

ELNA Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014 at the Percolator

In attendance:

Christine Kosirog, Jacki Becker, Aaron Paden, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez, Pam Blackburn, Katherine Harris, Phis Collison, Nate Wedermyer, Paul Werner, Frank Janzen, Dave Crawford, Diane Adamson, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Boog Highberger, Leslie Soden, Bill Wachspress, John Hachmeister, Grace Peterson, Mike Myers, Sara Minges, Josh Davis

January 2014 Minutes: KT moved, Phil seconded, approval unanimous

Gould Evans: Site plan & Floor plan. Site plan-light grey existing footprint, additions to south and east. Getting rid of portables, art and music added to additions. Great windows, direct access to gym. North side will be 4th and 5th grade, will remain unchanged. 2 classroom addition to south side for Kindergarten, dedicated gym, new dining area, and expanded kitchen to south and east. New entry that feels like walking into living room, community access room, library. Plan for future mural in hallway. LP=learning pocket, these are being incorporated into schools throughout district for study areas, breakout sessions for small groups. Main entry, bus lane same, front side walk too. Parking lot currently north, moved to street parking off of NJ which allows addition of dedicated playground. Will have lower level and upper level playground (timed now so groups don't mix)-one north, one south. On south, play-set moved slightly, garden moved to front. Relocate rain garden, addition of sidewalks connecting all, trees. Parking on NJ will be available for AME on sundays/special events. Grounds on south side of school currently encompass nice trees, history of gathering place for families. Sick tree will be removed, healthy tree will stay. 10th street fence will be rebuilt for access. Outdoor classroom will be moved to south side of building and double as place for parents to gather. Sidewalk added along NJ street, as well as access to the grounds. 6 ft high, black vinyl chain link fence. Drop off and pick up will work as they do now, with exception of early am drop off which will move to NY street. Recycling moves to mandated residential recycling, so large drop off is being phased out-no final date right now. Trash and recycling, short term, can be moved to NJ street. Ground mounted mechanical room changing from the big units to smaller units. Phase of changes: students will stay onsite, 2 classes moved into portable units (art and music will need to move around as needed), new additions to east built first, central portion partitioned off and rebuilt while maintaining access to gym, south classrooms moved and building starts on this portion during school year. Final deadline will be done by fall 2015. May want to add another drive for bigger events, like Yart Sale. Natural light in old copula possible? Not possible due to lots of crossbracing. Will it be restored on outside? Yes. Working with LFTP? No, but emails will be passed along. Discussed grading-city has certain requirements, will do as much with dirt (and not walls) as possible. Breaks in the fence from more places in the neighborhood-could be worked into plan. Will talk further about building materials being used at future meeting, lots of people unhappy with it. Mike Myers, Nancy DeGarmo, and committee members and others from the district can meet to discuss.

Community Village Lawrence: Diane Adamson, fundraiser Sunday March 2 3-6 pm at Crown Toyota Dealership, food & drink & music & auction & KU athletes. Tix \$10 or 2 for \$15, at website, through volunteers, call number on flyer. Village concept—to help people stay in their home as long as possible, catching on across the country. Run by volunteers, raising money to help hire director.

Grocery Store update: KT/David Crawford. Downtown Grocery store project, been meeting since November. Push to put store in old Borders, community outreach has been happening city-wide (north lawrence, old west lawrence have signed letters of support) would like ELNA support as well. Would like local grocer, grocer that would work with local farmers/farmers market. Meeting with city to find out about Request For Proposals this month, better fit than TIF. Lower priced markets are a better fit based on research and demographics of neighborhood. Pam moved for ELNA letter to support neighborhood grocery store, Josh seconded, approval unanimous.

9th & NH update: New 9th & NH building (north project) will be coming up at Planning Commission on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 in City Commission room to determine if it is comprehensive with city plan. Leslie reminded us that when we met about this forever ago, it was important that it not be taller than Hobbs Taylor Lofts-on the skyline. More coming soon.

Dave Lowenstein invited to talk to us tonight about Pollinator's Mural and its future with the building of the the north project. Spencer Museum commissioned work and is interested in keeping it. They have attempted to have meetings with Doug Compton, but it has not happen. Not sure what the future holds.

Traffic update: Josh reports that the street has been closed off with detour signs, they are willing to put in temporary speed bump or close the street in the middle if problems occur. Police have also set up shop and KH reports no problems since.

Mike adds, roof level of parking garage will no longer be free as it was never intended to be free, so more parking may be occurring in the neighborhood.

President's report: Been meeting about the school site plan-where to put murals in the school. Turnhalle clean up occurred, went well. River clean up-Saturday March 8, 8-12 (meet at Santa Fe station), Burroughs Trail Clean up will happen someday soon too. CDBG add your meetings to the list.

VP report: Jacki joining the Bicycle Advisory Board

Treasurer: \$5,208.69 in bank.

Coordinator: Shared info/flyer on AME black history month events. December-lots of new members, 4 lifetime memberships! Website updates, newsletter preplanning, minutes. Feb-newsletter (deadline Feb. 14), PO box fee paid, post minutes.

LAN: Not much, reserved meeting with Farmer re: landlord issue. Send letter to Horizon 2020 to ensure no more buildings over 3 stories downtown.

PC: Pam going.

HRC: Old English Lutheran church (11&NH) on register now.

CC: KT-Naismith Valley Park extended, \$15k from state + \$15k from city to hire cultural director from city, city agreed to pay for 1106 RI for \$114, 500. Public meeting on all the city street projects over the next year this Friday. Tomorrow they are going to hear city engineer asking for approval for KDOT grant to extend trail, go support.

CDAC: Still working on getting there.

NYPTO/Site Council: Minute school is over and teachers are out, construction begins. PTO will help organize a day to help the teachers move out. P/T conferences next Wednesday, bring food to feed 'em. Doing a baked potato bar-bring a topping or a dessert (they love chocolate). Bring to school before 5pm.

Updates/announcements: Mark Thiel coming in March to discuss brick streets. Michael Almon-Sustainability Action Network is looking for members for this summer. Also, announcing the Mothball Your Mower Challenge-STOP MOWING!

Blue Skies Energy Foundation started by Leslie Soden as a way to get energy to low income people.

KT-Eileen Horn said the KS Health Foundation is proving grant money for sidewalks.

KH-longtime neighbor Gilbert Stone passed away on Jan. 21. Lived in the neighborhood for 40 years!

Meeting ended.

Leslie motioned, Pam seconded, unanimous approval.