

ELNA Minutes – July 8, 2019

Present: KT Walsh, Pam Blackburn, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Kaitlin Stanley, Joe Bickford, Frankie Foster-Davis, Sacie Lambertson, Lisa Larsen, Brenda Nunez.

Meeting called to order by KT Walsh. August meeting will be at DSC.

Kaitlin Stanley, of the board, on behalf of the Watkins Museum and the Public Library spoke of a program to archive community history by digitizing documents and photos. These artifacts will be available to the public, for free, forever.

Frankie Foster spoke of the upcoming Census. They are looking for workers to help ensure everyone fills out the form. It will only have 12 questions. Accurate counting is important as many grants and funding is based on these counts. Federal government distributes \$1535/person (for 10 years).

The workers will be knocking on doors for those who do not respond by internet, phone or mail. The jobs will pay \$13.50 an hour and will last 6 -8 weeks. They are looking for a good sized pool of people.

August is the month we will elect our treasurer.

9th st: continuing work

Rebuilding 9th st: 15 artists selected.

Arts Center Greenspace Update: TIF money from the hotel will go for buying the old Salvation Army building. Deal has not yet been closed.

Conservation Overlay: Scott McCullough says the Planning Department has no time or money to support this effort. We need to decide what the next steps should be.

Air BnBs: Brook Creek and North Lawrence have petitions to limit Air BnBs.

Todd Foster had stepped down as ELNAs representation on the downtown master plan group. Pam Blackburn has agreed to serve.

Coordinator: Barbara Higgins Dover is looking for volunteers to help on 7/20 at the RiverKings, Living River Festival. All financial reports are now on the website. 150th NY Elem celebration will be on 9/28 in conjunction with the Block Party. The permit to close the street is in process.

Planning Commission: Penn St Lofts are on a fast track for approval.

There was a brief discussion on the newsletter delivery. This will be further discussed at the August meeting.

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. Meeting was adjourned.