

Memorandum

To: Margene Swarts
Community Development Manager

CC: File
Aimee Polson
ELNA Board Members

From: Secretary - Christy Dahl (842-9945)

Date: January 7, 2002

Re: Minutes for November 12, 2001 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) general meeting

Old Business

Meeting Minutes

- Aimee Polson read a summary of the September General Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

- Operating Expenses \$1,965.47
- Coordinator's Salary \$4,881.00
- Free State Checking Acct. \$539.57
- Free State Savings \$29.15

Property Rehabilitation Task Force

- Ardys described tax credits (20% of costs) available for owners of historically registered home renovation. Ed Tato believes the credit can be carried from year to year, if taxes are not paid one or more years.
- Dennis Enslinger is applying for a grant for historic research, which could assist with ELNA's desired conservation district.
- Ed Tato spoke with Dennis and learned that homeowners can make more changes within a conservation district than if the home is on a historic register by itself.

New Business

Board Member Elections

- Ardys gave an overview of ELNA and the issues it is currently facing including the county's desired parking lot by the court house and the neighborhood plan with its committees to be filled. Ardys also described the President's typical job duties as disseminating information to the neighborhood and representing the neighborhood at assorted city and county meetings.
- Doug Byers thanked Ardys for her work as president over the last year relating how she has worked hard and passionately.

President

- Mark Lehmann nominated Ed Tato as President and Carmen seconded this motion.
- Ed Tato (1016 Pennsylvania) is the Chair of the Housing Trust Fund Board lives and was a city planner for Mesa Arizona
- The vote was unanimous for Ed Tato

Vice President

- Ed Tato nominated Mark Lehmann for Vice President and Doug Byers seconded the motion.
- Mark Lehmann (639 Mississippi) owns Old home Depot at Eleventh Street and Pennsylvania, he sat on the steering committee for the ELNA neighborhood plan and is Vice President for the Water Garden Society.
- The vote was unanimous for Mark Lehmann

Secretary

- Ed Tato nominated Chris Stevenson as Secretary and Carmen seconded this motion.
- Chris Stevenson (1105 New Jersey) has his own home based publishing company, has been a professional secretary, and is an ordained minister currently affiliated with St. Luke's AME Church.
- The vote was unanimous for Chris Stevenson.

Treasurer

- Ardys nominated Doug Byers for Treasurer and Christy Dahl seconded the motion.
- Doug Byers (1325 Pennsylvania) works at KU as research administrator and has been the ELNA Treasurer since moving to neighborhood 3 years ago.
- The vote was unanimous for Doug Byers.

Board Members

- Ardys Ramberg nominated
 - Liz Brosius who works for KSGS.
 - Madeleine O'Brian who an artist that helped organize the Sweetheart Fundraiser
 - Corky Reed whose home was built in 1870 and has been in the family for four generations; he is a retired electrician.
 - Don Cantor who is an electrician that would like to get involved in the neighborhood and community
- Doug seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimous for these nominations.

- Doug Byers nominated
 - Karen Butler is a social worker for social security 1218.5 PA, originally from Joplin, MO
 - Donna Duncan who is a research administrator at KU and program assistant for Kansas biological survey
 - Bill Wachspress who has been the ELNA Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) representative and CDBG representative
- Jennifer Hackney seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimous for these nominations.

- Mark Lehmann nominated
 - Jeff and Erica Plumlee
 - Erica works for Department of Corrections in Topeka

- Jeff is Operations Director for a manufacturing company in the Kansas City area
- Ardys Ramberg seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimous for these nominations.

CDBG Funding Suggestions

- Doug gave an overview of the CDBG Grant Application process and informed the group that grant applications are due December 3.
- The grant dollars must be spent between August 1, 2002 and July 31, 2003.
- CDBG funds are to improve living conditions and neighborhood environment

Housing Stock Survey

- Ed has information from KCMO on surveying housing stock from the exterior of homes, which will be helpful for the neighborhood housing committee. The surveyors undergo training to ensure that all are evaluating similarly.
- EL could request funding for the trainers to come train EL resident surveyors and/or software for the survey – Structural Conditioning Inventory.
- Mark Lehmann moved that we submit an application for Structural Condition Inventory
- Doug Byers seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

Neighborhood Beautification

- Doug discussed the Board's previous discussion for Neighborhood Grass Seed to beautify lawns.
- Seed would need to be kept in proper sealed containers.
- Mark Lehmann suggested that those who really care would buy their own seed.
- Ed Tato noted that this could be a way to promote ELNA and the neighborhood's awareness of what the association does.
- Doug Byers moved that we apply for \$250 for grass seed and containers.
- Ardys seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

Coordinator Cost of Living Raise

- Doug Byers moved that ELNA applies for an increased amount for the coordinator's salary to account for an increase in the cost of living.
- The increase would be the same cost of living increase that city employees receive.
- Ardys Ramberg seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimously in favor

Adobe Acrobat Writer

- Aimee Polson would like to purchase software so the newsletter can be done in pdf format.
- The newsletter expenses could be reduced if the newsletter could be emailed.
- Doug motioned that the ELNA apply for funding to purchase Adobe Acrobat Writer, with the dollar amount to be determined after pricing the software.
- Carmen Collins seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

Brick Street Restoration

- Aimee suggested that ELNA could apply for funding for the city to remove the chunks of asphalt left on brick streets to help even them out; however, some of the asphalt and cement are patches where the brick had been removed.

