

## ELNA Minutes – December 13, 2021

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Joshua Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Krista Gentry, Sacie Lambertson, Dave Loewenstein, Kate Lowder, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Julia Patterson, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh

Michelle Johnson, Ellen Paulsen, Frank Janzen, Cris Combs, Joe Bickford, Uma Outka, Kay Emerson, Boog Highberger

Meeting called to order by Barry. Introductions were done and agenda approved (KT moved & Sacie 2<sup>nd</sup>). November minutes were approved. KT moved & Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Michelle Johnson talked about her store called Reclaimed by Michelle. The store carries a wide variety of new & old of items. It is next door to Uplift Coffee, open Tuesdays-Saturdays 10-6. She does buy / accept donations. Michelle wanted to let us know about the store.

Toxic orders in various parts of East Lawrence continue. Lane set up a spreadsheet helping Uma tracking times that the strong petrochemical odor is noticed. The last few weeks have been more often. Generally, Uma noticed it between hobbs & empty lot. It has been noticed at 11<sup>th</sup> st west, corner Pennsylvania & 9<sup>th</sup> tonight to st lukes. Also noticed on 8<sup>th</sup> & NH. Uma has spoken with city, called clean air now in KC. They gave suggestions for community air monitoring. Money available thru region 7 EPA for community air monitoring. Kt noticed an odor in the house this morning. Jaime Wilson is the Northeast District Environmental Administrator.

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Cris has had a lot of the issues. He is backed up to Repetition Coffee. They make no attempt to filter. Penny's & Pearsons have stringent regulations on emissions. Coffee roasting rules are unknown. Cris has identified the source as the coffee roasting. What legal requirements for coffee roasting before visiting repetition? Brian Jimenez is the code enforcement head. What kind of permit is needed for coffee.?

Phil, Uma, Cris, Lane will continue to investigate with ELNA backing. Has the Health dept been notified.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LT6Oqoylb1DTCJiJIUXyGKETojYBN97NhDEUGVHpa60/edit#gid=0> tracking xlsx.

Uma will continue with the legwork to see if region 7 will provide community air monitoring? Are grants needed? Uma will continue to investigate.

Rumors continue that Lawrence Public schools will be closing either New York or Pinckey. Community support is needed to discourage either school from closing. Everyone should email school board members & join PTO meetings. Barry will talk to the NY principal and forward information. Kt moved that "ELNA recognizes that NY school is an essential part of our neighborhood community. We will take all steps necessary to keep NY open and that it continues to receive the support & resources it needs". Aaron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

City commission has affordable housing initiatives for elderly & young professionals. Young families are not part of it. This will also need to be fought in city hall. Work session next week to open to the public.

City commission/planning commission: Splash pad special use permit in Burroughs Creek. Barry wrote a letter in support of (plan). City supports strong welcoming neighborhoods. Barry will write a letter on their definition on how to measure distance to amenities: no mention of grocery stores. These all need to be addressed. The plan has nothing about traffic safety. They have not addressed proposals for having a city hall neighborhood liaison and funding for neighborhood groups. Proposal submitted but no response from city. No input from neighborhoods or LAN on what is important to them. KT moves Barry to write/ submit a letter for tomorrow. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

HRC 824 RI: asked to scale down, horizontal siding, ; electric car charges west side by bottleneck.

LAN to send out notes by phil.

New committees updates:

Exec: Barry contacted the IRS on 501c3 application in June. No response. No one has been assigned to work it yet. He has put in a request to Jake La Turner's office to help move the request along.

Traffic safety: no meeting yet. But soon. Continuing to observe wrecks at 8<sup>th</sup> & conn. Nick is head of the traffic safety commission and would like to come to our meeting. What happened to Delaware St parking + speeding suggestions? Flags are gone.

Built environment: ADUs in rs5? Developer letter circulating on advantages of adu's .

Services & social justice: Julia to set up meeting. Kate has several ideas. Researching events for youth & vocational training. Engage Haskell & history.

Art & Culture: will get together.

Neighborhood engagement: Barry would like to move to a more member oriented association. He is looking to engage more members involved in neighborhood issues.

Budget & finance : no update

Publish mtg schedule of subcommittee in Thursday newsletter.

Treasurer: 4307.16; paypal 1129.43

Coordinator: NY chili feed 1/18 Tuesday. The meal will be to go and drive thru like last year. Please volunteer for desserts.

A discussion followed on when to reserve the gym for yart sale. Initial suggestion is for 3/26 sat. How do we maintain covid safety? Is music a good or bad idea? Do we require masks? Other activities include Spring cleanup of Murphy Brommel house and work on the garden. Looking for more activities there.

Meeting adjourned.