

ELNA minutes April 2018

Present:

Catherine Reed, Dave Loewenstein, Derek Rogers, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joshua Davis, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Mark Hecker, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Suzan Hampton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Phil Collison

3. New Business/ In-depth discussion

a. Lawrence Parks and Rec -- Derek Rogers, and Mark Hecker from Parks and Rec want to work with neighborhood associations and get their input. Burroughs Creek Trail at 15th St will have a restroom, possibly fitness equipment. Hike through History plaques are being installed, will be unveiled Saturday April 28. There will be an event at Lawrence Brewing Co on Friday April 27. Many players are involved in revitalizing the woody park by Lawrence Memorial Hospital. KU will have a bike trail. Splash parks are being considered, locations to be determined. Parks and Rec is open to new projects, especially with public partnership. An ELNA concern is a skateboard park.

b. Suzan Hampton -- Prairie Block collaboration. A prairie restoration will be developed near the Community Orchard near 13th St. KU will design and build it, the KS Biological Survey will donate seeds. Soil preparation will start in the fall. Karl Ramberg will present a stone carving workshop. Plant and tree identification signs were suggested.

c. Arts Center Grant Update. Cindy is in dialogue with ArtPlace, not yet ready to present.

4. Recurring Updates

a. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion. K.T. Walsh reports that stone curbs are hard to join to streets. HRC will attempt to save brick sidewalks. Construction start date is uncertain. There were questions about AME church accessibility.

b. Downtown Grocery Store. A few design changes were made. The developer backed off on the loan request.

c. River Kings. Walking tours will be held in April and May. Dates are listed on the ELNA website.

e. Leon's House is almost done.

f. Wishing Bench. Eric Jay will make the new platform in his shop, probably will get it installed during April.

h. Conservation Overlay. A meeting was held. There's a neighborhood plan on the ELNA website. We will need to work with the city on this. It was moved and seconded to send a letter to HRC asking for their support.

i. Home Tour. Eric Jay. Tentative dates are October 13 and 14. Flyers and volunteers will be needed.

5. Reports

a. President. Dennis Brown may be a fundraiser for the AME church.

c. Treasurer. We have \$3655.33 balance. The YART sale raised \$2150.00. Student leadership grossed \$350.00. We spent \$50 on ads.

d. Coordinator. Newsletter items must be submitted by April 15.

Burroughs Creek Trail Clean Up -- Apr 14

Riverfront Clean up -- Apr 21st

There's a possibility of film showings in addition to the River Kings.

e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. A sponsor has been found who requested a discount for multiple ads. Mike Anderson will talk with him.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods talked about jail. The jail can be toured on Saturdays. KT Walsh would like to have a program re the jail.

iii. Historic Resources Commission. The owner of 826 Rhode Island did not follow the submitted plan.

iv. New York PTO/Site Council. Students can participate in the walkout. There's a new principal.

6. Updates / Announcements

Mike Anderson: the kickball team needs more players. Leo the Man pedestal is in place. A Peace Pole will be installed at NY school on May 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.