

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Minutes

Monday May 13th 2019 • New York School library

Present:

Aaron Paden, Catherine Reed, Dave Lowenstein, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis (NY), KT Walsh, Mike Anderson, Mike Nevels, Phil Collison, Rae Johnson, Michele Johnson, Erika Kjorlie Geery, Boog Highberger, Lane Eisenbart, Mandy Enfield, Pam Blackburn, Josh Davis (Penn)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

1. Introductions
2. Housekeeping Announcements
3. Approvals. April minutes were approved.
4. New business
  1. Derek Rogers Parks and Rec. Derek was not present. KT reported that the splash park is still in the budget—maybe it will be constructed in 2020. The fountain at the Santa Fe depot is being restored.
  2. ReStore Hello by Michele Johnson. ReStore raises funds for Habitat for Humanity. They are developing a new program “Aging in Place,” to do exterior repairs for qualified senior citizens. ReStore will supply the labor with help from the homeowners, to the extent that the homeowners are capable. Michele urged us to come by and gave out coupons.
5. Recurring Updates
  1. Sidewalk project for JeanAnn and Dave. The project was successful: the sidewalk is complete, it just needs sand poured over the bricks. JeanAnn paid for the gravel and the city arborist trimmed the tree roots. Thanks to all who worked.
  2. 13th St. Bike Boulevard update. Open houses will be held at City Hall and at the East Lawrence Rec Center. The plan will be decided at the June Transportation Committee meeting.
  3. East 9th Update, City portion. East 9<sup>th</sup> is still under construction. When will the streetlights be turned on?
  4. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Mandy Enfield. The project is going well. Five artists have been selected, plus there are 4 of the original artists. Six more artists will be selected. The successful projects will be announced on Wednesday June 12. Twenty-eight proposals were received.
  5. Wishing Bench. Dave L. The bench was designed in 2007 by architecture students with the help of visiting professor Rob Corser, now in Seattle. Dave has the plans and photos of the construction. Bo Harris helped fund the bench and found a location for it when the bench was moved from the KU campus. It was never a bus stop. Rob will allow ELNA to adopt the bench. We should check whether landowner Tony Krschnik has any claim to the bench.
  6. Downtown Plan. KT. Kits will be available to allow people and groups to consolidate their input.
  7. RiverKings – Phil. This is no longer an East Lawrence item: the museum will move into the North Lawrence Depot.
  8. Conservation Overlay. KT. HRC will again ask the City Commission for help on this. It’s on the agenda. Phil will watch for this topic.
  9. Arts Center Greenspace. Margaret Morris will meet with the City Commission in May or June. TIFF grants are at issue. The Salvation Army building will be demolished.
  10. Advertisers for next newsletter. Phil will check into this. Cottin’s is willing to pay more if they are acknowledged as sponsors. Aaron suggests reducing the ad price. Mike Anderson will emphasize sponsorship, and Lane will note it on the Facebook page. Let’s bring sponsorship/advertising ideas next month.
6. Reports
  - a. President. Arts Center, sidewalk, HUB all good. Opportunity Zone funding may be used to enhance East Lawrence—the city is developing a mechanism to get information out about opportunity zones. The Transportation Commission is considering reducing speed limits on neighborhood streets and enforcing them.
  - b. Vice-President. The Girls Rock camp volunteer registration is open.
  - c. Treasurer. We have \$5144.13 in the bank.

d. Coordinator. New York School's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary party will be held Sept 21, 2019. From 1-2 pm there will be an alumni event including dignitaries, followed by a carnival on the playground. The ELNA block party will follow, on the street. Lane will be out of town May 27-June 4.

e. Committees

- i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. See above.
  - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. Phil will be the LAN rep. There's a downtown planning workshop on June 5, 6:30-8 pm for residents, June 6 at 7:30 am for businesses. Air BnB: there are 241 of them in Lawrence, probably 100 or so are active. The Senior Resource Center will move back downtown in early fall, according to Megan Poindexter.
  - iii. Planning Commission. No report.
  - iv. Historic Resources Commission. 1227 Connecticut will be demolished, also 1321 New Hampshire. 816 Rhode Island will be restored. 731 New York will have an addition.
  - v. City Commission. Large buildings must improve their sprinkler systems. The HUB development was rejected. There will be a new bus hub.
  - vi. CDAC. No report.
  - vii. New York PTO/Site Council. See above.
2. Updates / Announcements. Mike Nevels is advised to contact Tenants to Homeowners regarding Penn House information. Michele from ReStore needs drivers with trucks to pick up furniture and take it to a new warehouse on Friday May 24. Maybe Eric Kirkendall can help. Lane will promote this event in the ELNA newsletter. Kickball starts Sunday—bring treats at 8:15. Mike A's team needs more players. Josh Davis (Penn) wants to move his mother in next door—is this considered owner-occupied? The permitting process is in flux and requires attention. Mike Nevels suggests contacting Eagle Scouts to do needed projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed.