

ELNA Meeting  
December 14th 2020  
via zoom

Introductions and check ins

**In attendance:**

Kristin Morland, Jenny Barton, Josh Davis, Dave Lowenstein, marci francisco, Joe Bickford, Peggy Robinson, Frank Janzen, KT Walsh, Boog Highberger, Lane Eisenbart, Aaron Paden, Pam Blackburn, Suzan Hampton, Barry Shalinsky, Phil Collison, Hannah Sroor

Motion for approval for agenda, agenda is approved.

**President's remarks:**

Goals & priorities for the coming year: stabilizing sources of funding, might consider 501c 3 status, long term supports in place to make sure the character of our neighborhood is preserved, enhancing communications (specifically receiving communications from neighbors), want to continue to find ways to address the needs of at risk neighbors. Opening up the floor to new participants to share any needs or ideas they have.

**Updates:**

**Lawrence association of neighborhoods:** lowering speed limit to 25 mph on all residential streets, 9th, 11th, and 13th street will be changed.

**HRC:** 1023 New York half bath and mudroom, 839 Pennsylvania Scott Trettel is adding onto it, and restoring the quonset hut, 1330 Rhode Island asked to tear down the concrete garage.

**Planning commission:** kayak park- will be putting it in at the river, will want the road leading down to it rezoned, it will go before the zoning committee. Who all is paying for it? Who will be running it? Does East Lawrence want to create a list of questions about the project to submit?

- Will start email thread to board to start conversation about questions

**Traffic committee:** no new updates

**City Commission:** no updates

Replacing waterline on 1300 block of Rhode Island, East Lawrence requested special attention to preserving the brick sidewalks and streets during this project

**Fountain at depot at 7th street-** it is promised that it will be restored, hopefully funds for that will be in the parks and rec budget for the year

**Get out the vote and registration drive:** voter registration numbers went up more than a couple hundred from the last election cycle.

**Rebuilding east ninth street together:** Mandy, KT, Alex and Lane, are working on an essay Public library will archive everything about materials and designs that are submitted for rebuilding east ninth street together

**Public Transportation** dept still receiving input for transportation services, kiosks around town to receive input

**Updating neighborhood plan-** needs more movement and buy in from city commissioners- discussed this at LAN meeting last month, hopefully something will come of it

**Wishing bench status:** still trying to get a hold of Matt Gillhousen, so that we can possibly

move the wishing bench to Slimmer's property. Dave will draft a letter

**Brick Streets and Sidewalks Committee:** KT, Phil, Pam, Suzan

**Elna merch sales:** Lane has all the merch at her house, sold two pieces of merch today! Thinking about having another pop up on wednesday. Going to try and push them for the holidays.

**The big event:** KU's big volunteer day is April 17th, they contacted us to say that they can perform any job that does not require a power tool, things such as raking leaves or gardening. The sign up will be on the KU big event website in early February. No qualifications to sign up.

**Holiday giving:** DARE center donations '

**Langston Hughes Library:** will be a book drive at St Lukes for the library

**Newsletter:** needs assessment, might want to ask how residents consume info most?

**Covid mutual aid:** what are we doing? What should we be doing?

**501C3 Status-**this could help us diversify our funding. Anyone want to work on this? Boog, Dave, Jenny. Pros: qualify for a lot of grants, and wouldn't affect the funding from the city through CDBG Cons: must complete financial records. If you are under 25,000 though, it's pretty simple.

Jenny's contact info: Jenny Barton 739 Connecticut St. 785-764-0269 email: thatonegirlfromkansas@gmail.com

Kaw nation formally requested the big red rock be returned to the tribe. More info at : <https://www.robinsonpark1929.com/>

### **Officer's reports**

President: He's here! Already talked about everything

Vice president: already reported

Treasurer: Received another \$2000 from the Shelley Miller Memorial Trust to do voter engagement work.

Secretary: nothing

Coordinator: received check from The Percolator and the city. Merch, DARE drive, December 21st 6:30-7:30 Kansas beats the virus meeting, memberships have all expired so board members need to renew. MLK chili feed: organizing with Sunrise for a to go community meal. Might need volunteers to drive and deliver meals or make baked goods