

In attendance:

Christine Kosirog, Pam Blackburn, Janet Good, Liz Tolbert, Rae Johnson, Bill Wachspress, Aaron Paden, Jacki Becker, Lane Eisenbart, Sara Minges, KT Walsh, Cindy Suenram, Brenda Nunez, Leslie Soden, Eric Babb, Nancy Thellman, Arch Naramore, Judy Romero, John Gascon, Kate Dinneen, Josh Powers, Austin Meyers, Travis Andregg, Phil Collison, Susan Tate, Michael Almon, Mike Myers, Jay Holley, Linda Lips, Frank Janzen, Dennis Brown, Shirley Braunlock, Katherine Harris, Creed Shepard, Jamie Hoffing, Gotfried Beardshear, Cynthia Trask, Lynn Potter, Partrik Watkins, Emily Winters, Barry Shalinsky, Dave Evans, Boog Highberger, Tom Russell

June Minutes: will approve at next meeting

9 Del Lofts-

Tom Russell and Sean? from El Dorado design firm presented updates to design.

*Shifted design a bit in order to fit fabric of neighborhood. This includes revising skin of building from stucco to fit light industrial character of surroundings and inclusion of vertical metal paneling.

*The focus is on low income housing and keeping character of neighborhood.

Questions covered:

Will they add awnings? Possibly, seems to be some confusion. They will follow up.

How close is building to trail? Seems close, maybe that should be handled differently.

Ground was broken this morning-pond and tree grove are gone. Why just now talk about this? Saplings have been removed, did what they could to keep trees.

Drainage? Been a consideration from the beginning since it's a known wet area. Significant infrastructure to tap into existing system. Added some holes too.

How many units? 49.

How will the metal siding affect insulation? Maybe paint could address this. 2x6 stuffed with insulation, which meets current code.

Front of building is how far off the street? Not sure off hand, will get back to us.

Plan for plantings/green space? Yes.

Parking? Allocated parking for tenants provided on east and south side of building.

Was pond used as catch basin for Allen Press? Not sure.

What's on the roof? Exploring solar panels, tbd.

How many stories? 4.

NYE site plan update-

Jay Holly from Gould Evans presented update on construction and reviewed plans for New York Elementary.

*Historic school stays, portables leave.

*Additions will be added for kindergarten, art, special education and dining.

*Existing parking lot (teacher lot) will be moved to New Jersey Street.

*Play surface-basketball hoops, play sets, and smoothed out grass field will be on the north.

*St. Luke's AME will still use parking on New Jersey Street. 20 parking spaces will be added to the south.

*Sidewalk added to New Jersey.

*Additions to the east will be brick, not fiber concrete.

*Sycamore tree will stay. New Jersey parking spots reduced by 3 spaces to give more room to the tree.

*9th street area: curb cut will hopefully remain unchanged, regarding existing field to make less rough, no retaining wall along New Jersey will be needed, existing fruit trees will be on outside of fence, a gate will be added along 10th st, bike parking moved but still near a door, bike parking for younger kids will be along the south side of the building.

Questions covered:

ADA play equipment there? Not yet, but will likely be coming. That equipment will be chosen and bought by USD 497.

Why were doors/trim not recycled? That's a question for the district and contractors.

Arts Place Grant update-

Susan Tate & Bob Shumm came to give update on grant.

*Background: In December 2012 City Commission voted to start an arts district. 9th street was identified as an important part of this to tie downtown to this district by recommendations of the Cultural Distract Task Force. The city is currently in the process of hiring a Director of Arts and Culture, a city positions, as well as creating a cultural plan, city wide. Lawrence was just awarded grant by the KS Dept. of Commerce providing money for walkable, well-lit sidewalks beginning with 9th street corridor.

*Lawrence Arts Center received a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts for Creative Place Making, working with art and culture to bring people together. This \$500,000 can be used

as leverage with the city and state government to further recommendations made by the Cultural District Task Force and to make 9th street a complete street.

*Next steps-By September 2014, a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) will be sent out to designers/architect plus civil engineers who have experience working specifically with artists. Those people hired will answer to the new Director of Arts and Culture. Over the next 10 months that team will meet with stakeholders. Street financing will come from the city-will likely cost about \$3million, which city already knew, especially with all the building happening on the west end of it. Will be dug up from Mass to Delaware. Concerns: parking, gentrification, an arts neighborhood where an artist can't afford to live, traffic calming measures, lighting (want dark nights), can neighborhood have input on who gets hired to do the work, timing is tricky due to projects along 9th street that are already underway, maybe have sustainability advisory board included in the street plans to help with water runoff, any chance of using eminent domain to widen the street, keep as much of the workers/artists local.

Block party date-September 27

Retreat date-July 26, 10-12, VanGo

Treasurer Election-KT moved for KH, Sara seconded, vote unanimous.

Reports-

President: Pass

Vice-President: Donate food for remaining concessions at KVKL

Coordinator: June newsletter completed, researched and went on radio show with Phil and KT, completed updates on website. Also created a business membership form. FYI, a button maker has been donated to ELNA.

Committees-

Fundraising: Have raised over \$500 selling concessions/tshirts at KVKL game of the week, two more games to go.

LAN: Horizon 20/20 survey, please fill out!!! Asked mayor again to put a LAN rep on that committee. Wrote letter to CC requesting open records from Chamber. Hired a lot of new people, 9 new inspectors.

Planning Commission: No updates

HRC: 808 and 826 RI deferred. Tom/Tony got permission to tear down garage (Dodge's pad). 1217 CT torn down. 1106 RI (Mike Myers) taken by city via eminent domain, being purchased and rehabbed garage and barn will be used for Hernly office. House will be rehabbed as a rental, additional garage will be added with apartment. KT motions that we send letter of support of rezoning and rehabbing to city, county and school board. Leslie seconded. Approval unanimous.

City Commission: Parks and Rec applying for funding for river trail which would connect it to our trail. Planning grant submitted for safe walking for schools city wide. \$29k being spent by city to look at have a conference center put in, half being paid by KU.

CDAC: No updates

New York PTO/Site Council: No updates

Arts Center: See Arts Place Grant above

Horizon 20/20: Fill out the survey! Online or in person.

Updates/Announcements: Tiller/Mower still figuring out where they will live.