

## ELNA Minutes – July 05, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh,

Joe Bickford, Charlie Bryan, Dennis Constance, Dave Crawford, Amanda Davis, Lauren Davis, Jennifer Distlehorst, Bruce Eggers, Dave Evans, Bill Fleming, John Gascon, Boog HighBerger, Logan Isaman, Frank Janzen, Janice Melland, Henry Morland, Timothy Morland, Brenda Nunez, Judy Romero, John Swift, Pat Watkins

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Members of the Downtown Grocery committee along with the development group and architects went over their plans. They are currently working with the old Border's site and plan to expand the footprint. The envisioned building will be approximately 40 stories high with 3 above ground stories. The first floor will house the grocery store. The size of store is planned to be 40,000 sq ft which includes storage space which makes the store more viable. The upper two floors will contain 82 apartments, studio, 1 bedroom & 2 bedroom. As they will be asking for tax abatements, there will be 15% of the units available as affordable housing. The development group is interested in partnering with housing groups to have these units be permanently affordable housing.

An underground parking garage will be built with 200 stalls. The top floor of parking will be for the grocery store. They plan for an IKEA like escalator for shoppers to take grocery carts to their cars (the carts catch on the escalator and don't roll down). The bottom floor of parking will be restricted and for tenants only. There are plans for a drive thru pharmacy in the store.

The historic building on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & NH will remain. The underground parking will not go under the building. The development group is in talks with Hobbs Loft as that building has a covenant on the property that there will be no expansion. They are hopeful that this will be approved.

Lawrence Loop representative talked about the status of the Lawrence Loop, a mixed use path encircling Lawrence. Currently there are 15 miles of the 22.4 mile path completed. One of the major missing pieces is the portion that connects Hobbs Park to city hall to the river path. They are looking for feedback on the proposed route and are hoping for strong community support. Jackie move to write a letter in support of continued work on the Loop and the proposed route thru East Lawrence. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Board training will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Delaware Commons Center (this was later changed to August 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning).

KH gave a treasurer's report to give a picture of the end of the year financials. ELNA is currently \$900 less than normal for a bank balance. Pam moved to accept the report. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Hike thru History opens 7/18 at the Library. They are looking for feedback.

Home tour committee did not have a report.

President: Gotfred has approval for his mural on the building at 9<sup>th</sup> & Delaware. He is currently seeking donations.

Coordinator: September meeting will be the Monday after Labor day.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie seconded. Meeting was adjourned.