

## ELNA Minutes – October 10, 2022

Present: Pam Blackburn, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Kate Lowder, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Dave Loewenstein

Ariel Cohn, Sara Balzer, Meghan Davis, Gabrielle Yacoob, Joe Bickford

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. Approval of Sept minutes and tonight's agenda. KT moved to approve the September minutes and this evening's agenda. Sacie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both approved.

Information and Discussion Items (90 min)

### Declarations of Candidacy for ELNA Board Positions

Pam Blackburn, Phil Collision, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Kate Lowder, Aaron Paden, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Gabrielle Yacoob, Brenda Nunez. Dave Loewenstein and Josh Davis announced that they are not seeking re-election to the Board. Both were thanked for their service.

### Presentation re: Health Fair in 2023 (Ariel Cohn, DCCA)

This is a nonprofit throughout KS & OK. They do behavioral health services, foster care, and substance abuse work. They're partnering with HyVee for a health mobile health fair (vaccine, a1c) and looking to put one on in Lawrence. These fairs provide information, education and more resources for people. The fair needs to be by March 31. More questions or want to help: let them know. This fair is for the East Lawrence area and perhaps North Lawrence. We have a population that could use the resources. KT suggested holding it at the fairgrounds or East Lawrence rec center even better. Information about support services (mental health, substance abuse, for example). Lane to help coordinate. Julianna is probably also interested.

### Presentation re: Affordable Housing & Ending Homelessness (Sarah Balzer, Justice Matters)

Sarah is on staff at Justice Matter, a nonprofit in Lawrence, including 17 faith communities + neighborhood networks. Justice Matters is in their annual cycle to determine what important issues are to the community. They try to understand the width & breadth of issues, researching what other communities are doing on this. They meet with local leaders to work on solutions and to support the issue. Issues they have provided support for in the past include:

Affordable housing, 6 -7 years ago. Justice Matters provided political will to get ¼ cent sales tax to go to AF trust fund. They still have an action committee on this.

Homelessness. Numbers are growing. Dec 2020 they began work. They worked with the city for the hotel shelter in previous years. This solution is only temporary. Framework: built for zero. Connect all service providers to help create zero homelessness. City committed to a comprehensive plan. Working to keep issue in front of county & city leaders. Sarah asked what ELNA thought were major issues

KT: river encampment & cruel treatment of individuals. Need bigger solution.

Meghan: affordable housing, can't find anything close. Aging population in poverty.

Joe: affordable utilities.

Pam: Panasonic plant & more people looking for affordable housing. Where will they live?

Lane: disability. Friend has a case worker she has never spoken to. How people become homeless.

Gabby: what is requirement?

Josh: better access to services (covid). How sustainable is this? When state is no longer providing so much \$\$.

Krista: low demand housing needed.

Barry: We need more housing for families with children if we want to keep neighborhood schools open. Housing prices are putting home ownership out of reach for many

Discussions on items of neighborhood concern, including:

900 Pennsylvania Rezoning - Proposal for Restaurant / Tavern (update)  
(Charlie's Eastside Tavern), contract to sell to Brad Ziegler. He has a plan to put a restaurant in. Planning Commission approved by 6-2 vote. Neighbors concerned about noise, outdoor seating, late hours. Goes next to City Commission. If rezoning is approved, conditions on issues of primary neighborhood concerns will be made administratively, not as conditions of the zoning.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan Update: meeting on 10/13, R. 6-8 pm at LMCMS with Planning Staff. Break out into small groups to discuss specific topics.

ELNA Participation in Lawrence / DG Co Community Health Assessment  
Survey for collaboration. Next steps to come very soon.

Traffic Safety Committee met last Sunday. They have submitted a grant for payment markings 20mph on Delaware. There are no markings yet. Barry to reach out to new director of MSO. Traffic calming, crosswalks. Were discussed especially for 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Patrick Watkins & Turnhalle Building. 10/17 5:30 – 6:30, owners of proposed event venue & architects are holding an open house @ Turnhalle.

November Election: EVERYONE Vote. Krista & Frank to help Barry.

ELNA Annual Block Party – wrap up.

Lane collecting thank you list. A change this year was a cupcake decorating station instead of a cake walk. Made notes.

HRC: been approving solar panels on historic registry.

LMCMS - annual fun run on 10/28 Friday. They are looking for volunteers to cheer the kids on; hand out water bottles. Whole school participates to fund all school activities. Contact the school office to donate.

Officer / Staff Reports & Miscellaneous items (15 min)

President : 13<sup>th</sup> & NH Trinity Lutheran church is remodeling social hall. They invited community members to tell them how much the community has changed & how do you see it changing. They are making sure they continue to meet neighborhood needs.

Treasurer : \$870 deposited from block party. Paypal: \$1833.19 Bank: was \$2011.30; today \$2482.30

Coordinator: received Brook Creek biweekly newsletter via email and forwarded to the board. Our Newsletter deadline is 10/19. We need a back page ad.

Nicky Proudfoot contacted ELNA regarding concerns about odors from Repetition Coffee roasting operations. Barry suggests talking to a mediation group.

KT moved for adjournment, Aaron 2nds. Meeting adjourned.