ELNA Minutes – March 9, 2020

Santa Fe Depot

Present: Pam Blackburn, Lane Eisenbart, Dave Loewenstein, Brenda Nuñez, Peggy Robinson, Hannah Sroor, KT Walsh, Frank Janzen, Nicolette Proudfoot, Eric Kirkendall, Vajra Robinson, Taj Heckler, Sacie Lambertson, Joe Bickford, Lisa Larsen.

Meeting called to order by KT Walsh. No minutes were available. As there was not a quorum, no votes will be taken.

City person Roger Steinbrock gave a history of the train depot and encouraged people to look around after the meeting. They are still looking for volunteers for welcoming arrivals. Trains come in very early morning and late at night.

Eric Kirkendall and Nicky Proudfoot spoke about the WAD development project and their concern over the tax incentives being asked.

Yart Sale is scheduled for March 28th from 8 am to 1 pm. Friday will be set up. Hangers, boxes and plastic (as in grocery) bags are needed.

Rebuilding East 9th together: Brenda has done an oral history interview of her early childhood time in East Lawrence. 3 people have volunteered their yards for the youth group's art box. Mona will be installing the panels on Dragon's Hoard soon. The panels will be on the 11th street side of the building and on the alley.

Newsletter funding status: there have been quite a few people volunteer to walk the newsletter. We will still have to decide if the number of issues will need to be reduced due to costs.

Hannah spoke about the Burrough's Creek cleanup on this coming Saturday. It will be from 10 until noon. Please meet at the shade structure at 15th and the trail. The April cleanup will be the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Peggy spoke about various traffic concerns in the neighborhood. The intersection of 8th & Connecticut seems to be a new collision point. Also, the intersection of 8th & Delaware has limited visibility. The City's Multi Modal Transportation Commission is studying ways to make all neighborhoods safer. A subcommittee was formed of Peggy and Pam to create a list of neighborhood needs to present to the Multi Modal group. There are easy things that can be done. Peggy and Pam will also talk to the owner at Jungle House about her concerns and suggestions.

Lawrence Loop: only money available this year will be used to fix the hole in the dam by Abe & Jakes and the erosion. There will be a permanent road put in for this repair that will stay.

The property at 917 Delaware will be asking the Planning commission for a special use permit at the next meeting. They have reached an agreement with Allen Press to use their parking lot.

The HRC is discussing the Church at 13th & Mass as the county wants to demolish. This is currently on hold. The building is no longer structurally sound.

The meeting was adjourned.