

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes Monday October 1st

New York School Library

Present:

Aaron Paden, Boog Highberger, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, Dave Lowenstein, Dave Pike, Holly Myers, Jamie St. Viva, Jean Anne Pike, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis, Judy Romero, Kaitlin Stanley, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Ludwin Molina, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Peggy Robinson, Phil Collison

1. Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Housekeeping Announcements

1. Meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of the month starting in January
2. March 11th, 2nd Monday, USD 497 Spring Break, meet at DSC. Catherine will check availability.
3. Board Elections in November, must declare tonight (see number 4 below).

3. Approvals. None

- a. REMINDER: CDBG quarterly report: fill in meetings attended, especially BOARD.

4. New business

1. Board Declarations. Nine board members have declared their desire to serve on the board next year: Aaron, Catherine, Dave, Joshua, KT, KH, Mike, Pam and Phil (who must serve). Judy, Cindy, and Eric will not be returning. New members Kaitlyn Stanley and Holly Myers express their interest to join. We do not need to have an election since there are fewer than 14 candidates.

2. City Sidewalk Policy -- Jean Anne and Dave Pike. Jean Anne was ordered by the city to repair her sidewalk but due to health and financial issues she has not been able to do this yet. She has been in touch with city official Jeff Kubota. The group discussed various options. Lisa Larsen is checking into aid which might be available from the city. Phil will check into aid from the CDBG capital improvement program, however this aid may will not be available til August 2019, unless there's an emergency. ELNA will organize a work day for Jean Anne when the weather cools down and those with the skills are available. Maybe ELNA should maintain a list of of brick sidewalk repairers? Perhaps 5 sidewalks per year could be repaired. The city has a stash of bricks on hand.

Lane and other neighbors described the city's complaint-based process related to sidewalks and overgrown lawns and threatening and unfriendly. Lisa suggested contacting Scott McCullough regarding this process.

3. New York PTA -- Jamie St Viva. A problem at school is students who act inappropriately due to trauma. Training is needed to help teachers and paras respond to this activity. Jamie listed other areas of concern and support:

1. Snacks. A snack drive will be organized.
2. Teachers. Letters should be written to the school board in support of the teachers in their mediation against the district. Issues include a base salary for teachers, a living wage for paraprofessionals, pay for conferences and committee work, and warnings regarding kids with trauma issues. The PTA website has a sample letter.
3. "Opportunity Fund" money for field trips and books.
4. Checkers' receipts, box tops and Dillon's online rewards can be directed to the school.
5. There will be a 150th anniversary celebration next fall.

To donate, write a check to the PTA and drop it off at school. Lane is in contact with trauma trainers. It was moved, seconded and passed that Phil should write a letter to the School Board and superintendent in support of the teachers. Lane will post the link to the PTA in the newsletter and Facebook.

4. Home Tour -- October 13th. Mike. Eric has funded the printing of fliers, etc. We should all market this event

with a goal of selling 40 tickets. If you are willing to help, e-mail Mike.

5. Adopt a Family. Lane will check into how to do this.

5. Recurring Updates

1. Arts Place Grant, Rebuilding East Ninth Together--Dave. Facilitator applications are coming in but have not been reviewed yet.

2. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion. There is traffic and parking confusion.

3. Downtown Plan --A few positions remain to be filled.

4. 13th St bicycle boulevard -- no action this month.

5. RiverKings -- Phil, status of letter. Phil will check with Diane regarding the letter to the city.

6. Downtown Grocery Store. Price Chopper is out.

7. Conservation Overlay. KT. HRC will send a letter to the city asking for help with the conservation overlay.

8. Splash Park. Residents need to contact Parks and Rec.

9. Hike Through History. New signage is being developed.

6. Reports

1. President. Phil talked to Ted Boyle re city notifications to neighborhood associations. He signed the CDBG agreement.

2. Vice-President. The block party went well.

3. Treasurer. We have \$1689.38 in the bank, and HUD owes us \$400.00. There's some confusion regarding PayPal but Lane understands this. There was discussion of concession income and money sources. Mike requested to delay his volunteer hand delivery of the newsletter by a day or two if necessary due to his work schedule.

4. Coordinator

i. Block Party recap. Lane will send around thank you list for review before publication.

ii. Nov Dec newsletter items are needed.

5. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. no report.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. Planning Committee orientation and public input will be October 19.

iii. Planning Commission. No report.

iv. Historic Resources Commission. The BonBon plan needs tweaking. The 1215 Delaware St. planners agreed to a gable roof and will discuss metal siding for their barn. The 9th and Rhode Island parking lot has been bought by the Preservation Alliance for the Turnhalle.

v. City Commission. Lisa. Regulations and a permitting process are being developed for absentee landlords of air bnbs.

vi. CDAC. No report.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. See number 4 above.

7. Updates/ Announcements. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.