

ELNA Meeting 02/09/2026 Called to order.

Attendees and Introductions: Darrell Proffitt (Prez). Finished a home project. New fireplace on back porch. KT Walsh (B) 45 years in EL. Hometown is Minneapolis, the neighborhood that is ICE infested. Aaron Paden (Treas), Lane Eisenbart (coordinator), Krista Gentry (B), Khoa Lam, Danica Lam enjoying renovating the other half of their duplex, Barry Shalinsky (B) has a long history of ELNA interworkings. He's working on his house, too. Sarah Norman (B), Joe Bickford grew up in East Lawrence, Sacie Lambertson (B) 8 year resident, still a newcomer, Phil Collison (Secretary), Julie Proffitt – she's a retired spanish teacher. Jan Butin (B), Pam Blackburn (zB), Walt Clogston (z).

KT moves to accept both minutes, with requested edits, Sacie 2nd. All in favor, aye.

LAN meeting (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods). How to get the CC and City to listen to us. Sacie attended a LAN subcommittee meeting which included OWL, Barker and other NA's. There are only a few NA's that meet regularly. They are formulating a plan to be heard better. Looking for more ideas and input to help solve this. Suggestion - "Elect some new ones!". Also suggested to stay on top of the City Manager Candidates. There may be some opportunities for public interaction. Brick sidewalks is an example of a deaf ear. The City is open to individual citizen's requests for changes for traffic issues. It is hit and miss whether they will do anything. Should we bring back the Traffic Safety Committee? There were a few items that came out of that. Phil will call a next meeting.

The Community Building at 11th and Vermont is free to use through the end of March. You still need a card key to use it. But it is free. The City wants to demonstrate it is still free and used.

Joni Hernley from Hernley and Associates asked us to write a letter of recommendation to get grants from 2 different entities. St. Lukes AME Church is one of them. Also from the Douglas County Historical there are 2, one for Hobbs Park renovation, and one for Liberty Hall. We want those letters writ.

There is a revised City Strategy Plan in the works. We're not sure how to have an impact on that. Q. Do we know anything about a City Hall move? A. No.

Demolitions. We got a new one for a garage in the alley at 1220 New York. It's in bad shape. It's on the HRC agenda for this month. That agenda is not published, yet.

Can we resurrect the Residential Preservation Committee going again. Phil, KT, Sacie, Barry, Danica, Sarah? Could we do a home tour again? It takes a lot of work.

There's a rumor that the EL Neighborhood Plan may be coming off the back burner at the City.

There's a concern that the trees near the RI development are being abused. We have an interest in the trees in general in the neighborhood and the City.

St. Patty's Day Parade. We are signed up and want to perform in the parade.

Yart Sale. Deliver your goods on Friday Night at the Gym. March 27th. Sale is on March 28th. Most artist slots are taken so far.

Alphabet Soup. Who is going to these meetings. How do we keep up? There are 2 markers being erected for the 2 young men who were shot during the turmoil in the Summer of 1970.

MLK Dinner at NY School was a big success. Biggest one ever! Thanks to all who helped. They made a big card for us!!

NY School is signing up students already for Montessori next year. They asked if ELNA could sponsor a movie night? We'll consider. Perhaps in May? Gotta time it just so for daylight, and that movie be visible at dark.

Can we find folks who don't get out much? We are considering how to do that. Trinity Lutheran wants to help out with this.

We talked a bit about the Community Solidarity and Defense Training that is happening at the Vintage Church at 1501 New Hampshire ST on Feb. 22nd.

This month's newsletter was an adventure for Darrel. His first one. He will keep at it.

The Farmer's Market will present at the CC tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report. \$3754.90 in the bank. Big fundraiser coming up!

Meeting adjourned at 8:57.