

## ELNA Minutes – February 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh,

Jesse Carleton, Frank Janzen, Mike Riehm, Amanda Davis, Mike Anderson, Alicia Kelly, Katy Clagett,

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were available for review.

Elizabeth Keever (staff) & Mike Logan (board) from Just Food came to talk about their upcoming fundraiser, the Food Truck Festival. Changes for this year include closing 9<sup>th</sup> street by the festival for safety reasons (too many people walking down the middle of 9<sup>th</sup>). There are plans to have 26 food trucks this year including 3 that are new Lawrence trucks. Postcards were mailed to affected residents. It was suggested that signs be added around 11<sup>th</sup> & Delaware to warn of the upcoming road closures. They have arranged for additional parking to be available at Allen Press and Penny's.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Road closures will begin at noon on Saturday, 5/7 for set up. The event will run from 4 to 10 pm. Volunteer shifts will be from 3 pm - 6 pm and 6 pm to 10 pm.

Just Foods served 11,000 people last year. 43% were either under 18 or elderly. This event is their largest fundraiser.

Christine Dobson of Penn House/Ballard Center spoke of the upcoming changes in the organization. United Way is not supporting emergency services this year. This has a tremendous impact of the Red Cross, Ballard Center and Just Foods. Funds are being cut in half.

They are exploring options as to what role should Penn House serve in this community? Ideas brought up include using part as a temporary family space, resource center for all agencies, rent areas to other agencies.

Alicia and Katy brought the latest design for the Intersection Repair project. Plan is for the paint day to be 4/23. Painting will take place from 10 until 6 pm-ish. They asked for a letter of support from ELNA. Dave Loewenstein moved and Josh seconded. Dave to write the letter.

It was announced that George Paley died. He was a blacksmith and welder.

Dave Loewenstein gave an update on Board Training. There are different costs depending if we go to the instructor or the instructor comes to Lawrence. He will continue investigating.

Neighborhood Zoning meeting will be Monday, 3/25 at the library.

Lane talked about Henry's Hike thru History project. There will eventually be 6 – 10 panels on display at the library. It is hoped that people will read the panel and then go for a walk to see the actual site. Lane asked for a letter to work with Henry on completing the project. Phil to write letter.

President's Report: Popcorn with Art Center. John will be the liaison to the Free State festival to further our involvement.

Center for Community Outreach wants to help with the River Cleanup and other ways to help.

It was asked what the status was of the NY houses. Eric to check.

Vice President's Report: 10 am Sundays at Aimee's Café.

Treasurer's Report: \$3307 in checking, \$1600 owed from city: total \$4907 which is close to normal balance.

CDAC: Phil & Pam attended the CDAC meeting. Funds from the city will be decreasing due to the cuts in United Way. A variety of suggestions were made to cut spending and/or increase revenue.

Coordinator's Report: Building request was submitted for Yart sale. Newsletter deadline is 2/15.

9<sup>th</sup> St CAC: The current plan from Connecticut to Delaware has no dedicated bicycle lanes, they are Sharo lanes. The plan has dual sidewalks, brick + ADA. Basically the plan can have green space or bike lanes. The next meeting will involve voting on the plan. It is expected that the plan will be available 4 days prior to the meeting and posted on Lawrence website. Parking is reduced by half. Next meeting is 3/2.

City Commission: Parks will become tobacco free on 4/1.

NY PTO/Site Council: Fundraiser for the shed will be at Freddy's Frozen Custard.

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