

ELNA Meeting April 14, 2025 Welcomed by Barry at 7:08 p.m.

Attendees and Introductions: Barry Shalinsky (Prez), Christopher Niles Enneking (Topher, running for school board), KT Walsh Veep, Joe Bickford, Max Wilcox (bz), Phil Collison, Linda Lipps, John Thornburg, Charlotte Pessoni, Sacie Lambertson(b), Aaron Paden(treas), Krista Gentry (zb), Ellen Paulsen (z), Nancy Overmeyer, Adam Williams (z), Phil Collison (secretary). (z=zoom, b=board)

School Board Candidate Chris grew up in EL and he is running for school board. A child of educators, he's been a part of public school. His daughter went to Pinkney. He found obstacles at the school board that prevented support of the kids. Seen too many kids leave b/c of obstacles. The spirit of Lawrence is what draws people here. We gotta live it. He wants involvement from the community. Happens on a school night, without childcare. We need that. Most of the board members have no experience in the classroom. Tonight is a reveal for his new yard sign! He will come to your yard and draw the sign and place it! In fall of 2018 our enrollment was at a peak of 12,051. By 2025 it has dropped to 1600 less. It is 10,400 now. In 1996, 9900 when he graduated. Losing 250 kids per year. Public schools are losing. He wants you to be a participant with him. He is looking for more people to run for school board! He wanted to be the tan man and the blue lady growing up. He is curious about things! How many seats are out there? 3 incumbants. Shannon Kimball and Kelly Jones and another. "They are the reason enrollment is dropping". He wants to empower teachers and kids. Make neighborhoods more powerful.

Approve the minutes and agenda. KT moves, Sacie seconds. All were in favor.

Items 1-3 (these are the good news items!). 1) ELNA and Brook Creek and their garage sale May 31<sup>st</sup>. 8-2  
2) Pride Parade merch sale. June 7. Should we do that? Yes, we shall be in the parade and sell merch. We'll need marchers. 3) CC will allow someone to write a recommendation for historic recognition at state (MB house) and national level (Hobbs Park stadium). Both are eligible for tax credits.

Bad news portion of the meeting!:

4 Residential preservation committee. We met and are dealing with many issues. Worst of which are a rash of proposed demolitions, the EL neighborhood plan has been in hibernation mode for 2.5 years. And the City wants to re-do several miles of sidewalks. That's good but they have not come to talk to us. We spoke with Cory Wallace the City's Communications Coordinator. She listened well and committed to speaking with the right folks about our questions. The neighborhood plan is in limbo and no one wants to tell us what the plan is for making that happen. We weren't told anything about the sidewalks and the criteria for working on them. We should hear back from her by Thursday. We want the NB plan to get off the ground. And we'll be involved and collaborated with for the outcome. 9th street was done poorly and needs to be re-worked. That should come first. So far they don't know the costs for that, either. We'll see if we can have an impact on that sidewalk process.

Shoutout to Max and JT for help on a letter regarding sidewalks that he hasn't sent, yet. It's a draft awaiting a response from Cory. Comment on how much power/ influence she will have.

Demolitions. 900 Pennsylvania St (Charlie's Bar). They got a setback change that goes with the land. Their parking variance has expired so if they want it they will have to get it again. 1007 Rhode Island. The Mark's house. Lived in by the founder of Mark's Jewelers. There's a lot wrong with that house. There's a cool glass skylight over the kitchen. 13<sup>th</sup> and New York, about 3 houses on that NE corner of NY that are slated for demo. 1246 and 1248 (a duplex). East of there is a bungalow on the alley.

And another 2 story facing NY street. No historic environs nearby. We're seeing too many tear downs all in alignment with the new Land Development Code (LDC). You don't have to have a plan for replacement if you are not in an historic area. There are rehabs going on in addition to the demolitions. 13<sup>th</sup> and Delaware is an example. 1100 Pennsylvania is another house on the market that is advertised as ready to be redeveloped.

701 RI project. Adam Williams is on the zoom. He's the developer of that 701 RI project. It's technically 700 New Hampshire at this time. He's meeting with the HRC this week. He thinks he's made some positive changes. A bit of setback has been added. Some colors changed. Owned units. \$600,000 apiece. The existing neighbors are writing letters to the HRC and the CC. They want it to be respectful to the Historic Districts and the specific house (Tony's) that survived Quantrill's raid. The re-design will go to the HRC this Thursday at 6 p.m. If you write a letter it needs to be submitted by 10 a.m. on that Thursday. Often all of the houses are on a single plane are not considered historic.

LAN is meeting at 6 p.m. at the Fire station at 19<sup>th</sup> and Stuart. That meeting will feature City Parking Czar Brad Harrell speaking on the residential parking permit initiative. We think parts of Oread and Rhode Island are good places to do that pilot program. Lots of cars get parked there that are not owned by the people who live there. We'll learn about what approach the City is considering. We're unsure what permit parking will look like. We think it might be permits required at certain times. Without one you get a ticket. It could include a caregiver that visits regularly. Visitors should be allowed to use a permit. We'll be learning about what is being proposed.

Coalition for Collaborative Governance. They seem to be a group that wants to listen and use good process to come up with policies that meet a need. Do we want to be members of this coalition. Barry would be willing to be our rep. The coalition will not endorse candidates but hope candidates will endorse them. They want to look at the County Commission, too. Aaron moves Barry be our rep. Joe B 2nds. Approved.

Alphabet soup. NY School. It is now a montessori school. They let folks sign up for 3 and 4 year old classes at the Montessori. There should always be room for the local students. You need to get your 3 and 4 year old enrolled in the Montessori program early. Push the school district to have an after school option for the 3 and 4 year olds. Parents need all day programs. River Cleanup is this Saturday on both sides of the river. No children can participate on the south side of the river. Go to the north side of river to get in a group. The old Decade Coffee shop will be getting a new French restaurant. Officer reports. Prez: More good news. Historic register training event at the library last month. More than a dozen people there. It went well. We were in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Barry applied for a grant from the DCC Heritage Grant for \$1250 for the Block Party. We might get it. Treasurer: Yart Sale had \$4000 profit. Cleanup was hard. We need more volunteers. Bank balance is \$11,857.95 JT says the Royals are helping to finance stadium projects around the area. He will share that info with us again.

Next newsletter is the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. Items should be to Lane by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy paid out of neighborhood dues. Plus a \$5 bonus.