

East Lawrence Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
January 13, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Weismiller at 7:00 p.m. at New York School, 936 New York, Lawrence, Kansas.

Carman Crouse was absent so the minutes from the November General Membership meeting were not read. The coordinator will take minutes for this meeting.

Treasurers Report: Jon Nepsted

Kennedy Glass and the Etc. Shop have joined as business members. Fund balance: Omega Fund \$1,675. of which an invoice is forthcoming from the Buffalo Seed Company for the Wildlife Habitat Project in the spring. \$760.00 in the General Fund.

Business Meeting:

1. Water lines, 7th through 10th on Rhode Island, will be replaced in the Spring. President Weismiller reported she had received a letter from the City requesting support for East Lawrence water lines projects to be paid for by CDBG Funds. There was discussion held on this. Discussion resolved around the city should assume this as a normal city service function and how the new water lines that were being laid were being paid for. Shelly Miller made motion, seconded by Jon Nepsted that President Weismiller respond in the following manner: ELIA supports the replacement of water lines whose age dates from 1823 to 1932, but feel that 105 years of paying water bills should allow for the city to pay for the project from non-CDBG funds. Motion carried 21 for and 1 against.

2. CDBG Board Representative: There was discussion on the choice of a representative's name to be submitted to the city. Shelly Miller has volunteered. President Weismiller asked if there were any other volunteers. Pat Marvin made motion that Shelly Miller's name be submitted to the City of Lawrence as the nomination for representation for the East Lawrence Community. Seconded by Jon Nepsted. Passed unanimously. Shelly accepted and spoke briefly about the function of the Board and that she had serviced in the past.

3. Greenspace Update: Some planting has been done, but there has been no movement on the city's part to start the process for the Citizen's Group, nor have any signs been put up stating that there was a regeneration project in process. The fence was knocked down during Christmas and there was parking on the newly planted ground. Shelly Miller made motion, seconded by Jack Hope that President Weismiller contact the city, either by letter or in person to see what progress has been made in regard to the Citizen's Group and signs protecting the project. Passed 21 for 1 against.

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4. Eastern By-Pass: President Weismiller reported that Route # 1 had been chosen and passed around a map for the membership to view. The access roads are supposed to be on 15th, 11th, and 7th. There are no plans at this point for any bicycle routes. There is some concern about the access road cutting into the neighborhood and how bicycle and pedestrian traffic would be handled. The 14 Criteria contains some relevant points on truck access. It was suggested that LAN be contacted and made aware of the concerns.

5. Shelter Up-Date: As Travis is out of town, there was only a brief discussion and it was felt the neighbors should gather information on a concrete nature to present to Captain Windham.

6. LAN Representative: President Weismiller stated that the Association is in need of a LAN representative. She intends to attend as many meetings as possible and the Coordinator stated that she was also to network with the other coordinators.

7. School Beacon: President Weismiller stated that she had discussed school beacons with the PTL and they would assist in fundraising to come up with \$1,600 for share of costs. Shelly Miller made motion, seconded by Jon Nepsted that ELIA seek school beacons for New York School. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Martin Luther King Day, New York School: The schedule was given to members for ELIA participation. We are to provide deserts and volunteer to help service.

9. There was discussion on the activities of a particularly aggressive landlord in East Lawrence and some of the publicity about ELIA and this landlord. It was the general consensus that the matter be brought to the Board of Directors for discussion and possible action.

10. Paul Winn and Ryan Hodges were introduced as guests. Mr. Hodge is working on the possibility of establishing a credit union for low income persons. After the presentation, and discussion, it was thought to have Mr. Hodge contact the Mercantile Credit Union to establish contact and perhaps work from that base. At the February Board of Directors meeting the Board will consider the outcome of Mr. Hodge's meeting with Mercantile and further consideration of the Credit Union idea.

11. Hoobs Park: President Weismiller asked for feedback to the condition of the park. Patricia Marvin felt the park could use some maintenance. President Weismiller to let Fred Devictor know of the needs.

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12. Chamber of Commerce: There was considerable discussion on the recent events and the chamber report. A statement giving the ELIA's position, i.e. have and will continue to support a strong downtown, but have reservations about the Chamber report because of the lack of input from neighborhood associations. The statement was gone over paragraph by paragraph with voting on the Page Three,

The consensus was that the statement should be amended by rewriting one paragraph and striking one paragraph. The rewriting would be done by a committee of three.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Jon Nepstec and seconded by Dennis Miller. Passed unanimously.

