

May 2016 ELNA Meeting

In attendance: Pat Watkins, KT Walsh, Cindy Suenram, KH, John Sebelius, Mike Anderson, Timothy Morland, Kristin Morland, Jacki Becker, Amanda Davis, Joshua Davis, Elizabeth Keever, Umut Bayramoglu, Frank Janzen, Matt Pryor, Christine Kosirog, Logan Isaman, Rachel Perry, Phil Collison, Aaron Paden, Josh F. Davis, Eric Jay, Jay Holley, Gregg Herrod, Gotfred, Mike Myers, Judy Romero, Jesse and Dayna Carleton

March 2016 Minutes Approval: Phil moved to approve with corrections, Matt seconded, vote unanimous. Minutes approved.

Lawrence Public Library: Logan Isaman (library and Americore Vista volunteer) is completing a needs assessment. Where are there information gaps that the library can help cover? They will start collecting data by survey (digital and print), interviews, and focus groups from June 2016 to December 2016. Data will be analyzed and it will be determined what gaps are within the library's scope to cover. Overall goal is to make library a hub within the community. Rachel Perry added what is currently offered, what isn't and how can we get the word out better. They feel the library serves a role as keepers of community resource information. What can the community do? Take the survey, potentially participate in take-home focus group. Incentives will be offered for participation. All organizations, city wide, will be talked to as well. Aaron wondered if we can advertise it. Yes, but all of Lawrence will be covered. ELNA will discuss adding paper survey to paper newsletter.

Food Truck Festival Update: Maps given out re: street closures, parking, signage, and set up of event. NJ tenants with alley access have been talked to and given car passes in order to access their alleys. 802 and 812 were not talked to personally but letters and dash passes were delivered. Event will start at 4pm, barricades will be placed by 2pm. Judy Romero suggested a 'no parking' sign added for corner of 9th and NJ due to safety concerns of parking in that lot. LPD will be there and some off-duty officers have been hired as well.

Parking: Downtown/9th St and Event: The effects of Compton's new building and desire to rebuild Borders has put a burden on parking on RI street. New developments would add more units in both buildings, with no additional parking. KT-tentative underground parking at Borders. Also with 9th street plan moving forward, parking is reduced further. In addition, events like Food Truck fest are adding to the stress. Ideas how to deal with this moving forward? Parking permit system, new city manager seems to have a greater understanding with this concept and when it works and when it doesn't. Umut-make developers have the onus of parking, ask them what they will do to accommodate? Keep pressure on developers and city officials. Also, encourage car-free or limited car lifestyle. JFD-see what the Oread does, they are a few years ahead of us and we can learn from them. AP-maybe not the best model, so few home owners, the ones who do own have parking, less pressure to get anything done. Mike Myers-text amendment to zoning to help deal with parking issues for development in central business district next to neighborhood. Find out what city manager, Tom Markus, knows, talk to City Commissioners, and discuss further. Talk to Toni Peterson because he feels passionate about this. Kristin Morland-ask neighbors about parking. Where do they park, how are they using their streets, how many vehicles do they own, how many parking spots do they have, etc. This would give us real numbers to use with new developments. Jacki and KH will do some research to turn into possible action items next month.

1231 Pennsylvania Street: On CC tomorrow, May 2. Action requested, new public hearing set for June 21. July 22 deadline to remove debris and scrap materials. ELNA has list of people who are willing to help.

Free State Festival: Festival will run from June 20-25. John Sebelius said, based on feedback from last year, there will be no screens, no outdoor music, no street closures, no outdoor events in EL.

Hike through History: Lane out sick, KT shared that Henry Fortunado will be speaking at Library June 16, time not known.

Board Training: No update

Community Village Lawrence: No update

Downtown Grocery: No update

Reports:

President: Summer meetings (June, July, August) at Makerspace. Winter meeting (January) at St. Luke's AME if possible.

Vice-President: Meeting to discuss parking at NY School on May 16 from 4:30-5:30 at NY library. Talk about new parking along NJ and the traffic flow it's creating in the neighborhood. District is holding these meetings with 3 schools.

Treasurer: No update

Coordinator: No update

Committees:

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods-will meet this coming Thursday.

Planning Commission-No update

Historic Resources Commission-KT-9th street: HRC pushed vote to next month, lots of discussion. Next meeting is May 19 at City Hall at 6:30. 1106 RI: KT motions that we send a letter of support for them to be on local registry, Phil seconds, motion passed unanimously. Aaron will write the letter. 1324 RI: will be put up for local register. Aaron will research to get more info, may send letter of support with more info.

City Commission-Committee on public health going on now. Santa Fe Depot has been extended 2 more years to find use and funding source. Urban agriculture passed. Mike Myers added that Bicycle Pedestrian Taskforce will present tomorrow, please attend and speak up.

CDAC-No update. Jay H-All neighborhoods will be funded equally.

New York PTO/Site Council-Movie night 5/13 at 8:30pm at NY School, Iron Giant will be shown. Garden shed will be built by Struct ReStruct.

Updates/Announcements:

Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (KT)-Brainstormed ways to approach the city about ways to decrease cost to neighbors

Map of US (KT)-used to have map of US on playground, school would like it back. KT will donate paint, helpers will be needed. Stay tuned.

Meeting adjourned. KH motioned, KT seconded, motion unanimous.