

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Minutes
Monday April 8th, 2019, New York School library

Present: Aaron Paden, Catherine Reed, Chris Schmid, Dave Lowenstein, Holly Myers, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis, Kaitlin Stanley, KT Walsh, Mike Anderson, Mike Nevels, Nickie Daneke, Peggy Robinson, Phil Collison, Tami Nevels

The meeting was called to order by president Phil Collison at 7:05.

1. Introductions
2. Housekeeping Announcements
3. Approvals. The March minutes were approved.
REMINDER: We were reminded to fill in meetings attended for the CDBG quarterly report.
4. New business
 - a. 13th St bicycle boulevard. There's an impression of many negative public comments. Some have suggested a 4-way stop at the intersection. Aaron suggested the bike boulevard be located on 12th or 14th St rather than 13th. The demonstration project at 13th and Connecticut does not improve bicycle safety. Phil: we need a left turn from 13th onto Connecticut. The proposition goes before the Transportation Committee the first Monday in May. Phil will attend. Aaron, Phil and Kaitlin will write a letter opposing the 13th St. plan and submit it to the board for feedback.
 - b. ELNA Financial Reports to Web. Aaron suggests a google spreadsheet on the website. This would be visible to the public. Aaron and Mike will work on this.
 - c. Wishing Bench vandalism. Catherine and Dave will monitor the bench and take photos. The ownership is not clear—perhaps ELNA could adopt the bench. Money can be found.
5. Recurring Updates
 - a. Sidewalk project for JeanAnn and Dave. Aaron. Workdays are planned for April 26 and 27. Aaron will prep the site on Friday night. Holly's group will do the demolition of the old sidewalk. Joe will consult with the city and city arborist regarding damage to tree roots. Aaron will bring tools on Saturday. Note: the city will evaluate all the sidewalks in Lawrence within the next eight years.
 - b. East 9th Update, City portion. East 9th is dug up between Penn and New Jersey.
 - c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Twenty-eight strong submissions have been received. Jurors will meet April 20 to choose five of them, and later five more will be chosen.
 - d. Downtown Plan. There is a survey and interactive map on the city website. The public should express our opinions. Public meetings will be held.
 - e. RiverKings. Phil. The display is now at the Mariott. Barbara would like a permanent spot at the Santa Fe Depot. The city is looking for a business to place there.
 - f. Conservation Overlay. This will be discussed at the extra ELNA meeting on Monday at 8:30 pm at the Red Lyon.
 - g. Arts Center Greenspace. The Salvation Army will be purchased by the Arts Center, or by the City, and demolished to provide green space.
 - h. Advertisers for next newsletter. The Dragons Hoard will advertise in the May/June issue. They have meeting rooms, snacks and a 3-D printer. Kaitlin will find an advertiser for July.
6. Reports
 - a. President. AirBnB policy remains confusing. Accessory dwelling units for affordable housing remain controversial.
 - b. Vice-President. Tom Holland in Baldwin is sponsoring a Golden Age property tax bill to help low-income old people keep their homes. KT will write a letter and submit it to the board for comments.
 - c. Treasurer. We have \$6257.75 in the bank, a good sum. The Yart sale grossed \$2280.67.
 - d. Coordinator (by Aaron). We checked the list of thank-yous for the sale. Planning is proceeding to combine the 150th anniversary of New York school and the ELNA block party on September 28. The

anniversary celebration will come first, the block party will follow in the evening. Newsletter submissions are due April 15. There's a river cleanup with Friends of the Kaw on April 27.

e. Committees

- i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. No report.
- ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. Health equity perception varies among races. West Lawrence residents are concerned about sidewalk repairs.
- iii. Planning Commission. HUB got the special use permit. They will appeal the HRC ruling.
- iv. Historic Resources Commission. 1116 Penn, the burned property, will be covered by the city. HUB was rejected. 1009 New Jersey will be torn down and replaced by a well-designed house.
- v. City Commission. No report
- vi. CDAC. No report
- vii. New York PTO/Site Council. No report

2. Updates / Announcements. Tami and Mike Nevels have bought the house at 1035 Penn and are considering using the site for affordable housing as transition to independent living. There would be seven units, and a caseworker would be on hand. According to Nickie Daneke of the Lawrence Housing Authority there is some funding available for this. Tami and Mike are seeking ELNA's opinion before proceeding. ELNA suggested they talk to the neighbors. More planning will be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.