

ELNA Minutes – August 8, 2022

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Lane Eisenbart, Kate Lowder, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Frank Janzen, Toni Clogston, Stan Hernly, Lisa Larsen, Mike Myers, Walt Clogston, Joe Bickford

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. There was not a quorum so minutes were not reviewed.

Turnhalle Plans (900 RI) - Hernly Associates has been retained by new owners of Turnhalle for restoration of the building into new era. The plan is for a small event venue and a restaurant. There will be an east side addition to accommodate modern convenience including lifts, ADA ramps, and ADA restrooms. A green room will be part of the addition which is highly desirable for booking music groups. The addition will also include a kitchen as part of the downstairs restaurant. Zarif & Mamie Haque have purchased the building.

The 873 sq ft addition will abet the alley. Street parking & the parking lot north of building will be available. They will apply for zoning variances for parking. The facility is close to NH parking garage and other lots which will be available for parking. There will also need to be a variance for the alley set back. Alley setbacks are typically 12 ft. This development will need to apply for zero. Other set back variances are grandfathered. This additional area is needed to add the ADA facilities, ramp, lift and restrooms. Overall lot coverage (zoned commercial strip) is at 81.7%. Zoning calls for 80%. Public entrances will be on north and west. ADA entrance ramp is on the alley east side. There will be none on south side of the building by residential housing. Addition is set back and not visible from original entrance.

They are expecting to have small events featuring Singer/songwriter and comedy acts. Basement will be a separate restaurant. They are anticipating a Speak easy concept and will hold to the downtown alcohol/food ratio (45%-55%). The building needs significant structural work. The southwest corner is near collapse. Northeast addition did not connect well with roof and has structural issues. It is unlikely it will have outdoor dining as there is no real space for it. Inside the building there will be a ramp on north wall to get from basement. Ada lift by stage.

“Rebranding” Lawrence Update: Barry went to meeting at Carnegie discussing rebranding Lawrence. He is still not clear on what is being proposed, as it is more than chamber of commerce marketing. They are looking for public feedback on image, what we think of living here.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan Update: Barry reached out to planning dept today for update. Online survey will be closed late sept after block party. They will try to have another neighborhood meeting at NYE about specific issues raised in earlier meetings & survey responses. Barry is looking for subcommittee to go in with things/issues needing to be addressed. Katie is interested in helping.

ELNA Participation in Lawrence / DG Co Community Health Assessment: Lane went to meeting. They have sent her a survey to gather information and then meetings will be scheduled.

Voter Registration for November election: Barry would like to invite the League of Woman Voters to the block party. 1200+ people voted in our area in primary which was a high turnout.

New Newsletter Delivery model: Post Office says bulk mail may take up to 2 weeks to be delivered. For \$600 postage, seems too high. Most of people did not receive newsletter until day of election. There is a PO deal of 20 cents each for each home on a carrier route which has different specification on size. Barry to investigate further.

ELNA Annual Block Party - September 24: inviting League of Woman Voters, Justice Matters, Rebranding groups. Lane is getting inquiries from various groups on participating. Julia suggested a north Lawrence dance

studio might be interested in performing. Shane Hieman, former NY Elementary teacher, is now volunteer coordinator of LMH, august changing from summer to fall merchandise to donate to non-profit (US).

President : Fun Run at Central oct 28th. NYE is not allowing outside groups to meet in school due to lack of custodial support for at least the 1st semester. Other options? Delaware commons, central, van go, depot. Justice Matters would like to visit with us at October mtg

Treasurer: Barry gave update. Over \$4k in bank didn't run paypal.

Coordinator: NYE : back to school 8/16 4 -6. Central 8/16 4-6. There will be a shot clinic especially aimed for children at Edgewood on 8/10 with ice cream.

Adjournment