

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Minutes

Monday May 7th 2018

Present:

Aaron Paden  
Boog Highberger  
Brenda Nunez  
Catherine Reed  
Cindy Suenram  
Dave Loewenstein  
Emily Heath  
Frank Janzen  
Jay Holley  
Jennifer Distlehorst  
Joe Bickford  
Joshua Davis  
Judy Romero  
KT Walsh  
Lane Eisenbart  
Matt Williams  
Mike Anderson  
Pam Blackburn  
Phil Collison  
Vanessa Reynaga

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Phil Collison

1. Introductions.

2. Board members were reminded to fill in the CDBG quarterly report with meetings attended.

3. New Business/ In-depth discussion

1. Bylaws update. Aaron sent out the revised version and got no response. Lane will post the new version on the website and send out e-mails to the board. The new version must be posted for 30 days. Comments will be requested and we'll vote on the new bylaws at the July meeting.

2. Guest, Matt Williams of Lawrence Beer Co – 1- year birthday party will be a fundraiser for “People for Bikes,” involving a bike ride, beer, bike valet and a dunk tank, May 19 at 2 pm. Another party will be held August Final Friday, including bands, with a low ticket price. Pam and Mike will recruit volunteers for the beer tent as a fundraiser for ELNA.

4. Recurring Updates

Art Place: Josh Davis reported that Cindy is still waiting for confirmation and will have more information next month. We'll ask Cindy if ELNA should send a letter to Art Place encouraging them to act. KT Walsh will write the letter. This was moved, seconded and passed.

1. Rebuilding East 9th. KT reported that the budget has been finalized, \$250 K more is needed for the sewer project. The street project is going out for bids and street work should start this summer. Stone curbs are not feasible.

2. Downtown Grocery Store. Price Chopper is asking for tax incentives. The footprint is still too big, according to HRC. The city is considering building a parking garage.

3. Riverkings. Barbara requests that ELNA send a letter of support to the Depot and the City that space be saved in the renovation for the museum be housed in the renovated Amtrak depot. It was moved, seconded and passed that Phil write a letter to the depot supporting this.

4. Hike Through History. The signs are in place. Lane will check into the possibilities of extending the HH south of 23rd St.

5. Leon's House is done! There will be an open house this Thursday May 10, 5-7 pm at 1231 Penn.

6. Wishing Bench repair action is imminent.

7. Newsletter sponsors will contact Lane.

8. Conservation Overlay is on the agenda at HRC. A subcommittee was appointed to develop a proposal to meet with the city regarding moving forward with the overlay. The ELNA committee will meet.

9. Home Tour. Mike: the home tour group will meet this week and send out info to the board. The tour will be held Saturday October 13 and include 6 or 8 houses. It's time to make fliers.

## 5. Reports

1. President. Phil is working on the CDBG report. He'll attend the May 10 meeting and encouraged others to do so. Allen Press is interested in bidding on printing the newsletter, perhaps other neighborhood association newsletters also. They'll have a business membership.

2. Vice-President. May 20, June 3 and June 10 are kickball concession nights. All are welcome to work, talk to Aaron and Pam.

3. Treasurer. We have \$2538.11 in the bank.

4. Coordinator. Lane has reserved Hobbs park for the block party. An offer of a bounce

house was rejected. The June, July and August meetings can be held at Delaware St. Commons. Catherine will reserve the space.

## 5. Committees

- i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee
- ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods is considering density and rental issues. Should ELNA discuss these? 19th St., sidewalks and apartment buildings are being discussed.
- iii. Planning Commission
- iv. Historic Resources Commission. The scofflaw builder will remodel to HRC specs.
- v. City Commission. Where will the splash park be located? This will be discussed Tuesday. KT will speak on Parnell Park's behalf.
- vi. CDAC
- vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The Peace Pole has been dedicated.

## 6. Updates, Announcements and Misc

1. Mike is still looking for kickball players.
2. Board members got e-mails from Brad reporting that he is no longer able to maintain the mowers and tillers. We may be able to get these repaired at Cottin's Hardware in exchange for advertising.
3. Comments were made about the Food Truck Festival. The trash pickup was excellent, given the crowd of perhaps 3500. More chairs in the shade and a bike valet would enhance the experience.
4. By Vanessa: the WoC muralists are asking permission to place a mural on the library wall. They'll present at the city meeting at 5:45 on May 15. ELNA members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Catherine C. Reed, ELNA secretary