

ELNA Minutes – May 09, 2022

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Joshua Davis, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Kate Lowder, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky

Joe Bickford, Frank Janzen, Michael Almon, Kristin Morland, Timothy Morland, Ellen Paulsen, John Thornburg, Jenny Barton

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. Krista moved to approve the minutes & Kate 2nd. April minutes were approved. Agenda moved to be approved by Phil, seconded by Sacie. Agenda approved.

Information and Discussion Items:

Lawrence Transit Route Redesign: Routes 1 & 7 are being adjusted. Route changes will be limiting number of transfers needed. Some new routes will start this August. Others when new transit facility is January. Checkers & Mass St Dillons are both on the routes with no transfers.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

Clean up of Murphy-Brommelsick House in Hobbs Park on May 15th.

Make a Wish: Community Identity and Outsider Art in East Lawrence (Suzan Hampton)

Suzan wrote grant from KS humanities council. She is doing interviews on how Landmarks contribute to neighborhood cohesiveness. Walk is on July 9 limited to 30 participants. The walk will visit our neighborhood landmarks.

LAN: mainly about transit. Phil sent Email update to Board previously.

Neighborhood Plan Revision Update: last update was 2000ish. City staff will be sending out postcards inviting everyone to introductory meeting to discuss planning process. May 26 at 6:30 pm at New York Elementary. www.lawrenceks.org/eln.

Traffic Safety update: Nick Kuzmyak on multi-modal committee to find out how to engage with their group. Day to day communication is currently being handled by city engineers. Traffic engineers will be getting involved with us on our traffic issues. ELNA applied for CDBG grant for pavement markers identifying speed limit on actual street for Delaware between 8th & 11th. Barry urged people to write City Commission to include the markers in the CDBG budget. Michael talked about green payment markings for bike pathways. City has never implemented it for shared paths. Where the path crosses intersections they should be marked in green. Increases safety for bikes and reduces injuries. Will be discussed at City Commission meeting on May 17th. No update on 8th & Connecticut intersection, but it remains on Traffic Safety Committee's radar.

Juneteenth Information: Friday 17th thru the 20th. T-shirts are out and AWESOME! \$25. Parade on Saturday. Lots of activities this year. Several old Lawrence families are being interviewed.

New York School Montessori update: The school board voted to transition from normal learning model to Montessori model. This coming school year the school will be transitioning pre-school and kindergarten. Additional grades to be added each year. It will still be a neighborhood school for East Lawrence and Brook Creek. Rules for next year's pre-schoolers 1. At risk kids will get priority for openings. 2. Ages 3-4 aren't eligible for boys & girls club aftercare. 3. If your kid isn't "at risk", you will pay \$4800 for the 9 months of pre-school and arrange your own after school care and summer care.

Officer / Staff Reports & Miscellaneous items

President: rec'd communications on neighborhood watch (14th & NY), Sexual assault in WAD, stabbing in 1100 blk NJ and 700 RI/Conn neighbor relations. The board discussed difficult situations and police involvements at two locations in the neighborhood.

Treasurer: Balances on hand: \$4881.24 general accounts; \$348.55 Wishing Bench fund. ELNA will provide concessions at Kaw Valley Kickball for donations. First kickball game is May 15th, with games every Sunday through at least June. Julia, Krista, Pam and Barry would like to help Aaron. No kickball July 3. Season ends August 28.

Secretary: will be vacationing in June. Julia volunteered to take minutes.

Adjournment