

ELNA Minutes – October 03, 2016

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

Mike Anderson, Joe Bickford, Jesse Brinson, Jennifer Distlehorst, Amanda Davis, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Frank Janzen, Johni Lacore, Chris Lempa, Corban Mesan, Catherine Reed, Thomas Sanders, Joel Smith, Nicholas Ward, Cole Wyatt,

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. Minutes were reviewed and accepted (Josh NY moved, Jackie seconded).

Erin Besson spoke about getting volunteers to go door to door to help register to vote.

DIY Skatepark. The Lawrence Skaters Advocacy group spoke and shared their ideas for a city skate park. The one by the river was demolished by the City with no notice. They are working in collaboration with Parks & Rec. Their goals are to construct the park by the skaters allowing them to create their own park. This increases community involvement and gives the skaters a platform to learn new skills such as pouring concrete, etc. All city skate parks are in West Lawrence. They have narrowed the options to 3 parks. It will need ADA access, restrooms and a concrete slab. There will be a fundraiser at Replay on 11/12.

Candidates for Douglas County Commissioners spoke. Jesse Brinson's background is in youth ministry the past 12 years. Wants to decouple the jail expansion and the mental health crisis intervention center as separate events to be discussed and funded. Nancy Thellman is the incumbent candidate and has served on the commission for 8 years. She is in the Horizon 2020 committee, Board of Just Foods. She talked about the need for jail expansion/reconfiguring as the county is now spending \$1 million in rent for inmates at other facilities.

Declarations to run for board: Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), Jennifer Distlehorst, KH Harris, Eric Jay, Johni Lacore, Chris Lempa, Dave Loewenstein, Tim Moreland, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh.

Due to the federal election, the election will be held 11/14. League of Women Voters will oversee the election. Moved by Cindy, seconded by by Jon. Motion passed.

CDBG grant due after Thanksgiving. Chris Lempa agreed to help KH and Aaron.

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