

ELNA Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2014 at NY Elementary

In attendance:

Christine Kosirog, Katherine Harris, Phil Collison, Leslie Soden, Cindy Suenram, Brenda Nunez, Pam Blackburn, KT Walsh, Eric Jay, Jacki Becker, Aaron Paden, Bill Wachspress, Erik Wolf, Kelli Dillion, Melissa Fraire, Marium Zanir, Frank Janzen, Matt Klienmanns, Chris Sorrentino, Nick Brown, Boog Highberger, Josh Davis

No minutes approval this month. Moved to next month.

Better Block presentation: Matt Kleinmann, Professor of Architecture at KU. Looking at service-based learning projects. Better Block is a grassroots organization using an inclusive, community-based approach. Looked at Cultural Arts commission meeting notes on community directions and desires for the Cultural Arts district. Will include research and installations along the 9th street corridor. No official affiliation, instead a community engagement visioning process. Betterblock.org for examples across the nation. Organization uses donated materials and volunteers. Ideas include: temporary lending library, food trucks, temporary bike land installation, parklet with pedestrian friendly space (parking spot turned public space). Deadline is April 25, 6pm-10pm, final Friday. Ideas suggested by ELNA include talking to Charlie's Bar, St. Luke's AME, Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, Matt Burke (pocket libraries at KU), Lawrence Creates, KS food truck festival on May 10, Million Cups talks at Cider Gallery, keep elderly in thier homes who can't afford to fix up thier homes (Matt brought up Historic Green as a possible resource for us), covered bus stop at hospital and homeless shelter. #bblawrence, neighborly, better block lawrence on FB.

Nick Brown, Cosmic Beauty School: Collective residence, placemaking, social networking in real life-applied for DGCO Heritage Grant and would like us to provide support in the form of a letter. Want to redo the east side of the building.

Budget report & fundraising brainstorm/committee creation: CDBG funds going down, so the budget was reviewed to see where we are at. See attached. Need to do some fundraising. More KVKL concessions (4 if we have enough volunteers), also adding \$\$\$ to tix sales at Granada, newsletter advertising, are some ideas. Committee-Aaron, Christine, Josh will help with walking of newsletter, Eric, Jacki, and Chris.

Use restrictions for tax districts: Leslie-went to LAN first, ELNA second. Wondering our thoughts on creation of categorical structures that would not allow certain types of businesses in TIFF districts, like the Oread Hotel. Discussion ensued about how this could be a slippery slope, although the idea is a good one. Maybe it should be brought back to state/city laws. Zoning is also an issue in that no more liquor licenses can be given in downtown Mass, that happend in the 90s. So really Lawrence has done a really good job of that.

Brick street follow up: Leslie, Phil and Aaron met. Phil sent an email to Mark Thiel, see attached. He would like to request a letter of support from ELNA saying the same. Public input is so important in this because the squeaky wheel will get the action. Phil will send out the 4 points from letter to the board and with approval will create a letter and send to the city. 16 miles of brick, residential streets exist which, with good training and maintenance could last for 60-70 years.

History on web page: (Phil) Dave Evans and Mark Caplan are teaming up and will start doing an article for ELNA news. Phil will also help Dave to put the info on the history tab of the website.

Riverfront clean up: (Aaron) Unfortunately, our efforts were cut short due to a tragedy. Since that time, however, Mike Myers has been talking with people about turning that area into a serious trailhead. KT agreed and will attempt to talk to Schumm in order to get all parties to call a meeting. Josh added that he is also working to have the stone structure preserved as part of his work.

Presidents Report: Pollinator's mural will be presented tomorrow at CC meeting. Spencer commissioned the work so they have spearheaded ideas on what to do with it. Art Place update, Josh was at the meeting today, and they had their interview. Treanor North update (aaron) meeting date in progress. Recycle bins at NYE (aaron) taken away during construction, curbside coming October. Any ideas where they could be put until curbside goes in? Tony's properties.

Vice-President Report: No updates

Treasurer Report: Checking balance \$5,687.76

Coordinator Report: Lane absent this evening, but lots going on. Newsletter deadline is this Friday!!!! May/June newsletter will be yart pics/thanks, clean up pics/thanks, NYE recycling moving, Dave Evans piece, HCHC block party, change of trash pick up dates. Josh added to Yart Sale update-ELNA gifted all the LPA money raised at Yart Sale, specific amount to be determined by Josh. Leslie moved, Sara seconded, motion unanimous.

KT moved that we send the letter of support for the cosmic beauty school to the county, Phil seconded. Josh added that we already sent a letter of support to this for the city and LAC for signage in cultural district. Motion unanimous.

LAN: Brenda, not much to report. Farmer and Riourdon were there talking about rental licensing.

She also talked to the Garcia girls about the sewers and they have been trying to get the money together to fix the sewer line, but have not been able to because it is \$7000. Brainstormed other ideas in the community. Pam shared her experience in talking with the utilities company, Dave Larned/Dave Akin are also good options, Josh also

explained it may be a good idea for the neighbor across the alley to look at their sewer as well. No emergency city funds for sewer problems.  
Community Village fundraiser is April 27 at 3pm.

PC: no update

HRC: Modernize preservation language in Horizon 2020 document. No update on 1106 RI. Treanor is updating old shirt company, World company is paying for it. Invite sent out to the KU prof who wants to put Langston Hughes signs all over the neighborhood.

CC: Tomorrow night. VanGo mural on city bus, north Lawrence small grocery store north of Franks, city will start a phone survey about concerns re: Horizon 2020, rental registration passed.  
Josh added-traffic lane will be gone until the end of the year. This will be on the agenda tomorrow as well.

CDAC: Pam filled out volunteer form, waiting for mayor to review application. Phil suggested Pam also sign up for agenda's on city website.

New York PTO/Site Council: Clean up 8-11am

Arts Center: No update

Horizon 20/20: No update

Updates: none

End of meeting? Who motioned, who seconded?