

ELNA Minutes – November 14, 2022

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Lane Eisenbart, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lamberson, Kate Lowder, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh,

Joe Bickford, Billy Sims, Brandon Clasen, Judy Romero, Megan Davis, JT Thornburg , Cherie Forsythe, Bruce Eggers

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. KT moved to approve the October minutes and this evening's agenda. Phil 2nd. Minutes & agenda approved.

ELNA Board Election: the slate of people running is Pam Blackburn, Phil Collision, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Kate Lowder, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Gabrielle Yacoob

As the number of people running was not more than the available positions, Judy moved to accept slate; Phil 2nd. Slate was approved.

ELNA Officer Election

President Barry Shalinsky

Vice President KT Walsh

Sacie moved to accept by acclamation the 2 above; phil seconded. Passed by group. Secretary election deferred to next month.

900 Pennsylvania Rezoning - Proposal for Restaurant / Tavern (update)

The developer is asking for a zoning change to light industry. The Rezoning request was approved by planning. Nearby neighbors have signed a protest petition so it must have super majority when it is presented to city commission. The developer has requested reducing the required off street parking from 21 to 4. This will be brought before the board of zoning Appeals. The developer will not accept CN1 commercial neighborhood zoning and is asking for CN2. CN2 allows for a bigger footprint. They plan on seating for 110 outdoor & 20 indoor. 55-45 will apply. A Site plan has not been presented. Concerns brought up by neighbors at city planning meeting have not been addressed or communicated back to the neighbors.

A discussion was held on the order of the approvals of the various groups involved. Question was brought up that it should it be passed by city commission before it is reviewed by zoning parking appeal. The rezoning is not on the future agendas of city commission as anyone can tell. The developer is trying to expand footprint of the establishment to over 3000 sq ft including a large outdoor seating area. They will not agree to any limit on hours of operation. Neighbors are concerned about noise and later nights. Other establishments nearby close at 10. There will be outdoor music and outdoor television. If zoning goes thru there will be no way to mitigate / control noise crowds, traffic. Only recourse will be for neighbors to call call police.

Neighbors would like the property to stay general industrial thus no commercial use.

Meaghan moved and Sacie 2nd that ELNA write a letter supporting the neighbors concern of the development of this property to city commission. The requested zoning is not supported by the neighborhood. KT & Phil will develop the letter. City commission review on 12/6.

Turnhalle Update - 900 Rhode Island

Parking request to reduce number of required spaces was approved by board of zoning appeals.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan Update

LMCMS meeting was hosted by planning staff. Well attended with good discussion.

Next steps were not discussed.

City Historic Resources Ordinance revisions

Planning staff is proposing to revise the HRC ordinance. The existing ordinance and the proposed revised ordinance was emailed to the board. There were no explanation of changes or why the changes. We need to see the proposed changes identified. In the current doc, environs are defined as area within 200 ft of historic property. Environs go away and in the revision and replaced with context. Concern seems to be what is visible from public right away.

HRC can allow for administrative approvals of applications for historic buildings. Site plans will be approved administratively. Alcohol, noise are site plan issues and concerned citizens would not have ability to weigh in. The composition of the commission itself will still have 7 members. They need to have 2 architects.

Traffic Safety Committee

Next mtg 12/4. Noon at cube. Sacie's house.

Water line 11th south (ny / nj) construction starts march 2023. Definite route unknown.

November Election Update

The November election had 1200 voters which is a really good turnout. Primary turnout was 1300. 2 years ago the turnout was 1500 which is over 50%. Kelly 93.5% , Schmidt 5.5%.

NYE is looking for people for site council, let Barry know if interested.

LMCMS had fun run.

School district doing planning survey.

ELNA Plans and Priorities for 2023

It was suggested we get yard signs to advertise meetings inviting people to come to monthly meetings?

JT (who is a cyclist) feels that city is downgrading bike parking whenever possible. There is a difference between short term vs long term. Long term would be bike boxes to be available especially at train station. Bike security needs to be improved thru out city.

Brandon photography project: He is taking photos in front of various houses. Then compiling a history of the house.

Officer / Staff Reports & Miscellaneous items (15 min)

Treasurer \$2020.89; 1331.16 paypal

Coordinator: adopt a family will consist of 2 families of 4 each.

Kt moved to adjourn. Sacie 2nd. Meeting adjourned.