Organization. They have grants. Should we be applying? They don't give money but they do give training for leadership qualities.

Melissa Ross was on the school board. (Formerly Johnson). She'll be a teacher on "special assignment" at NY School this year.

Sept/Oct newsletter? It could be a postcard with a QR code? It needs to be started soon.
There is a new principal at NY School. Adjourned.