

ELNA Minutes – November 9, 2020

Present: Phil Collison, Pam Blackburn, Suzan Hampton, Boog Highberger, Anna McCoy Brenda Nunoz, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Hannah Sroor, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, KT Walsh, Dave Lowenstein, Lisa Larsen

Meeting called to order by Phil. September & October minutes were reviewed by board members. Dave moved, Barry seconded that both minutes be approved.

Aaron moved that the slate of Board Members be accepted. KT seconded.

Barry was nominated for President and accepted the nomination. Boog moved, KT seconded and Barry was approved.

KT indicated that she was willing to remain Vice-President. Josh moved, Aaron seconded and KT was approved.

Hannah was nominated for Secretary. Aaron moved, KT seconded and Hannah was approved.

Aaron will remain Treasurer as that position is voted on in August.

Lane talked about an email from LAC about the strategic plan. Derrick Rogers is leading a group and was looking for neighborhood representatives.

Lisa Larsen talked about the city strategic plan. It is updated every few years. Budgeting, focus, and spending will support initiatives from strategic plan. Six committees were formed, one on neighborhoods.

Pam asked about downtown strategic plan. There have been no notifications of meetings since before covid. Lisa said she would check.

Barry reported on GOTV: in 2020, 238 new voters were registered. Turnout in our neighborhood was 60% in both 2016 & 2018. 2020 turnout was over 68%. Knocked on 350 doors, Door hangers placed on 650 residences. 400 postcards mailed. Worked a registration table with LWV. 500+ text messages sent. 20 volunteers supported this effort.

Rebuilding East 9th together: Celebration was a great success. Report compiled and sent. Now archiving documents.

CDBG listening sessions: KT, Phil, Lane, Aaron, Marci attended. There is a 10 step matrix. They are waiting for input from ELNA on what should be added. Most felt like matrix was scored without reviewing the documents submitted and was too subjective.

Update neighborhood plan: although Scott McCullogh was engaged multiple times, with his resignation little is remembered of the conversations. Still not getting support.

New bus bench at 11 & Delaware. A local church is paying for multiple benches around town.

Questions if the kayak park is still being planned down by the dam. A lot of new activity is going on and a new access road has been built.

No update on where to move the Wishing Bench.

Officer reports:

Treasurer: 2189.10 in bank; 382.65 in paypal

Coordinator: City needs form on file for vendor. Merchandise popup for holiday sales. Holiday giving this year in support of the DARE center. Hoping to get 100 walmart gift cards for \$25 each. Community will be notified through enews and social media.

Needs assessment of neighborhood will be in the next newsletter along with human services contacts to connect people to resources.

Book drive for St Luke AME's Langston Hughes Community Library. Looking for books on Langston Hughes and racial issues both old and new.

Stuart added Phil to the citizen committee on policing. There are 3 others on the committee.

Lisa reminded everyone that Covid money for rental assistance is still available.

Meeting adjourned.