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- Ed Tato suggested we apply for this as a CIP grant as this type of repair may be better completed where the city determines the costs.
- ELNA will table this until CIP grants.

Neighborhood Banners

- Mark Lehmann would like to apply for Old East Lawrence banners to delineate our neighborhood.
- Doug Byers is looking for someone to research this.

Neighborhood Clean-up

- Marci Fransisco suggested asking for a small amount of funding for the neighborhood cleanup, \$75-\$100, to cover the necessary supplies.
- Joe Bickford seconded the motion
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

1421 New Jersey

- Jennifer Hackney (1419 New Jersey) has written a letter to the landlord of 1421 New Jersey regarding the current tenants and their disruptive lifestyle.
- Jennifer brought the letter hoping that other East Lawrence residents would sign it as well.
- The letter will be copied to the city manager, police chief, mayor, city commissioners, and maybe the Lawrence Journal World.
- Christy Dahl moved that Aimee Polson write a letter to the same parties formally showing that ELNA supports Jennifer Hackney's requests.
- Ardys Ramberg seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

Winterizing Workshop

- Marci Fransisco announced that the tenants at 1208 DE McMillan house would like to do some winterizing. They would like to hold a winterizing workshop at this house.
- Marci asked if ELNA would like to co-sponsor this event on December 8, between 1:00 and 4:00 or 5:00 PM.
- Notices would go out right after Thanksgiving.
- Heartland Renewable Energy will be making the presentation.
- Mark Lehmann moved that we cosponsor and Jon Laura seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimously in favor.

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Attendees

Ardys Ramberg – Outgoing President
Doug Byers – Treasurer
Christy Dahl – Outgoing Secretary
Aimee Polson – Coordinator
Joe Bickford
Karen Butler
Carmen Collins
Michelle Crank
Donna Duncan
Jill Elmers
Jason Fizell
Marcy Fransisco
Jon Gray
Jennifer Hackney
Don Kantorv
Jim Kline
Mark Lehmann – New Vice President
Corky Reed
Chris Stevenson – New Secretary
Richard Stevenson
Ed Tato – New President
Jeff and Erica Plumlee
Shane Price
Eric White

Minutes of the June 10, 2002 Board Meeting

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA)

Present: Ed Tato (President), Mark Lehmann (Vice President), Doug Byers (Treasurer), Karen Butler, Ardys Ramberg, Corky Reed, Bill Wachspress, Madeline O'Brien, Donna Duncan, Aimee Polson (Coordinator)

Absent: Jason Fizell (Secretary), Liz Brosius, Jeff Plumlee, Erica Plumlee

Minutes

Waived reading of the minutes, because there were no minutes to read.

Treasurer's Report

Capital Federal Checking Account: \$570.88

Coordinator Salary: \$3380.20

Operating Balance: \$688.05

Approximately \$200.00 will be left in the operating balance after the printing and mailing of next month's newsletter. Input is sought for ideas of how to spend the remaining funds.

Old Business

Rhode Island Street Properties

County Commissioner Jere McElhane appears receptive to putting low income housing on the property near the corner of 11th and Rhode Island. He will talk with other county commissioners. The City will work with the county to resolve parking problems. Ed said that we could help clean Wells Overlook Park for his support of low income housing over a parking lot.

Fall Party

Could we use any of the remaining operating funds toward the fall fundraising party? Check into the legality of transporting beer out onto the street from Charlie's Bar. Should/could we get a band to play? Mark spoke about the Old West Lawrence neighborhood party. They blocked off the 700 block of Mississippi, had a pot luck, a keg of beer, and kids' games.

New Business

Meetings

- School Board/DLR meeting
- Historic Preservation meeting Saturday, June 15th from 9 am to 12 pm at the Vinland School
- Planning Commission to talk about floodplain regulations on July 10th. A frothy debate ensued regarding the motivation behind the expansion of the flood plain. Most in the room stared blankly and remained silent.
- Water quality meeting at Clinton Lake, June 25th at Camp Hammond

July's General Meeting

Should we have a general meeting next month and where should it take place? Suggestions were given of Odessa's Café, East Lawrence Rec. Center, South Park Rec. Center.

Volunteer Day

When, what, who, where? Karen and Madeline will call the Roger Hill Volunteer Center and report back.

Notes

Don Kantorv has resigned from the Board due to scheduling conflicts.