N/n

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EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 11, 1992

(*First part of minutes taken by Secretary Carmen Crouse, and then when she left the meeting a motion was made and passed to have Coordinator take minutes)

The following typed from Carmen Crouse's notes:

Meeting called to order by President Deitre Weismiller at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 1992 at the Second Christian Church 13 th and Conn., Lawrence, Kansas.

Bd members

John Swift, Gregory Walstrom, Brenda Nunez.

CDBG Shelly Miller said have mtgs at city, 2 reps from neighborhood, 2 extras slum/blight/hospice, child care, capitol improvements s. services, make recommendations Jan Apr, money aug-aug

Brenda Nunez, 2nd Patricia Marvin.

CDBG Ben Cassad will be his planting gave to church.
Cleanup sign up sheet, 20th June pot luck, Hobbs, \$15 1 and 1/2 \$25 for full Mary Lisa Pike 842-8860. Help organize Shelly and Patricia. \$1902 cleanup 3 compator truck and 1 bulk truck can pay 5 hours can call city inspector for tire pile. Sanit 11 /Haskell for chips. Motion Brian \$300 chipper/leftover for tires, 2nd Kevin Carries 10-4. Please bring/do volunteers at 7:45 at Hobbs.

Pat May 29/30 at fairgrounds, heavy duty composting.

Rotoiller--Ron Turner, Lynn Goddell give rules, bid/cannot sell back to CDBG.

Shelly: Sue? Resign? tiller/forms/not to sue/would city give funds.

Mary "took words out of my mouth." make sure waiver signed.

Patricia - excellen to ask city attory had asked attorney. 2 questions are we incorporated, No. hgiher risk.
Ron church incorporated.

Nike Proudfoot wants paid if can \$200.

Kevin, what does waiver say?

Shelly --Nothing about tiller damage.

Motion made and passed to have Coordinator take minutes as Secretary left meeting.

(Rest of minutes from notes taken by Coordinator)

There was a lengthy and rather heated discussion on the various merits of having and not having the rototiller and the appropriate papers to accompany use.

Dennis made a motion against having rototiller, seconded by Bryan Profitt, not carried 3-11.

Patricia Marvin made motion to check out liability issue and if service contract with company. Shelly added a friendly amendment to continue use of tiller in the meantime. Seconded by Kevin Hutcheson. In favor 12 opposed 0.

Pat made motion to have or take donations towards reimbursing Proudfoot for bill to repair, seconded by Shelly Miller. 12 for 0 against.

Discussion long and with varied opinions held about rototiller. and hope to appropriately care for equipment and having proper forms.

Shelly gave speech about hand delivering newsletter. She feels way to keep in personal contact with residents.

Eastern Parkway: Update on concerns from Dee. Shelly pointed out 18 criteria has been endorsed ONLY. Patricia spoke that there was not vote on traffic way only criteria.

There was a question raised about speaker from Downtown Association from Mary Lisa about who was supposed to ask for person to speak. Mary Gray stated that she remembered from last Board Meeting that Jo Andersen supposed to ask Nalbanian, or someone from Downtown Association. Jo Andersen not present so could not asked what happened.

Greenspace: Kevin Hutcheson - Gave report on seed, various options on Conservation Easement or Wildlife Habitat program and various differences in these aspects. Both are being pursued now and are covered either by State or Federal protection. Soil needs evaluating and city will provide drilling.

Patricia asked Kevin to communicate to City to have plan and present to ELIA. Patricia made motion for city to present plan or start to develop plan for Greenspace. Shelly Miller seconded, Passed 14 for 0 against.

Kevin Elliot will ask people, i.e. city commission to come to meeting and report back to Dee about who and at what time.

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Project at 11th and Rhode Island was discussed and the legality of project under city codes and funding. Shelly made motion to have Mary Liza draft letter to be reviewed by board and signed by President and sent to City Commission that ELIA objected to process and project. Seconded by Travis,

Patricia M. wants letter to be as simple as possible. Shelly suggested express concern because demolition was done under name of renovation. Passed. 14 for 0 against.

