

ELNA Minutes – March 02, 2015

Present: Brenda Nunez, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Leslie Soden, KT Walsh, Ginger Chance; Jill Ensley, Jan Schaake, Stan Rasmussen, Dennis Domer, Brenna Buchanan, Molly Krause, Frank Janzen, Gotfred Beardshear, Cynthia Trask, Bill Wachspress, Jeff Stolz, Dave Crawford, John A. Gascon, Dakota Loomis, John Sebelius, David Evans, Louis Wigen-Toccalino, Emily Peterson, Patrick Watkins, Matt Pryor, John Naramore, Judy Romero, Kate Rogge, Robert Krause, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Nicholas Ward, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, KH, Sara Minges, Aaron Paden, KT Walsh, Susan Tate

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. Minutes of February meeting were not available for review/approval.

Sunrise Garden : Melissa Friberg spoke about the groups purchase of the former garden centre on 15th. They are partnering with Central Soy Foods to purchase the land. Offer is out and accepted and contingent on rezoning and fundraising the organizers have until mid-june to raise \$250,000.

9th ST: Dennis Domer spoke about conservation overlays vs Historic Districts. Conservation overlays are determined by the neighbor. Generally these are restrictions/regulations that are important to the neighborhood. Typical provisions set rules on lot size, pitch of roof, parking locations, trees, height of buildings. Historic District is determined by local, state and federal regulations. Examples in east Lawrence are the north/south Rhode Island St and the Industrial District at Pohler. Historical Districts must be at least 50 years old, have landscape features such as brick streets, brick sidewalks, horse tieups, limestone curbs. These are significant to the place and industry.

9th St CAC members representing ELNA are Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, and John Sebelius.

Alicia Kelly Intersection Repair: intersection chosen is 10th & New Jersey. First design meeting will be at the Percolator. The planned implementation will be in the fall following the completion of construction at the NY Elementary School.

Free State Festival: KH reported that the festival will be June 22 thru 28.

SSL update: it has been noted that prices have risen significantly at SSL. Jeanne Anne has stepped down due to an ill partner.

Vice President. Safe Routes meeting on 3/25. The Hobbs Park scoreboard was passed by the HRC. ELNA has been offered 4 Sundays for concessions.

Coordinator reported activities for the month including the newsletter, yard sale planning, history tabs and overlay. Lane reported \$200 was collected on political ads. She brought the question of lifetime business memberships as there have been multiple inquiries. There will be an adjusted scale for neighborhood nonprofits, neighborhood businesses, out of neighborhood businesses.

Planning Commission: the planned bistro around 8th & Pennsylvania is being brought up again. The developer has asked for an exemption on the 55% food rule, basically asking there be no minimum percentage on food sales. There are also questions on the bistro's hours. It is expected that the developer wants later open hours. KH suggests the letter be rewritten asking for time restrictions and food restrictions.

HRC: 5th & New Jersey, AMC have been added to the local registry. The Quonset Hut decision has been delayed. Black Hills must explain why they want to tear it down.