

ELNA Minutes – November 8, 2021

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Boog Highberger, Dave Lowenstein, Sacie Lambertson, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh

Ashley Bryers, Joe Bickford, Jim Carpenter, Marci Francisco, Frank Jansen, Krista Gentry, Kate Lowder, Julianna Patterson, Ellen Paulsen, Jeananne Pike, Adam Weigel,

Annual Membership Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done and agenda approved (KT moved & Sacie 2nd). October minutes were approved. KT moved & Sacie 2nd.

Transit & City Pedestrian Plans were discussed by Ashley Bryers & Adam Weigel. Last plan was developed in 2016 and Lawrence has made a lot of progress in last 5 years. City staff will be documenting next steps and setting priorities. Since 2016 progress includes filling sidewalk gaps, constructing Lawrence Loop segments and planning additional ones, street crossing improvements, 25 mph speed limits, and safe routes to school plan.

Survey is available for people to give input on what is important for the next plan, including sidewalks & street crossings. [Lawrenceks.org/listens/surveys](https://lawrenceks.org/listens/surveys)

Adam told us that Lawrence Transit is in the middle of bus route redesign and new transit facility design. They are looking to understand what people like & don't like about the various proposals. Outreach has begun to bus riders. There will be an open house at the library on Thursday 11/11 from 3 to 5. The following urls identify possible routes.

<https://lawrencetransit.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Route-Redesign-Study-Scenario-1-Map.pdf>

<https://lawrencetransit.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Route-Redesign-Study-Scenario-2-Map.pdf>

Micro transit is being looked at. It is like uber/lyft for public transit. A smaller bus comes to you on demand then connects you to other lines.

ELNA elections: Per the ELNA bylaws, Coordinator Lane Eisenbart conducted the election of Board members. Lane reported there are fewer candidates than there are Board positions. Lane recommends the members accept the slate of candidates as Board members. The candidates are: Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Pam Blackburn, Aaron Paden, Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, Joshua Davis, Sacie Lambertson, Brenda Nunez, Julianna Patterson, Krista Gentry and Kate Lowder. The slate was unanimously approved and Barry thanked outgoing Board members Suzan Hampton, Boog Highberger and Anna McCoy. The Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned.

The November Board meeting was called to order by the President. The first order of business was to elect officers for the coming year. The following people agreed to serve another term in their current offices: Barry Shalinsky, President, KT Walsh, Vice-President and Pam Blackburn, Secretary. Per the bylaws, the Treasurer is not elected until the new year. KT moved to accept slate of officers, Aaron 2nd. Motion passed.

Barry has checked with city clerk to get the turnout numbers for east Lawrence. Numbers are not yet available.

Wishing Bench: Ginger Chance reported Saturday evening someone was damaging wishing bench not major but in front of her. She wanted ELNA board to be aware. No action taken by police.

Delaware Street Commons is hosting mini-golf on November 14 at 2 pm.

Food pantry at Latchkey: Latchkey can't support the refrigerator because it is overloading their system. Latchkey will still host canned goods pantry. Sakthi is collecting items like tents & tarps to distribute directly to the camps.

City Commission: Wine Academy will be coming before the commission for approval soon. Splash pad is on the agenda for planning committee meeting. Monday is regulations on large solar industrial installations. Land development codes will be reviewed soon.

HRC: 824 RI has a new owner again. They have met with architectural review board to discuss renovation plans.

Traffic: diverters in OWL are getting lots of comments.

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School had their fun run. It is a fundraiser for the school to raise money for all activities including sports, theater, music, etc. It is never too late to donate!

NY Chili Feed: applying for a grant. ELNA may need to provide letter of support.

Barry asked that each board member volunteer to serve on a committee to work neighborhood issues

Committees are works in progress; these people volunteered thus far:

Traffic Safety: Josh, Phil, Kate, Sacie, Krista

Built Environment: Pam, KT

Art and Culture: Julianna, Dave, KT

Neighborhood Engagement: Julianna, Aaron, Krista

Budget & Finance: Josh, Aaron

Services and Social Justice: Julianna, Sacie, Krista, Kate

Executive: Barry, KT, Pam, Aaron

New board member orientation will be organized.

Treasurer Report: bank \$4865.26: PayPal \$1665.67

Lane talked about the adopt a family. ELNA will be collecting for a family of 5. Lane will host a pop up mech on Dec 4 at Murphy-Brommelsick House in Hobbs Park. We can drop off gifts or cash and/or items for local pantries.

Meeting adjourned.