

ELNA Meeting July 8, 2024

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. Long agenda.

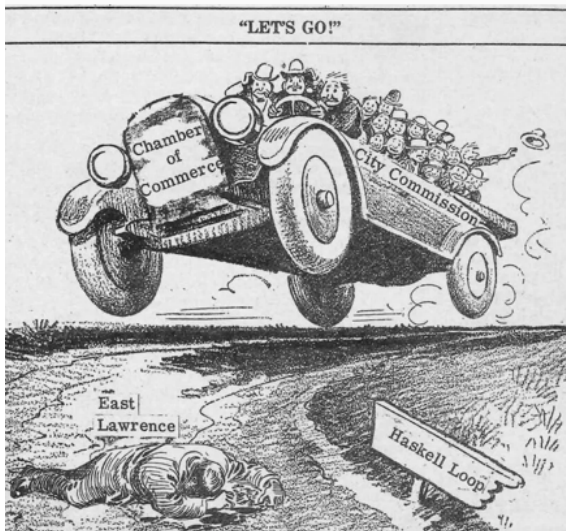
Introductions: Barry Shalinsky (prez), KT Walsh (VP), Lane Eisenbart (Coordinator), Phil Collison (Secretary), Sacie Lambertson (B), Michael Hughes, James Dunn, Nancy Overmeyer, Justine Jeneviner. Kochlea-Qay. Later: Joe Bickford. Zoomers: Krista Gentry (B), JT Thornburg, Darrell and Julie Proffit (B), Ellen Paulsen.

Also in attendance, Brittany Hall, with son Mateo and her intern Summer. Lives in Pinckney but now her son got bumped to Hillcrest. She's running for district 46 (Boog's old seat). She's an education supporter. Also wants Medicaid expansion. Better foster services. Unhoused, mental health are all needs at state level. She wants to get out there and canvass and listen. Democratic Party forums, as well as League of Women Voters forum this Saturday. She's got yard signs. Hallforkansas.com Meet and greet at Johnny's the 9th at 5:30-7.

Approve Agenda and the minutes separately, KT moved, 2nd by Sacie. All in favor Agenda – Unanimous. Minutes – motion to approve. KT moved, Sacie 2nd. Aye

KVKL we took a break but will be back next Sunday the 11th.

Block Party is on Sat Sept 28th, Hobbs Park is reserved for all day. No rain date. KT found neighbor named Cocoa who has giant puppets and invited her. Plenty of parking. And there will be valet bike parking, too. Thanks JT!



Tickets go for \$100 to go to the Cider Gallery for the fundraiser for Domer's book 3 with a full 3 course meal by Bon Bon. The comic from the newsletter (Plumber's Friend see attached) is a great comic that would be a great t-shirt.

Demolitions in the 'hood. 1136 and 1111 NJ. Another proposed one for the Allen Press building at 11th and Mass. Really good news, the little shotgun house could be placed on a flatbed and taken away. We need to move quickly. We'll get the phone number for the contact. A lot of houses have been moved in EL.... A couple houses were approved for demo. Allen Press demolition gets mentioned because no one will think the building is worthy of much. Our HRC ordinance says that if you are in the environs of an historic building you have to have a plan for what replaces a

demolished building. There are 3 historic buildings nearby, Watkins, Lutheran Church, Courthouse. The application asks to demo it without a plan. It sets a dangerous precedent. The demo should happen, the ordinances are important to follow. Sacie moves that ELNA write a letter to the HRC requesting they follow the rules. KT 2nds. JT notes that the homeless have been breaking in there. Krista wonders if you can make your plan be to become a vacant lot would be legit. KT thinks vacant lots on the corner are considered not a good use b/c of sight lines, etc. based on the special regs of downtown guidelines. All in favor unanimous.

A friend of JT who lives at Poehler just bought a house at 11th and New York. Her mom's moving into the apartment there.

Traffic Safety Committee has met 2 times since last meeting. Summary: Krista proposes we submit a proposal regarding 8th and 13th intersection with CT, speed along CT streets and DE streets from 8th to 11th, 7th from NJ to NH, Pedestrian safety at 10th & 11th crossings at DE to get to Hobbs. Someone suggested 11th to 13th along DE as an issue. We are choosing not to further this one because it is more indicative of speed on all side streets. We'll focus on what we think are biggest issues. Sacie moves we apply. KT 2nd. All in favor Aye aye aye.

West boundary of East Lawrence? Lane found a map showing NH is the boundary from 6th to 9th, from the alley east of NH to 11th. Barry says the boundary follows downtown boundary, and is stated in our bylaws as RI to 9th, alley between RI & NH to 11th, and Mass Street south of 11th.

Lawrence Land Development Code Amendment. East Lawrence meeting with staff is tomorrow at 12:30. We are attending a meeting set up by a private citizen. The City announced they were hosting meetings with neighborhoods and so Bruce Eggers signed up. Since he is in the neighborhood that became the "neighborhood" meeting. They let us know about it today. They are in the west bridge into the Riverfront Mall. James Dunn says "They will go pretty fast". 30 minutes. Be on time! Barry talked with Michael Almon today. He is on the committee. Michael Almon thinks 1) Parking. In the current draft there will be no parking requirements in Lawrence. We'll have parking problems. Overflow from downtown hits EL and other surrounding 'hoods 2) Elimination of single-family zoning. In areas that don't have covenants, all the older parts of the City, there will be by right the ability to do duplexes or 2 units, ADU's, etc. We could develop an overlay district. They are time consuming and will not be popular. We can't do one until the Neighborhood plan is in place. The city seems to be slow-walking that, it has been in process for nearly three years. 3) Most decisions will be administrative approvals with little public review. Comments are due by this Friday. They will freeze the document for 90 days probably later this month.

Brick sidewalks and Street Policy. There is a draft that exists. Comments closed on this topic last week. It only covers preserving bricks within official historic and overlay districts. Most of EL with brick is not in an official district. Sacie thinks the City staff defined that document and the maps. Phil moves that we write a letter to the HRC commenting on the brick draft policy. And to the MMTC on August 5th. 2nd Sacie All in favor Aye aye aye.

Downtown Bus Depot Location Another public comment opportunity. There is a Lawrence Listens survey that expires on 7/12. We don't think the Amtrak station should be designated as a part of downtown for the bus transit Center. We like the DG CO Bank parking lot @ 8th and 9th b/t KY and TN for this new location.

City Budget. It's a looming specter out there. Comment is open on it.

Channel 41 wants to do some interviews with us on July 18th no time determined, yet, so we can keep them up to date on exciting City issues.

LAN, thanks to Sacie for subbing for Phil (me) while I am out of town.

We're in the old train depot. How do we like the train noise? In Dallas/Ft. Worth there are recognized train silent zones on their tracks. That could be pursued in our town. We'd probably lean neutral on the topic but the neighbor bringing it should go for it!

Prez report. CC budgeted ELNA for a small grant last week. Yay!

Lane Coordinator report. Block Party is set up. We got tote bags! There are neighborhood Cat tours in other Cities. We are being encouraged to set up a Cat tour in our neighborhood.

Judicial Building will be getting a makeover. We should invite County to a future meeting.

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Adjourned! At 9:26