

ELNA Minutes 5/8/2023

Barry calls to order 7:04.

Attendance: Board members: Julianna Patterson, Aaron Paden, Pam Blackburn, Brenda Nunez, Sacie Lambertson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh

John JT Thornburg, Mike Riehm, Joe Bickford, Joe Matthews, Meghan Davis, Denise Magner

Introductions

Agenda approved.

\*\* Upcoming elections in Nov. UsD497 and related to schools. This November we elect 5 new school board members. Of 7. And 3 City commissioners. Of 5. We don't endorse candidates but we do encourage everyone to vote. Filing deadline is early in June.

\*\* School board voted to close Pinckney and Broken Arrow. B/C they were under capacity. School boundaries are a choice. They can be as creative as they want. OWL is sending kids across Iowa street. NYS will get 13 new students. Q: Do we know Montessori numbers at NY? No we don't. Partly how we dodged the bullet (was by having it become a montessori school). We can anticipate more closing pressures. Q: What is happening to the buildings? A: We don't know. They have mostly kept the school buildings and used for another purpose. No closed school has been sold at this time. India school did get sold. Central LMMS will continue to be a middle school and the year after that it will become a STEAM school. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts Math.

NYS remains a neighborhood school as a Montessori. They should keep that paradigm for LMCMiddle school. LMCMS (Liberty Memorial Central Middle School).

Lib Mem is having its Centennial year. Dedicated in 1923. There's a committee working on a celebration on November 12<sup>th</sup> a Sunday. Next meeting date is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* 900 Pennsylvania Project. Update on what's happening there. Site Plan is approved. Only holdup is the lawsuit by neighbors.

\*\* Riverfront Cleanup: Lane is working with Kevin Elliot. He works with the River Residents. There was a fire recently. On May 20 from 1-4 there will be a cleanup beyond the camp. Lane is collaborating with Sunrise for a meal. Simple food. Meal will be in the parking lot. A board member shared concern about the article and how it targets the group living behind this Amtrak building.

\*\* Frank Janzen memorial May 13 at Clinton Park 5<sup>th</sup> and Pinckney at 1:00. Live music.

\*\* Demo Permit for 1036 Connecticut.

\*\* Boards and Board consolidations S D group the BCSD who are tasked with getting rid of Task forces and boards and commissions. One body to replace BZA, HRC, building code, etc. In one meeting with minimal public input? There is info online about this. JT will email Barry about this to get the word out?

\*\* Anyone interested in doing some community engagement work? Outreach to the local business community selling associate memberships. Hand out door stickers that say ELNA Rocks!! Associate memberships are \$20. LFK press would do them and put a sticker on their door.

\*\* No newsletter this month. Saves us \$1000. Lane is busy at work. Next issue about June 1. And then September. We can sell ads for CC and SB for the September. Wondering how many political ads jive with our 501c3 status. JT asks, is there a complete archive somewhere? Web page goes back to 2015. Yes, there are many at Public Library and at Spencer Library.

\*\* Barry signed a cooperative agreement with the City. Not between the City and ELNA, it was between City and Barry personally. The money is restricted to communications and ... Which means towards the coordinator.

We had a successful Yart Sale, this money, Kickball concessions and we can pick our dates. We made \$4500 over and above expenses last year. Barry will be circulating a proposal to board members to give Lane a pay raise. We've come a long way! We've got reserves again! We did about 11 KVKL games last summer. They need to get more volunteers to help.

\*\* We got 2 lifetime memberships today. Yart Sale was productive and gave us lots of money. They overpaid. Edward and Randy Ray are the 2.

\*\* Coord report. Update on New Jersey water line replacement.

\*\* Treasurer report. \$6350.56 in the bank. 2179 in the paypal account.

\*\* Minutes. Motion, KT, Aaron 2nds. Adds or corrections. Unanimous approval.

\*\* We admire a beautiful sunset.

\*\* JT jackhammering concrete at --- for the phase 3 of the stakeholders plan at the Depot.

Putting in a pad for a new bus stop right out near the Santa Fe Depot. On the curve is not a good place. There is a bus stop just west of the Depot. The bus does not run when the Amtrak is scheduled. The Depot needs a long term Bike storage for Amtrak riders.

\*\* June 10 is a food truck fest for Bright Start at the DG County Fairgrounds.

\*\* Can there be criteria for what "strong welcoming neighborhoods" bring to the table?

Perhaps we can put some of this into our neighborhood plan. Sacie would be interested in working on this.

\*\* Adjournment.