

ELNA Meeting April 8, 2024.

Called to order at 7:05 by KT Walsh acting for Barry

Attendees: Julie Trowbridge-Alford, KT Walsh (B and VP), Nancy Overmeyer, Pam Blackburn (B), Tonda Hill (democratic candidate for Douglas County District Attorney), Joe Bickford, Sacie Lambertson (B), Phil Collison (B), Lane Eisenbart (coordinator), Krista Gentry (B zoom), Brenda Nunez Ellen (B zoom), Ellen Paulsen (zoom), JT Thornberg, Barry Shalinsky (President zooming in from eclipse).

Tonda Hill is running for County District Attorney. Primary will be 8/6 early voting begins July 16. She is hosting a listening session on May 5 and she said "bring tough questions". She was a Topeka DA and then went to KCK DA's office. She has been a prosecutor for 3 years. She believes she is a really good candidate. Experienced with enforcing sexual assault cases. She gives back to the community. Allow DG Co make the best decision on who to vote for. She's admittedly unknown. Others see that as a problem. She sees it as a challenge, and is getting to know folks. She is hitting the streets. Listening session will be at the baker wetlands 2-6 pm. Drop in with Light snacks. 4DAHILL.com 785-4DAHILL [4dahill@gmail.com](mailto:4dahill@gmail.com) There may be some others running. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is filing deadline. Sacie moves accept agenda. Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved.

Minutes. No minutes. Next month for approval of March and april minutes).

Pride Parade. Would we want to be a part of that? With the Car (1935 Model A). We'll check with David. Eric Farnsworth will loan us bikes to be in the parade. Lane knows a person on the board. She will find out more details. Merch Table for us? \$30 to be in the parade. Will find out about merch. Can it pull a trailer? With people in it? How does the pride parade compare to St. Pat's? It's newer. We'll find out.

KVKL concessions. They are having a yard and plant sale 4/20 on North Lawrence. That's the kickoff of the season so Aaron will find out the skinny then.

Lawrence land development code. Do away with parking requirements and build as dense as possible and for maximum profit. Michael Almon is the new LAN rep.

Mass street visioning. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>s street to be more ped and bike friendly. This is based on a grant from Biden's stimulus package.

Brick Streets and sidewalks plan. Sacie is our Rep. She attended the meeting. They asked what we think of brick streets and we told them. It seems that the City has a preconceived ending that does away with bricks. The City says they didn't have the right people there the last time this was a thing about 4 years ago – only engineers. No ada folks were there and more. There's a brick street survey out there that will be up until about April 17<sup>th</sup>. It's on the City's web site. It was announced 2 weeks ago. We have participated in the past and apparently didn't come back with the right answer so they start over.

Hobbs Park visioning. A follow up meeting will be set. Talk of a visit with Negro leagues Museum and with KVKL to get things going. One important piece to Hobbs Park is to determine the structural integrity of the stadium. Preservation architects would need to get involved. We're concerned the freeze thaw cycle or rust in the rebar will knock out the stadium. We need the next meeting to happen.

Our Zoom system is not allowing us to hear what zoomers have to say.

Barry is talking now. Mass st. would be on a road diet similar to Mass st. at south park. 2 bike lanes, 2 car lanes and a left turn lane. No left turn into cottin's from south bound mass.

Douglas County Heritage Grant for Prairie Park Nature Center. Suzan Hampton is working for grants and we have sponsored her b/c we are a 501c3. She got \$3500. This will allow this to move forward.

LAN Rental and short term rental (STR) Inspections. We want to encourage the City to hire a couple more inspectors. There are a large number of old buildings that need inspections. We're having lots of domicile fires, too. ELNA reasonably supports this.

Demo permit is out for 1136 New Jersey. Next door neighbors are on a registry. And they own this property. Someone lived there until a few weeks ago. There's been a small tarp on the roof for awhile.

They plan on rebuilding another house. Another house nearby has just been listed on the national registry. So it will go through the HRC and require a plan for what takes its place.

NY School Plant sale is upcoming Sunday May 6 from 10-2. Kristi is organizing play dates at the school.

Other Business. JT. The City doesn't do bike parking very well. We need bike boxes at the Amtrak Station. At least 3 have been stolen and were seen by a witness. they should be standard installation. There are bike boxes at many Amtrak stations. Not at ours.

Coordinator Report. Yart Sale report. \$4067 collected. A boomer year. Lane's working on the newsletter. We are now using square and not paypal. It automagically transfers the money to your account.

We are adjourned!