Shelly gave update on historical preservation meetings and work. Suggested speaker from LPA.

Kevin Elliot spoke briefly about the need for more positive meetings and treatment of members.

Motion made to adjourn.

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 8, 1992

Present: Dietre Weismiller; Ron Turner; Kevin Hutcheson; Shelly Miller; Tracy Hutcheson; Jack Hope; Dennis Miller; Gregory Walstrom; and coordinator N. Roubideaux.

Absent: Carmen Crouse; Jo Andersen; Mary Gray; John Swift; Patricia Marvin; Travis Crandell; Craig Stancliff.

President Weismiller brought up that the Board did not have a quorum to officially meet. There was general agreement to have an informal meeting to discuss some issues but that the lack of quorum precluded voting on motions.

Minutes taken by Mary Gray in lieu of absent secretary Carmen Crouse at the April Board meeting were passed around. President Weismiller stated that she had questions about the minutes. The minutes were read but not approved.

Coordinator to take informal notes.

Gregory Walstrom presented packet of information he has assembled for the Board.

Eastern Parkway was discussed.

Juvenile Detention Center was discussed with one of the sites being the Sale Barn. Concern was expressed about the location as the Sale Barn is considered by some to be an institution. Also concern expressed about increased traffic in area as well as the loss of a cultural institution.

Gregory Walstrom want to form standing committee, but Dennis wants to wait to see what happens. Shelly suggested being aware and mindful of what is happening.

There was a historic preservation update by Shelly Miller. Nomination process discussed.

Greenspace discussed. Kevin and Jack working with city. May be open to conservation easement with State. Working with Mike McFadden and Fred Devictor.

Seed arrived going to Shelly's porch. Problem with soil and trying to uncompact. May have to haul in top soil. Verbal contract with driller and he has been paid \$100. for his efforts that did not work because of soil being too compacted. Also problem with weeds very overgrown.

Discussion on clean-up. Mary Lisa Pike coordinator of food. Flyer delivery by community service workers.

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Rototiller: Gregory Walstrum stated that he had talked to Tipp Anderson and there should be no problem with liability issue as ELIA acts in "spirit of cooperative." There is \$1.80 in Proudfoot fund. Next newsletter will reflect rototiller back in circulation.

Speaker for general meeting. Kevin Elliott in charge.

Building construction forum. Jack Hope will be attending as part of employment. Gregory Walstrom will be ELIA official rep.

Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. Just forming.

Shelly Miller stated she felt Newsletter should have editorial filter and screen outside neighborhood activities in print.

Newsletter budget problems discussed. Owe \$328.96. Nanette to do proposal to COBG to ask to have Home Health Care transferred to Administrative and also to ask about having sidewalk moneies which are left over to be transferred also.

Meeting adjourned.

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 13, 1992

The July meeting of the general membership was called to order by the President, Dee Weismiller at 7:05 p.m. at the Second Christian Church, 13th and Conn., Lawrence, Kansas.

As the Secretary was absent, the minutes were recorded from notes by the Coordinator, Nanette Roubideaux.

First order of business was introduction of guest speaker, Shirley Martin-Smith of the City Commission. Commissioner Martin-Smith spoke on various issues and passed around a notebook which contained various documents on downtown development which was developed to help commissioners to have a point of reference. Notebook was not considered to be a complete document. One point that Martin-Smith made was that city wanted to improve routism but wants this to fit with town.

Martin-Smith commented upon the new city budget. Final budget will be approved on August 4, 1992. No increase in mil levy but considered to be financially solid.

New items are addition of housing person and consolidation of Community Development Office. C D O to be code enforcement, CDBG and housing division.

Question raised about frequency of trash pick-up. One time a week being considered, with twice for apartment complexes and some businesses. Suggestions were made for trash rack program and chippers going around at regular intervals.

Question and discussion held about downtown. Some feel lots of room to work with already, there is no need to go horizontally or laterally.

Plan 20/20 will not be ready until 1994. There was considerable discussion about downtown development and its effects on the neighborhood, such as zoning out residents.

The Eastern Parkway was discussed. It was brought out that the ELIA did support the 18 Criteria and supported corridor study but not the traffic parkway. Residents of EL concerned about linkups which may cut EL into chunks. Additionally, there were supposed to be serious restrictions on truck traffic. Majority of those present feel 18 Criteria should be revived, studied and observed.

Martin-Smith responded to question on location of Juvenile Detention Center that the city does not know where it will be. Suggestion was made that the county was place to address this issue.

Construction at 1046 Rhode Island was discussed and the dismay at

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the process communicated to Martin-Smith.

Patricia Marvin expressed concern about the Green Space and the lack of a plan on the city's part. She supports maintaining the Green Space, but has concerns about the lack of commitment from the city.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Nanette S. Roubideaux.

**East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA)
General Membership Meeting - October 11, 1992
Location: Second Christian Church**

Meeting was called to order by President Dietre Weissmiller.

Discussion on changes in ELIA newsletter format.

Local Announcements were read by D. Weissmiller.

Elections for ELIA officers and board members 1992-1993 took place.

Nominations for President:

Shelly Miller

S. Miller was unanimously elected ELIA President, proceedings were turned over to the new president.

Nominations for Vice-President

Sarah Russell

Mary Gray

Travis Crandell

Nominations for Secretary

Mary Gray

Dietre Weissmiller

Nominations for Treasurer

Kevin Hutcheson

Gordon Moore

Nominations for LAN Representative

Jo Anderson

Travis Crandell

The general membership was asked for nomination for nine board officer positions, nominees were: Richard Kiershenbaum, Jack Hope, Jo Anderson, Travis Crandell, Ron Turner, Brenda Nunez, Nellie Habegger, John Swift, Barbara Willits, and Donnis Graham. New board officers elected were: Kershenbaum, Hope, Anderson, Turner, Crandell, Nunez, Habbeger, Swift, Willits and included D. Weissmiller (as immediate past president).

Nanette Roubideau will continue to serve as CDBG coordinator for the 1992-1993 session.

President S. Miller congratulated the new officers and Board members and expressed hopes that they would work together successfully during the coming year.

Minnie Pearl Thomas (1029 New York) addressed the general membership concerning the drainage problem onto her property and others in the East Lawrence area. It was suggested that any residents of Housing Authority property write or call

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Monday, November 11, 1992
7:00 pm, New York School

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Introductions were conducted, as several new people were in attendance.

Old Business update:

Neighborhood survey -- explanations of history, etc., and soliciting volunteers.

Greenspace update and history; Jo will present check to city 11/12/91 for \$2,000 from Coors fund. Caution to keep watch over area to make sure city maintains agreement.

Citizens Task Force on Greenspace -- city has not yet done it; Jo suggested task force could be independent, not city appointed.

New community development block grant services; rototiller delayed, but should be here soon, stored at Shelley's, not Nanette's.

Newsletter update; mailing is expensive, should consider options.

Kinko's bill still coming; no one knows why.

New Business:

Election of Officers

President: Nominations of Jo Anderson and Dee Weismiller; tied twice. Travis Crandell moved to vote 3rd time; second by Judith Prophett. Dee victorious 3rd vote.

Vice President: Nominations of Jack Hope and Travis Crandell; Travis victorious.

Secretary: Nominations of Carmen Crouse; won.

Treasurer: Jon Nepstad

At this point, Mary Gray made a statement concerning her being elected as treasurer last year, but made to feel unwanted, so resigned, at which time Jon Nepstad was elected. She wanted everyone to know how bitter she feels about that occurrence.

Board Members: Mary Gray (by Ron Turner)

Jim Schneider (by Bryan Prophett)

Jack Hope (by Bryan Prophett)

Tracy Hutcheson (by Travis Crandell)

Dennis Miller (by Carmen Crouse)

Shelley Miller (by Carmen Crouse)

Brad Parker (by Travis Crandell)

Craig Stancliffe (by Jim Schneider)

**East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA)
Board Meeting - Nov. 16, 1992
Location: New York School Library**

Members present: S. Miller, D. Weismiller, N. Habegger, B. Willits, K. Hutcheson, J. Anderson, R. Turner, J. Hope, M. Gray, J. Swift, S. Russell, B. Nunez, T. Crandall and coordinator N. Roubideaux.

Members absent: R. Kershenbaum.

Board meeting was called to order by President S. Miller.

