

ELNA Minutes – July 10, 2020

zoom meeting

Present: Phil Collison, Pam Blackburn, Suzan Hampton, Peggy Robinson, Adam Weigel, Charles Branson, Adam Rains, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Frank Janzen, Kate Lowder, Suzanne Valdez, Kt Walsh

Meeting called to order by Phil. Minutes were emailed to board members. It was asked that people review them after the meeting and send any corrections to Lane.

Three candidates running in the upcoming primary were present to talk about why they are running for their respective offices. Charles Branson, the incumbent DA, spoke on his views and his support of Community policing. Suzanne Valdez is also running for DA on a platform of racial justice. She has lived in the community 24+ years. Adam Rains is running for Treasurer. The main function of the treasurer is the collection of taxes. Adam has been Deputy Treasurer for 5 years. He has worked in the county office for 7 years. He wants to the office to remain accessible to all, to keep taxes secure and to ensure technology is used to everyone's benefit.

Adam Weigel from transit and parking spoke. He started in mid-march. The department is working on bus stop amenities improvements. The area around 11 & Delaware sites soon will be improved, including an artistic bench & bike rack. Transit hub is scheduled to be at Iowa & Bob Billings. Changes needed to ensure it meets community needs.

There are several public works projects in process for summer. Phil sent questions to Dave Cronin about East Lawrence streets to be overlaid. It was requested to NOT do the 600 block of Connecticut, from everyone on block. No word from the city. Phil has asked the city to not do any overlay on streets with underlying brick until money is available to do it right. Lawrence Loop meeting will be at Centennial Park, park by Biemers, from 3-5pm Thursday.

Update Neighborhood plan: There is a new head of planning, Jeff Crick. We had previously asked to have the city direct the planning development to help. It seems that previous requests did not put ELNA on the list. Kt to get us on the planning commission agenda. Barry moves for ELNA to contact the planning commission to update the neighborhood plan. Aaron seconded.

Rebuilding e 9th together: Yarn It Forward gave St Lukes \$1200 from their projects. Wonderfair (Meridith Moore) plans to repair some concrete sidewalks and include art elements in reconstruction. Sidewalks may be nominated for repairs on the Wonderfair website. Repair will be based on need. Also they are hoping to identify seniors. Art box is set up at 901 penn. Natives Now project (Mona Cliff) did portrait sessions of Lawrence's Native community, on display at the Kaw Pavillion this weekend. More to come. James Moreno, choreographer, wanted to do a dance piece on the history of our east side Mexican Americans. The dance piece will be recorded and shared instead of an in person performance. KT, Lane, Mandy and Alex of the E9th team are planning the E9th final event in October.

Newsletter: forwarded to Cindy for formatting. Lots of candidates have put in ads.

Traffic committee. Phil will send summary to traffic engineer.

Lane has been working on the block party. She contacted sunrise as they have experience in safely making and distributing meals. We can still have a cookout & free meal. A suggestion is for musicians play on porches. KT can make silly hat kits to pick up w/ meal. Lane is still working on the feasibility of raffle items.

President's Report : met w/ Craig Owens to discuss CDBG process and problems with this year's allocation. ELNA will need to remember this for next year. Mother in law dwellings are becoming popular. City Planners are being vague on comments.

Coordinator: worked on the june-july raffle; planning next newsletter.

Wishing bench: Aaron will contact Eric Jay about if he can help with the move; easy to move with forklift boom thing. Where to move it to? At Slimmers? Has not been formally asked.

Meeting adjourned.