

ELNA Minutes – January 04, 2016

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh, Porter Arneill, Joe Bickford, Tamara Cash, Amanda Davis, Erika Hane, Arch Naramore, Brenda Nunez, Jan Schaake, Frank Janzen, Judy Romero, Anna Tangeman, Adam Williams, Matt Williams

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. October and December minutes were reviewed. KT moved and Cindy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Erika Zimmerman, director of Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the organization and of upcoming homes to be built -- one in Barker and in North Lawrence. The group is looking for more ways to expand services for the community.

Tamara Cash of Community Village Lawrence (CVL) gave a background of the organization, rooted in helping people stay in their current homes as they age. CVL is a 503c organization. Currently they do reassurance calls and safety checks. All services are provided by a totally a volunteer organization. Clients call the office and the Vista volunteer maps to a volunteer. Membership for most is \$360/year. This allows 6 rides a month. They are looking to add more services.

Adam Williams & Matt Williams of 820 Penn, spoke about their plans to develop the brewery. They brought renderings for proposed apartments above Seed Co. They are in discussions with the city on what era is historical. Their plans call for more closely resembling the 2 story building with a setback 3rd floor from the 1950s. Of concern is the available parking for the proposed businesses and the apartments. Although board members were hoping the land behind the building and south of Poehler would be utilized it was discussed that the current owner is planning on townhomes. This leaves utilizing land across Pennsylvania which is currently zoned for other things.

Porter Arneill announced that Lawrence and Douglas County have joined Americans for the Arts. Various events over the next year will collect surveys to articulate the contents of a strategic plan and achievements meaningful to community life.

The discussion on specific ideas for ELNA for focus on for 2016 was postponed.

An update was given on Leon Kimball. His advocate, Shelly Wakeman is working toward getting Leon enough time to process his things and decide which plan he is going to pursue – rebuilding or selling. He has 90 days.

President's Report: River Cleanup – April 23, Burroughs Creek – March 5 (has since been changed), Yart Sale – March 26.

Coordinator's Report: MLK Chili Feed will be 1/19. Dave and Aaron volunteered to person the ELNA table. They are looking for dessert donations.

Zoning: Pam met with Scott McCullough and the planning staff on 12/18. It is expected we will get some concrete information on their findings this month. They have been working and are drawing close to the end on their work on the Oread overlays.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded. Meeting was adjourned.