S. Miller opened with an explanation of the Horizon 2020 plan which will (like Plan 95) set up guidelines for neighborhood development and improvement; the potential for commercial and business expansion and its impact on neighborhoods and the city at large; traffic issues including the proposed Southern Trafficway and Eastern Parkway; public and private housing concerns, etc. S. Miller stated that the city is interested in having East Lawrence residents participate in the Horizon 2020 Advisory Forum. She recommended that all East Lawrence board officers be nominated to the forum. She indicated that board officers should check their mail for more information regarding the Advisory Forum and strongly consider being involved with it.

Board members were present with copies of the Horizon 2020-Lawrence, Douglas County Neighborhood Questionnaire. A lengthy discussion took place then the survey questions, following discussion a preliminary draft response was drawn up and is here enclosed:

ELIA Draft Response to Horizon 2020 Neighborhood Survey

Question 1. Boundaries: River to 15th St., railroad tracks on the east, west: RI north of 9th St., alley immediately west of RI south of 9th St. to 11th, at 11th west to Massachusetts, south to 15th St.

Question 2. Formally organized: ELIA president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, 14 member board, dues paying members. ELIA exists as an advocacy organization to identify needs and provide a voice for the neighborhood, including elderly and poor who sometimes lack an organized voice.

Also to preserve the quality of residential life in the neighborhood. Advocate for historic preservation.

8. . . . potential expansion of the boundaries of downtown.

Expansion of county facilities in the area of 11th and RI.

Expansion of shopping mall and parking.

Additional commercial development in area of river-front shopping mall: 7th and NH to 7th and NJ.

Potentially incompatible commercial development of Winter property (700 block of NH/RI).

Potentially incompatible development of Sale Barn, 11th and Ore., including additional traffic generated for any of the above.

Potentially incompatible development immediately east of 15th and Haskell.

Potentially incompatible development from 9th-11th St. along NH.

Potential expansion of commercial zoning along 9th St.

Predominance of absentee ownership.

Parkway intersections with Penn., NJ, NY, Conn., RI, and possible feeding to/from 11th and 15th Sts. (Noise/traffic)

9. socioeconomic and multicultural diversity

Proximity of many basic services within pedestrian and bicycling distance. Friendly environment for both: low traffic, low speed. (laundry, Woolworth's, hardware, restaurants, banks).

Perhaps highest concentration of 19th century housing in Lawrence.

Existing brick streets and sidewalks, limestone curbs (where not already removed by City).

Large trees.

Single family zoning.

Neighborhood school as school and cultural center.

In regards to the response to Question #5, J. Anderson mentioned it was a neighbor's perception that N.Y. school/East Heights elementary . . . receive a disproportionate share of money from the school district . . . Anderson wondered if this were so

D. Weissmiller responded that for Chapter 1 Reading and math programs . . . N.Y and East Heights . . . since they are in designated low-income sections received federal monies for these and only these programs . . . but not for anything else . . . such as building expansion, capitol improvements,

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General Membership Minutes - Dec 14, 1992
Location: New York School Library

Speakers

Meeting opened with a presentation by three members of Donna Luckey's graduate urban planning class--> Brendan, Greissemer, Silvia Vargas and Ed Arnold --- Speakers discussed issues of concern with East Lawrence neighborhood representatives and suggested strategies and ways to implement these strategies in promoting the neighborhood vis-a-vis city government --- Membership listened avidly to speakers presentation and appeared visibly motivated to put their suggestions into effect.

East Lawrence History Project

S. Miller gave an update on the East Lawrence History Project conducted this summer by a K.U. architecture professor and his students --- Owners of homes of historical significance or architectural significance may have their homes placed on local and state registries --- Initiation of this process involves a \$10.00 processing fee and contact of the appropriate city office --- There are currently six homes in East Lawrence on the separate Natural History Homes Registry --- Discussion occurred about the possibility of group nominations of structures in our area.

CDBG Board Meeting

B. Nunez/S. Miller, ELIA representatives to the CDBG board talked about the proceedings of the last meeting they attended -- highlights: total CDBG funding was approximately \$804,000; neighborhoods would continue to receive funds for individual coordinators; funding for playground equipment for all schools up to \$15,000.

Board members expressed concern about the city using their portion of CDBG funds to pay for Douglas County Legal Aid.

Motion

N. Habegger made the following motion: "ELIA does not support the use of community development monies targeted towards funding of major infrastructural changes (i.e. water lines) in these same neighborhoods ... "