

## ELNA Minutes – October 11, 2021

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Suzan Hampton, Boog Highberger, Sacie Lambertson, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh

Joe Bickford, Marci Francisco, Frank Jansen, Lisa Larsen, Bart Littlejohn, Krista Gentry.

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done and agenda approved (KT moved & Sacie 2<sup>nd</sup>). September minutes were approved. KT moved & Sacie 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Candidate for the City Commission was present to talk about important issues.

City Commission:

Lisa Larsen is running for reelection and has been on the commission for 6 years. She is an environmental geologist. Believes in working with neighborhoods to help & fund.

Bart Littlejohn – 25 years in Lawrence, helping improve communication. He lives in Pinkney neighborhood. Wants to represent those under represented to help them have a voice, equity, housing, accessibility and affordable housing. Economic development should include the not so wealthy.

Phil, Pam, Sacie, KT, Barry, Aaron, Josh, Brenda, Dave L, Krista Gentry, Kate Louder, Julianna Patterson all are interested in running for board next year. In order to vote in elections in November, it is required that they live in the neighborhood.

Wishing bench has a new roof! A few more items need to be taken care of (improving the seating). Diamond Everley Roofing donated labor. KT suggested giving Ham & Everly Wishing Bench T-shirts.

WAD: Special Use Permit/ proposed wine tasting room. Suggestions made by ELNA were agreed to and made. Planning commission changed it so the permit WAS transferrable. ELNA asked for a 3 year time limit that was renewable, planning said indefinite. Discussion is now whether the permit is 10 years or indefinite. If exceptions cannot have checks and balances then there should not be exceptions. Planning should not be doing this. Unclear when it goes onto agenda.

Special use permits definitions have changed over the years apparently. Developers want rules changed. Private & city parking in the district have traditionally been shared open parking. City lawyers have ruled that those rules are not enforceable. Private parking is private.

Splash Park at Burrough's Park needs a SUP to operate as a splash park. The park is zoned open space, not recreational space. This will be in the 10/27 planning meeting. Barry to write a letter in support of the splash park.

Fountain at depot: plumbing & electrical infrastructure was not done well. Will need work. There is a consensus among the stakeholders that the design was not executed well. It was supposed to be a lily pad. There is a newspaper report from 1911 calling it "INTERESTING."

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School is redesigning the 14<sup>th</sup> St parking lot. This will increase traffic lanes to 2 and should be a bit faster and aid congestion.

Accidents at 8<sup>th</sup> & Conn continue. Discussion to be postponed until after board election in November.

Planning / City Commission: Phil is writing a letter that development proposals need to include neighborhood impacts and or how the project supports strong neighborhoods.

LAN: city funding of neighborhood assn. Barry sent a proposal to LAN.

Fun Run: Cari Davis at LMCMS is looking for people to cheer and encourage students during the run 10/29 at 2 pm.

Ongoing city funding of neighborhood associations: leadership of lower economic neighborhoods that used to receive CDBG funding got together to discuss options. It would be a good idea to be proactive and make 1<sup>st</sup> recommendations. It was sent to commissioners & city manager & ELNA board.

Registration deadline for city elections is tomorrow 10/12.

Treasurer: 4954.35 paypal 1685.47

Coordinator Report: Adopt a family: aaron volunteers studio to do wrapping however people want. Aaron moves we adopt a big family and pam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Merch popup in November. Lane needs to order larger sizes especially for wishing bench t-shirts.

Writing a newsletter. Nov/dec

Aaron moved to adjourn, Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.