

## ELNA Minutes – April 11, 2022

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Joshua Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh,

**Joe Bickford, Suzan Hampton, Frank Janzen**

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done. phil moved to approve the minutes & sacie 2<sup>nd</sup>. March minutes were approved.

Hope Walks Here - American Society for Suicide Prevention: There will be a Suicide prevention walk at the end of month. Details in weekly email newsletter.

Earth Day Frog Party at Quonset Hut: Organizer was invited to meeting but city staff turned down permit on basis of building is not in suitable shape for a large group. It cannot host event as there is not enough parking and traffic concerns.

Lawrence Transit Route Redesign: Routes 1 & 7 are being redesigned to connect EL residents to grocery stores on both routes. Route 7 goes by Dillons, checkers, & target.

Make a Wish: Community Identity and Outsider Art in East Lawrence (Suzan Hampton): grant funded by Humanities Kansas. Suzan focused on our wishing bench as inspiration. How do people perceive the wishing bench in the community and how does it bring everyone together. Understanding this might help other communities. There will be a walking tour July 9 sat from 9 to noon. Erika Nelson will lead the walking tour with interesting sites in neighborhood and back stories. It will end at Arts Emergency. The Arts Emergency Art Market is also that day. They are conducting oral interviews of neighborhood people to collect additional stories. The stories will be posted in English & Spanish for others to do the walk later. They are planning on adding a QR code to wishing bench to allow visitors to get more information. Hoping this will strengthen the community. People gave suggestions to engage library, Unmistakenly Lawrence. People will be staking out the bench to see who shows up and interview them. Suzan is looking for people to interview.

Misc. quick updates –

Neighborhood Plan Revision Update

Lane received email Lynn Zoelner. There will be a neighborhood plan public meeting towards end of month. Postcards to be mailed. This is a civic process where the neighborhood plan will be revised. It was last updated in 2000. We would like our plan to have more effect on future redevelopment. Current plan is only a guideline. ELNA would like it to be an enforceable plan.

HRC expect 1000 NH to be reviewed again at their next meeting, with Tony & his architect.

Rezoning Request for Quonset Hut property at 620 E. 8th Street update. This was reviewed by city commission. Tony wanted Alcohol % at 60 / 40 rather than what other business meet. Matt at LBC wrote a long letter about playing by the rules. Tony did not get his 60/40. City commission had discussion about revisiting alcohol % across the board. They do not want to do it piecemeal.

New York School Montessori update: informational meeting on 19, 21 by the school district for NY future & present families.

ELNA Budget and Finance Discussion:

Yart sale: ~3000.00; unclear if we have to pay for the gym (Building & staff fee)ever got confirmation from district.

Treasurer:

Eligible to get first semi-annual payment from city general fund for neighborhood. 2500 in April & October.

Officer / Staff Reports & Miscellaneous items

Coordinator: talking with city for cleanup on Murphy-Brommel house.

May 14 hang 12. Hosting open house at art gallery (laugh out loud space). Lane will sell merch. 8-4

Lawrence public library "how -to" event. People in community sign up to teach people stuff on June 18. Sign up to be a presenter by May 1.

Sunrise : Asking everyone to send a letter to evergy. Evergy's upcoming 10 year plan doesn't address helping low income or breaks for energy efficiency by homeowners.

Lane will talk to Roger about May meeting at Murphy – Brommel if covid is not prevalent. Will investigate how to get internet there.

Meeting adjourned. KT moved and Aaron 2<sup>nd</sup>.