

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Minutes Monday February 5th 2018
New York School Library, New York Elementary 936 New York St

Present:

Aaron Paden, Brad Gibson, Brenda Nunez, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jesse Carlson, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Michael Davison, Mike Anderson, Phil Collison, Vanessa Reynaga

Issues 4d and 4e were discussed while we waited for a quorum, which occurred at 7:20. The meeting was called to order by Phil Collison.

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. No approvals of minutes. The agenda was approved.
Board members filled out CDBG qrt report.
3. There were no guests
4. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Arts Center Grant Update -- delayed until March as Cindy Maude is out of town.
 - b. Resurfacing East 9th, City portion. Several board members attended the Transportation Commission meeting. The plan is listed on the city website. Comments may be sent to Dave Cronin. Six-foot-wide concrete sidewalks will be installed at no cost to the homeowners, however homeowners are responsible for maintaining them. Sidewalks will be extended to Delaware St. Streetlights remain undetermined. Six trees will be removed, parking will stay the same, there is no timeline for this yet. The street grade will be raised and the width altered in some places. There's a concern that the AME church may be damaged.
A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that ELNA supports brick sidewalk and limestone curb retention in the new design, as stated in the neighborhood plan of 11/12/15. It's noted that the Oread and Old West Lawrence neighborhoods have succeeded in keeping these—issues are the cost and maintenance of brick sidewalks, which depend in part on the quality of the bricklaying. Phil will write a letter and send it around for comments.
 - c. Bylaw update – Aaron, Cindy and Phil will check into the bylaws. Lane has a file of items needing rewriting or clarification. They'll write a report for the board to be read, commented on, and eventually approved.
 - d. Letter of Support to HRC for Depot Historic Designation. This issue is on the City Commission Agenda. Phil will write a letter of support and send it out by 10 am tomorrow.
 - e. Review of LEP (Limited English Proficiency) plan. Anyone getting HUD grants must be able to provide a translator, given notice. It's okay to use Google Translator for written materials. ELNA has a plan in place.

f. Conservation Overlay. HRC urged ELNA to get going and get grants from the Kansas Humanities Council and the Heritage Trust Fund. We will need money to hire help to do the overlay.

5. Recurring Updates

a. Downtown Grocery Store. HRC concerns: it's too big and impinges on the historic alley. The store should have two entrances, one from the street and one from the parking lot. It's back to the architects.

b. River Kings, by Lane with information from Barbara. The Museum has a new temporary location at Springhill Suites. There will be walking tours in April and May. Barbara still likes the Depot as a possible site. River Kings would like to collaborate with ELNA.

c. Hike Through History. Lane gave some history of the project. She will check with Porter Arneill on the statue of fundraising.

d. Leon's House: coming along, almost ready for electricity. Leon may be back in the home, if he wants to be, by summer.

e. Wishing Bench. The GoFundMe drive produced \$644.86, plus \$80.00 was received in other donations. Lane placed the \$724.86 in a separate account. Eric Jay will get the work organized, possibly in March.

6. Reports

a. President. No report

b. Vice-President. No report

c. Treasurer. No report

d. Coordinator. We have \$2870.42, including the Wishing Bench funds.

Newsletter . The deadline for March is February 15. The board should approach businesses and individuals to sponsor a newsletter issue.

Yart Sale -- March 31st. Leave items for the sale on the porch at 732 Rhode Island.

Block party will be Saturday September 22.

There will be a riverfront spring cleanup on Saturday April 21 (Earth Day) from 8 to 10 am, cosponsored by Friends of the Kaw.

e. Committees

Budget/ Fundraising Committee. No report

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday at the library.

They opposed tax incentives for the downtown grocery.

Planning Commission. No report

Historic Resources Commission. No report

City Commission. No report

CDAC. Phil and Cindy will attend the meeting.

New York PTO/Site Council. A committee is forming for the new principal search. A winter arts party will be held Feb 15. Old New York School t-shirts for a project for a gift for Mrs.

DeGarmo are requested.

7. Updates/Announcements

The owner of Ernst Hardware has died. All items are on sale. Frank placed flowers and suggests the store should have historic designation.

See Leotheman.com for information on Leo Beuerman, who sold pencils from a wooden cart. There's a plaque on Mass St.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.