

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Minutes Monday January 13th

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Dave Lowenstein, Eileen Horn, Hannah Sroor, Joshua Davis (NY), Kaitlin Stanley, Kelly Rodriguez, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Peg Robinson, Patrick Watkins, Phil Collison, Rick Martin

1. Housekeeping Announcements. KT Walsh has ELNA gear for sale including onesies, T-shirts and hoodies. We can support and promote ELNA by buying and wearing these.
2. Approvals. The agenda was approved.

REMINDER: CDBG quarterly report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD

3. New business

a. Changes for 923 Delaware. Eileen Horn / Rick Martin. They have a contract on 923 Delaware. They plan to live there and operate an event space, including community events, with food service, with a maximum of 30 people attending, one seating per day, hoping to open in August or September. Cooking classes may be offered. They're arranging parking with Allen Press. ADA access will be from the back door. Neighbors will receive letters. Eileen and Rick will apply for a special use permit. They want to partner with local vendors. They'll keep ELNA informed about the Planning Commission's decision. Eileen will resign from her legislative position.

b. Monthly Burroughs Creek Clean-ups. Hannah is inspired to give back to the Creek by facilitating one Saturday cleanup per month. The group suggested she contact Courtney Masterson and Suzan Hampton. The Barker and Brook Creek neighborhoods and Parks and Rec may also be interested. ELNA will promote the cleanup events.

c. Secretary Resignation, Thanks Catherine! Set election (or appointment) for February. Phil will check by-laws to see whether a new board member should be elected or appointed.

5. Recurring Updates

a. Holiday Family. Lane. A van load of presents was delivered to two families. Lane describes this as a good experience and she hopes someone else will take over next year.

b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. Five young people or groups have each received a \$1000 grant. Projects include sculpture, dance, and a bus bench with history. Hang 12 will do an art exchange similar to a little free library. A local youth band, LK Ultra, will make an album. KT reports that the film Jayhawkers will be shown at Liberty Hall at 7 pm on February 27, with the proceeds going to the St. Luke AME restoration.

c. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 9th and DE. No action on this yet.

d. Discussion of Phil's draft letter to the Historic Resources Commission re the Penn St. Lofts. Part of 3 lots will be rezoned for this construction. Numerous pros and cons were brought up by the group, some of which went beyond a single project. Increased density is considered a pro, but why should East Lawrence become more dense rather than other parts of the city? Parking is an issue, as always. Affordability is seen as a pro, but the housing is not permanently affordable. Loss of green space is a concern, but design guidelines limit lawns. There will be a rooftop garden but this will not be public. Cultural concerns include more difficult access to Hobbs Park and the Wishing Bench, and increased traffic near NY school. The historic La Yarda site is not interpreted. Patrick noted that the project follows the design guidelines which ELNA was involved in developing. Phil will work on the letter, to

be sent in on Thursday, and requests input from the Board. Individuals can write their own letters also.

6. Reports

1. President. Phil will attend the Douglas County Heritage Foundation meeting. Should ELNA apply for a cultural preservation grant? LAN has new officers. The 21st St. bike boulevard will be built, 13th St. is on hold. A committee is getting ready to apply for the CDBG grant.
2. Vice-President. K.T. A snow shoveler has been found. The new utility bills are easy to use.
3. Treasurer. Aaron. We have \$2034.83 in the main account and \$425.62 in the PayPal account. The newsletter is our biggest expense.
4. Coordinator. Lane. Planning is starting for the YART sale. The MLK chili feed at NY school is January 21. We can bring vegetarian chili and desserts. One person is needed to sit at the ELNA table. We won't have a spring workday but will wait til summer.

5. Committees - 10 min

- a. Budget/ Fundraising -- newsletter costs and solutions. See below.
- b. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. See above.
- c. Planning Commission. See above.
- d. Historic Resources Commission. The Nevels will attend the Thursday meeting. 1201 CT has been lost.
- e. City Commission. No report.
- f. CDAC - Deadline for application is 2/21. No report.
- g. New York PTA/Site Council. Chili supper.

7. Newsletter. It costs about \$600 for printing and \$400 for delivery of about 1200 copies. It's not known how many copies are read. Peggy volunteers to hand-deliver some copies—it's necessary to sort them by address. Could we reduce the size of the newsletter? We need sponsors at \$250 per issue, back page and ¼ page, as an attainable goal. In the past (1980s), an ad salesperson received a commission, and volunteers distributed the newsletter; this had the advantage of making contacts with neighbors. The Board is challenged to bring ideas on saving and earning newsletter money to the February meeting. Aaron, Barry, Kelly and Kaitlin are forming a committee to work on this issue.

8. Updates / Announcements. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed