

Welcome by Barry Shalinsky, president at 7:04 start

Attendees: Senator marci francisco, KT Walsh (vp), Sacie Lambertson (b), Aaron Paden (treas), Lane Eisenbart (coord), Barry Shalinsky (prez), Pam Blackburn (b), Phil Collison (secretary), Brenda Nunez (z, b), Darrel Profitt (z, b), Julie Proffitt (z), Joe Bickford, Jan Butin, Krista Gentry (z, b) (z=Zoom; b= board member)

Minutes and Agenda approvals: moved by KT, seconded by Sacie. Approved.

Senator Francisco is here, words from her, NLIA is also meeting tonight, so she'll head over there soon. She thanks us for letting candidates meet folks at the block party. Her opponent is a Eudora former House rep. Glad she gets an opportunity to run an ad featuring Joe b/c of his East Lawrence roots. Q. What do you think of the proposition to change City Govt. A: It looks like we don't know how it could turn out. The terms have changed for current Commission. The last 3 elected decided they were all elected to 4-year terms. It is said there would be 4 by districts, and 2 at large, plus an elected Mayor. 4 districts is not what the task force recommended. Under this scenario, 4 could be from one district.

Other discussions ensued. There's a bunch of issues. Q. Where's City Hall going to be? A. There is a way without moving that could be easy. Q. Is there something to there being a lease with City Hall and the Bowersock dam coming due in 2027? A. There may be some research done on this. There are other things on the ballot. Sales tax to fund affordable housing and homeless services. There's a question about what the money will actually be used for? It repeals and replaces with a mission statement that it will enhance affordable housing and homeless issues and it would sunset in 2035.

Back to the Agenda: Block Party. Well attended! We ran out of burgers! Maybe because we had such good music, Page 7 and their following or good weather or good raffle prizes or good neighbors. Lane thought it was a success! When we got there, the shelter power was not connected. We thought it was a city issue and we were told that we needed to ask for power with our reservation. Lane believes it was a new policy after we made our reservation; we have never needed to request electricity before. Anyhow, we got it on in time. KT says Krista's hubby did Crazy hats for 2 hours and he was such a success. We also had a minor incident with a someone having a little too much beer, but it was quickly handled and most attendees were unaware of any issue. Financially it went well. Barry said this was a good one. And we've done a bunch of them. Bike mechanics had the right amount of bikes to be busy but not overwhelmed. Thanks to JT for facilitating bicycle valet parking.

Board Declarations: Per ELNA bylaws, candidates for November board election must declare at October meeting. Going around the room, Barry said yes he wants to be on the board. Pam, yes, Phil yes, Joe, no. Jan, no. KT yes (and willing to continue serving as vp), Sacie yes, Aaron yes (and treasurer term continues until January), Barry reports Suzan Hampton is willing to run. She has some Ph.D requirements to deal with first but will be able to be active starting in February. Darrell said yes on zoom. He will be back in town and will have a bigger presence. Brenda and Krista said yes. And Lane said she spoke to Max Wilcox who works at KDOT and wants to run for the board. These are the nominees, and the info will be published in the newsletter.

Newsletter gets edited this week, and knock on wood it is out at least 10 days before the election because we sold ads to candidates. And also because our elections are second week in November.

Dennis Domer is doing an East Lawrence History series at the Library. 6:00 p.m. on 10/22 a Tuesday, and then 10/30 and then 11/6 (Both are Wednesdays). They should be well attended. They'll be in our newsletters, too.

Traffic Safety Committee: From Jan, at 14th and CT there's a berm that blocks the view of stop signs. It's a tough intersection. There are numerous issues. We'll try to get a meeting going before our November meeting.

Land Development Code. It's been through the Planning Commission and is going to the City Commission next. Eliminating single family zoning will unleash major real estate exploitation opportunities that will not bode well. Motion by Phil for Barry to write a letter to the City to oppose this. 2nd by KT. It seriously reduces parking and eliminates single family zoning except large houses on large lots. Phil will do the first draft and will

pass it on to Barry by 10:30 to submit by noon. A brief mention of the covenants and their implications. This is not equitable to the Citizens of the City. It creates real estate speculation zones.

Brick Streets and Sidewalks Policy: It got passed. Inspections will be coming soon. We need to do a lot of leg work so folks can find someone to fix the bricks.

Downtown bus transfer sites. City will choose from 2 sites on Vermont street. We're happy it's not impacting East Lawrence.

Demolitions. We know they are ongoing. What do we have to show in the environs of the district if it is a contributing structure? Line of sight is what they focus on when determining if the new build is feasible. Mass and scale. Can we become a historic district? Yes. It would take a lot of money! And a lot of hard work.

City Hall Re-location. Should we write a letter? Pam says we all should write a letter. How our City Hall came to be was already a scam. The new location will equal all of that scam and more. There is inadequate attention to public input for this topic but there is for all these other issues such as bus locations, swimming pools, the budget, and on and on. Aaron moves that Barry write that letter, and Pam seconds. And Pam is right, too, we all should go home and write our own letter, too. ccagendas@lawrenceks.org is the email address.

Two City Ballot questions, sales tax modification, and the form of government. Form of govt. is not supported overall in the room. It leaves out the details of what we might end up with. 4 districts? 6? where are the district lines? It is also unclear what problem is being solved by moving forward with this. KT moves that we do take a stand against the new form of govt because it is too vague, we don't know how it improves the governance of the City, and the mayor appointing folks for 4 years could be problematic. Pam seconds. All in favor aye. All in favor except 1 nay who didn't think we should weigh in. Perhaps we focus on sharing the concerns in our newsletter rather than recommending to people how to vote.

FYI. Tomorrow they're kicking folks out of the Amtrak Camp. We don't know how that will shake out. A short discussion ensued.

KT tells of the new superintendent and the person with her at our block party. Barry and all of us are thrilled that the new super came to our block party and she registered to vote there, too.

KT also notes that we should get our emergency services plan together. Short wave is about the only reliable form of communication. Another thing for the list. It was noted there was flash flooding in the neighborhood this summer.

Lane: Liberty Memorial Central says they need some things. Lane has a list in the enews and news. Link to a google doc for a "future" project. Is there a fun run? It is usually in October. We'll find out.

Officer Reports: Prez nothing additional. KT passes out a card from Tenants To Homeowners about density bonus. Aaron Treas report, ELNA block party took in about \$862 after expenses. \$1086 expense including propane and keg trashcans that we can re-use. The city grant came in. There is \$16796 in the bank today. Including grants that are committed already but some expenses not yet paid.

Lane. Working on the newsletter. Cleaned up the M-B house. Inventoried the merch. Probably some pop-ups coming. Adopt-a-family? YES! Aaron can host at his studio downtown. First weekend in December perhaps. Aaron moves we adopt a large family, and Pam seconds. We'll do it. Lane is also working on a letter archive on the web page.

Motion to adjourn. 9:10.