

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Minutes
Monday October 14th 2019

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Brenda Nunez, Catherine Reed, Chris Tilden, D Cooper, Dave Lowenstein, Holly Heitmann, Jay Holley, Joshua Davis (NY), Kathryn Clark, Kelly Rodriguez, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Liz Koepp, Nick Kozmyak, Peggy Robinson, Phil Collison

The meeting was called to order at 7:03

1. Introductions were made.
2. Housekeeping Announcements. No.
3. The September minutes were approved.

REMINDER: CDBG qrt report. Minutes must be submitted to CDBG within one month. ELNA must have a DUNS number and we do have one.

4. New business

a. Chris Tilden, LiveWell Lawrence. The group got started in 2008 with a KS Health Foundation Grant. Their focus is on chronic diseases e.g., cancer and diabetes. They are also concerned with healthy food, physical activity, the reduction of tobacco use and domestic violence prevention. Safe Routes to School, double up food bucks, the Lawrence Loop, a healthy built environment, and the transit system are projects. The group meets to discuss and clarify health issues, to publicize issues and to attract funds. They do not endorse City Council Candidates.

b. Board elections will occur on Monday November 11th. If we have more than 13 candidates, voting will take place – by voice or silently, more involved or not depending on size. If there are exactly as many candidates as seats, a vote to accept the ballot will happen. Exactly 13 people have declared for the board:

1. KT Walsh, 2. Kaitlin Stanley, 3. Pam Blackburn, 4. Dave Loewenstein, 5. Kelly Rodriguez, 6. Barry Shalinsky, 7. Joshua Davis, 8. Peggy Robinson, 9. Brenda Nuñez, 10. Catherine Reed, 11. Aaron Paden, 12. Hannah Sroor, 13. Kathryn Clark

5. Recurring Updates

a. Hope House/ Penn House update. Phil. The neighbors oppose converting the old Penn House into transitional housing. The Nevels hope that a suitable location can be found.

b. East 9th Update, City portion. KT. KT and Brad met with the City Manager. Much of the work done so far has been of poor quality and will be re-done. Call Dave Wagner if there are any issues. KT notes there are 8 kinds of bricks—the solid flat purple ones with no lettering are the strongest. Could sorting bricks for sidewalk repair be a spring workday?

c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. The Youth Corps applications are now available. There are five slots for individuals or groups of artists, with a \$1000 grant for each. The youngest artists must have an adult mentor. Stephen Johnson has a related show at the Arts Center, Soup and Stitch is carrying on, Karynn and Kelley, musician and poet, are getting their show ready, and the Wishing Bench movie has been filmed.

d. Opportunity Zone update. Phil. Large corporations will be the actors in this as capital gains taxes and land sales are involved. A meeting will be held on October 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds to discuss options.

e. Conservation Overlay. KT a new person being hired by the city may favor this.

f. RSS Double Density. Phil. An ordinance is being crafted. Brook Creek neighbors are concerned.

g. Guest Question: Liz: 20 mph speed limit throughout East Lawrence on residential streets (not collectors or arterials). Phil. Nick from the Transportation Commission says there is no problem with that, Old West Lawrence already has 20 mph throughout. Should ELNA pursue this now? Or wait to get buy-in from residents and the new board?

6. Reports

a. President. Phil. The DUNS number is in process.

b. Vice-President. KT. No report.

c. Treasurer. Aaron. We have \$ 3795.00 in the bank and \$ 590.00 in PayPal.

d. Coordinator. Lane. The Block Party went well despite the move to the smaller space. The newsletter deadline is October 25 and there is still room for more articles. We'll do Adopt a Family. There will be no e-newsletter this week as Lane will be out of town.

e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising. No.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. No.

iii. Planning Commission. No.

iv. Historic Resources Commission. KT. 835 E. 13th will be torn down. 711 CT is being rehabbed. 941 Penn is under discussion.

v. City Commission. Parks and Rec is asking the community what we want. Sanctuary City status is likely.

vi. CDAC. No.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. Issues include the support of para-educators by the district.

7. Updates / Announcements. Barry: Open House on Halloween at 645 CT from 6:30 to 9:00, all ages welcome. Dragon's Hoard will be moving due to lack of parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed