

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File  
Aimee Polson  
ELNA Board Members

**From:** Secretary - Christy Dahl (842-9945)

**Date:** March 10, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for January 8, 2001 ELNA general meeting

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## Old Business

### Meeting Minutes

- Mark Lehmann moved to wave the reading of November's meeting minutes
- Julian Dahl seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### Treasurer's Report

- Operating Expenses \$1673.90
- Coordinator's Salary \$4129.80
- Free State Checking \$268.63
- Free State Savings \$25.00

### Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

- There are 6 pages of about a dozen task forces for ELNA to organize – Ardys Ramberg read a sampling of the tasks listed in document:
  1. Design and develop overlay zoning and/or a conservation district
    - Marci Fransisco is working on the “old townsite plan” which would be for zoning for all of Lawrence’s old neighborhoods
  2. Work towards a law to reduce demolition by neglect
  3. Work towards helping low-income homeowners in upkeep of property and the development of a Bureau of Home Improvement clearing house
  4. Develop one or more community gardens
  5. Research residential speed limit reductions
  6. Work with the city to add signage for a truck route
  7. Protect single family zoning
  8. Research sources of economic development
  9. Research economic development brick streets, both private and public funding
  10. Organize a single families strategies task force, including rewarding those changing dwellings from multi-family to single family uses

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- These short term goals and task force descriptions will be in the next newsletter – the long term goals will be added to a later newsletter.
- Ardys Ramberg will be getting a copy of the final East Lawrence Revitalization Plan – people can contact her, the city or the library if they would like to read it. Mark Lehmann offered the use of his business' copier for this document as well.
- We will be presenting certificates of appreciation to Dennis Enslinger – City Planner and John Naramore – owner of Kansas Key Press. They both provided key assistance in getting the East Lawrence Revitalization Plan passed.

### New Business

#### **Sweetheart Garage Sale**

- Ardys Ramberg described a barn that has fallen in disrepair in the 800 block of New Jersey. This barn is in need of a new roof, which the owners cannot afford. The owners have received the approval to demolish the barn, but would keep it if funding were available.
- Homeowners with a limited income can submit forms to receive city funds for home repairs. There are no funds available like this however to save barns.
- Ardys Ramberg would like to have a neighborhood 'garage sale' around Valentine's Day to raise funds. The New York Elementary School principle has approved the use the gymnasium for this sale, if it were held on a Sunday, thereby avoiding extra-curricular activities. Madeline O'Brien volunteered for hanging posters.
- Mark Lehmann and Julian Dahl volunteered to look at the structure to see if warrants repairing the roof and painting. They will also donate the use of nail guns, air compressor, scaffolding, etc.
- Mark Lehmann moved that a neighborhood 'garage sale' be on or about February 10 or 11 with the proceeds to go to saving a barn.
- Doug Byers seconded the motion.
- Vote:           In favor – all  
                  Against – none
- Joe Bickford suggested that we set up guidelines for giving future financial aid to neighborhood projects in case it becomes competitive. We will discuss at the next board meeting.

#### **Jeff Fuitier and Avalanche Productions**

- Jeff Fuitier's music production/promotion company, Avalanche Productions, currently is located at 735½ New Hampshire. They have outgrown the office and he would like to purchase the home at 808 Connecticut for both his home and office. Jeff Fuitier noted that there is no foot traffic associated with his business. This location would need to be rezoned commercial. He would like to get our opinion on the project before moving forward.
- Joe Bickford pointed out that the next business to move in may not be agreeable with the neighborhood.
- ELNA questioned if it could it be a home-based business, leaving the zoning as residential. Commercial use on review is another possible means for rezoning. ELNA suggested contacting Dennis Enslinger. There was no opposition to Jeff Fuitier's proposal voiced by ELNA.

### Announcements

- Martin Luther Chili Feed will be January 9 at New York School at 5:00pm. ELNA will provide the desserts for this dinner.
- Kansas Public Service is setting up funds for low income people to assist with high gas bills. Aimee Polson has more information.
- Honna Veerkamp brought information on Amazing Grains bakery.
- Aimee will bring the ELNA logo suggestions to the next board meeting so we can discuss voting on one.

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**Attendees:**

Ardys Ramberg – 812 NY – President  
Charlie Moore – 917 NY – Vice President  
Christy Dahl – 1402 NY – Secretary  
Doug Byers – 1325 PA – Treasurer  
Aimee Polson – 1120 NJ – Coordinator  
Joe Bickford – 946 Ohio  
Jacki Becker – OWL (Avalanche Productions)  
Michelle Crank – 1405 NJ  
Regina Cruse – by Wells Overlook (Avalanche Productions)  
Julian Dahl – 1402 NY  
Jeff Fuitier – 1230 CN (Avalanche Productions)  
Dave Gundy – 1200 Almira  
Honna Veerkamp – 1219 NY (Amazing Grains)  
Mark Lehmann – OWL (Old Home Depot)  
Carolyn Mazzucca – 925 NJ  
Paul Mazzucca – 925 NJ  
Vern Norwood – 1025 NY  
Madeline O'Brien – 920 NJ  
Karen Seibel – 1320 NJ  
Todd Wyant – 1320 NJ

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**Date:** March 10, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for February 12, 2001 ELNA board meeting

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## Old Business

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Mark Lehmann moved to wave the reading of the December board meeting minutes
- Charlie Moore seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Expenses \$1,255.39
- Coordinator's Salary \$3,004.20
- Free State Checking Acct. \$295.75
- Free State Savings \$25 + \$625.82 from the Sweetheart Sale for the barn renovations + \$3 for membership savings + \$120 from the checking acct used as change for the Sweetheart Sale

### **Sweetheart Sale Fundraiser**

- This sale raised \$625 to assist in repairing a barn in the 800 block of New Jersey.
- Mark Lehman moved that we make a donation of up to \$100 to New York Elementary School for the use of its gymnasium for the Sweetheart Sale.
- Michelle Crank seconded the motion.
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

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### **CDBG Proposal Updates**

- Signage for Murphy-Bromelsick house at Hobbs Park  
ELNA's CDBG grant proposal for Hobbs Park signage stated that city approval would not be necessary. As this is a city park, approval is required. The city stated it would approve a sign or kiosk at the location of the Murphy-Bromelsick house, but not elsewhere in the park.
- Brick Streets/Sidewalks  
The city has stated that their policy is to not allocate funds for brick streets or sidewalks.
- Delaware Commons  
The city has stated that as the Delaware Commons is a public venture the city should not need to allocate funding.

### **Farmers' Market**

- The Farmers' Market would like a letter from ELNA stating our views on their proposed move to New Hampshire.
- Doug Byers moved that Ardys Ramberg write a letter in support of the move; Aimee Polson will type and send the letter.
- Michelle Crank seconded the motion.
- Vote:           In favor – all  
                  Against – none

### **New Business**

#### **Salvation Army Shelter Relocation**

- HAND advisory committee authorized up to \$200K in CDBG funds for site preparation, contingent on approval of a site by the appropriate government bodies.
- Although the Salvation Army Shelter is open 24 hours, people cannot stay for 24 hours straight.
- ELNA will include this topic in the next newsletter for discussion at the March general meeting.

#### **Capital Improvement Plan Request Hearing**

- The public hearing for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests will be February 28 at 6:30PM at City Hall.
- This plan will cover years 2002-2007.
- All CIP requests are due at the City Planning Office by March 12.

#### **Requested Zoning Changes**

- LAN has requested that each neighborhood submit 5 requested land zoning changes in alignment with the neighborhoods' goals; requests are due at the February 13 LAN meeting
  1. Allow single family homes to be built on 50' wide lots
  2. Establish reduced setbacks for 50' wide lots
  3. Allow for permeable parking areas
- A sub-team will meet after the board meeting to write the additional 2 requests.

#### **Future Fundraisers**

- At the next general meeting possible requirements for the allocation of funds disbursement will be discussed; suggestions include:
  1. Funds are provided to property owner, not tenants
  2. The receiver should be an ELNA member
  3. ELNA should be reimbursed or have a lien on the property
  4. ELNA provides funds to matching the funds provided by the property owner

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**Announcements**

KDIEA is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, February 13 to alert citizens about methamphetamine labs and how to spot them.

**Attendees**

Ardys Ramberg – President  
Charlie Moore – Vice President  
Doug Byers – Treasurer  
Christy Dahl – Secretary  
Aimee Polson – Coordinator  
Joe Bickford  
Michelle Crank  
Mark Lehmann  
Steve Polsen  
Barry Shalinsky

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**Re:** Minutes for March 12, 2001 East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA) general meeting

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## Old Business

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Mark Lehmann moved not to read January general meeting minutes
- Doug Byers seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Expenses \$1,217.39
- Coordinator's Salary \$3,004.20
- Free State Checking Acct. \$1,059.57
- Free State Savings \$27.06

### **Salvation Army**

- The Salvation Army is still interested in the lot at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Haskell for their new shelter.
- The committee approving CDBG funds preliminarily has approved \$150K to clear the site, providing the zoning changes are approved.
- ELNA is amiable to keeping the shelter in its neighborhood. Aimee Polson has been instructed to draft a letter the Salvation Army stating that we prefer their current site, but would be willing to research other sites in the neighborhood. Copies of the letter will also be sent to the city manager and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association.

## New Business

### **Health Care Access**

- Nikki Rhea, the director at Health Care Access, spoke about their twelve-year old program providing medical care for Douglas County low-income families without insurance – a family of four making \$25K/year or less would qualify.
- The clinic currently only sees about 1% of the uninsured in the county and is trying to reach the other 99%.
- Patients who have access to other medical programs, like those at KU or Haskell, are not qualified.

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- Services provided by the clinic include cold and flu vaccines, diabetes treatments and general health care.
- The charge for care is \$10 for the clinic and a reduced rate for prescriptions, both of which may be waived if the patient cannot afford the fee.
- KDHE, the United Way, and private donations provide funding for the programs.
- The clinic is open Monday mornings and all day Friday for walk in treatment.

#### **Connect Kansas**

- Toni Minur, from SRS, discussed the Connect Kansas project to bring together agencies and social programs from across Kansas to find ways of making a better environment for raising children.
- There will be a question and answer session with the Connect Kansas panel on Friday, March 16, 10:00AM to 2:00PM, at the Douglas County Fair Grounds.
- Toni Minur, who is a panel member representing SRS, may be reached at [Txm@srskansas.org](mailto:Txm@srskansas.org).

#### **Capital Improvement Plan**

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests have been submitted as of March 12, these include
  1. Improving drainage at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Oregon
  2. Repairing of brick streets in the 800 block of New York and the intersection at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island

#### **ELNA Revitalization Task Forces**

- Property Rehabilitation Task Force
  - Ed Tato has volunteered to be lead of the property rehabilitation task force, while HAND is the lead on code enforcement. Ed Tato stated that it would be helpful if ELNA can work with landlords to find funding for correcting problems rather than complaining to the city. He suggests that ELNA act as a contact point for neighborhood members whose properties have code problems. By doing so, the city is always working with the same contact and the neighborhood organization is creating positive relationships with its populace.
  - Mark Lehmann has volunteered to work with this task force and the city environmental code inspectors. Julian Dahl and Joe Bickford have also volunteered to help with the task force.
  - HAND has a booklet on checking a rental unit for code compliance. The next newsletter will discuss the HAND booklet and suggest anyone with environmental code problems should contact a board member. A copy of the booklet may be obtained at [www.lawrence.org](http://www.lawrence.org).
  - ELNA should to contact Barry Shalinsky regarding any liability involved with a volunteer home-repair task force.
  - Ardys Ramberg is already working to preserve old buildings with an emphasis on barns.
  - Marci Francisco is working with an Old Townsite Plan and would be a good source for information while she may or may not volunteer for our task force.
- Pocket Park and Neighborhood Garden Task Force
  - Bill Wachspress, Aimee Polson and Todd Wyant have offered to work on the pocket park and neighborhood garden task force. One suggestion for a space is in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania, approximately three lots north of 1325 Pennsylvania.



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**Date:** May 13, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for April 9, 2001 East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA) board meeting

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## Old Business

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Doug Byers moved not to read February's board meeting minutes
- Julian Dahl seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Expenses \$1,217.39
- Coordinator's Salary \$3,004.20
- Free State Checking Acct. \$1,059.57 of which \$625.82 is from the Sweetheart Sale fundraiser
- Free State Savings \$27.06
- The invoice from the last newsletter has yet not been received and Aimee Polson has yet to report her hours.
- We will only have enough funds to mail one of the next two newsletters, but then there will be there will be \$300 left in the account.

### **Barn Renovation**

- Ardys Ramberg has had shingles donated and believes that she has found a roofer that will repair the roof for the amount of funds raised
- Mark Lehmann or Julian Dahl will look at the current state of the barn Saturday, April 14

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### **Salvation Army Tour**

- Aimee Polson was notified about the tour of the Independence, Missouri center; she contacted Charlie Moore, but the other board members were not reached.
- Aimee Polson wrote a letter to the Salvation Army stating that we are amiable to them remaining in East Lawrence
- Lt. Sheets contacted Ardys Ramberg about some East Lawrence sites for the shelter, but she does not know where he has in mind
- Lt. Sheets would like to meet later in the month to discuss, he will contact Ardys Ramberg and she will contact the board and the board will contact any affected neighbors

### **New Business**

#### **March Newsletter**

- Not all copies were mailed, a six-inch stack was found in the post office dumpster.
- Julian Dahl will take the stack to the post office and question what happened and see if we can be refunded the postage.

#### **Proposed Parking Lot at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island**

- Count Commissioner Jerry McElhaney attended the board meeting to discuss county plans and answer questions about the possibly building a parking lot at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island.
- County owns three lots on Rhode Island: two empty lots and one with house (currently used for storage). It has had these lots for ten to fourteen years.
- The county has other storage locations outside of city and is looking at obtaining a new storage facility, perhaps by the 4H fairgrounds.
- County has voted to have another court in this courthouse and for additional services, both of which will need parking nearby.
- County is now renting parking, so it is now fiscally asking why should it be renting when they own this land.
- County is not thinking it would be only parking lot but parking and park/green space, but this is just in round-table discussions currently.
- Jerry McElhaney is not advocating any one plan; they are just looking at various possibilities. While he was campaigning he found that county courthouse parking is a major concern and it will need more room if more police/sheriff are hired.
- The house and barn on north end of the lots on Rhode Island are privately owned by heirs of previous tenant but it is has remained empty for many years –County Commission must have 100% vote in favor for parking lot in order for it to pass.
- Barn on site is an old livery barn (perhaps the last in the area); Mark Kaplan would like to have it put on the historic register. Jerry McElhaney has mentioned this to the other commissioners and he agrees that it has history. The county might be interested in assisting in the restoration barn.
- If the parking or parking/green space issue moves forward for this location, Jerry McElhaney would like to see it include some sort of historic marker for this livery stable.
- County will not have parking available at the new lot at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and New Hampshire, but the city municipal court will.
- A parking lot at this location could also be used for Art in the Park and summer band nights at South Park.
- The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association has fought this parking-lot proposal in the past as it would like to keep the neighborhood with a home-owner orientation – the other homes on the block are resident owned. A parking lot would reduce the cohesiveness of that portion of neighborhood by removing the buffer zone between parking/commercial and residential zoned areas.

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- The county realizes that the Rand Allen parking lot (Allen Press) at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts may be a future option.
- Aimee Polson will add this topic to the next newsletter.

#### **Train Station**

- Dennis Enslinger requested letter from Ardys Ramberg stating how excited the neighborhood is about the investigation of using the Santa Fe depot as a city transportation hub. This would include bus (local and Greyhound), trains and bikes (trails could be built along an abandoned train track spur). This letter is needed by April 10.
- City is seeking grant seed funding
- Renovation and restoration will keep the building and bring revitalization to the area.
- City is applying for seed grants to research and learn how the plan would be most feasible.
- East Lawrence residents need to know the if there will be an increase in traffic, the neighbors' input, how large will the bus station be allowed to grow.
- Ardys Ramberg tried to reach the neighbors but has not been able to reach many of them.
- The ELNA letter will state that we are not yet endorsing the plan to create this traffic hub but are endorsing the grant to gather information for a business plan and start a feasibility study.
- Aimee Polson will add this topic to the next newsletter.

#### **Announcements**

##### **ELNA Cleanup**

- May 12 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM
- The volunteers will meet at Hobbes Park

#### **Attendees**

Ardys Ramberg – President  
Doug  
Christy Dahl – Secretary  
Aimee Polson – Coordinator  
Michelle Crank  
Julian Dahl  
Mark Lehmann  
Bill Wachspress

# Memorandum

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**Date:** August 7, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for May 14, 2001 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) general meeting

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## Old Business

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Mark Lehmann moved not to read March general meeting minutes
- Julian Dahl seconded the motion
- All in favor – none opposed

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer's Report was not read.
- Ardys Ramberg stated that the \$625.82 from the Sweetheart Fundraiser had not yet been withdrawn from the Free State checking account, which was at \$1,059.57 in April.

### **Salvation Army**

- The Salvation Army is continuing to look for sites in our area.
- They have examined a lot at 11<sup>th</sup> and Oregon. They are also considering a lot at 7<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut, as well as a lot near Borders Books.
- Area residents are divided about the Salvation Army building in the 1100 block of Rhode Island.
- ELNA needs to write a letter to the site selection committee stating that Ed Tato, Julian Dahl and Ann Patterson are willing to meet with the Salvation Army to discuss sites and act as a go between for the neighborhood.

### **1100 Rhode Island**

- Commissioner McElhany currently wishes to turn the site in the 1100 block of Rhode Island into a parking lot.
- ELNA has in the past and continues to support keeping the lots residential
- Mcelhaney and Johnson are asking for us to not resist them building a landscaped parking . They also would consider making the barn a historic site or perhaps placing a historic marker there
- Jean Ann Pike believes that she has spoken with the owner of the house and barn and he currently plans on selling it to the county
- Mr. Ramero knows the current owner of this house and barn, Ray Bartland who lives on 2305 Vermont.

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- KT Walsh researched the history of the house and barn in an attempt to place it on the historic register. It was owned by an Irish family in the 1870s. One week before the house was due to be placed on the registry someone convinced the owner that it would not be in his best interest. Mark Lehman will take the historical information to the LPA
- Joe Bickford's aunt owns another house on the block and has been approached by the county.
- It has been suggested that ELNA take a proactive stance on what should be built on the block.
- Some suggestions for alternative use
  1. Habitat for humanity infill.
  2. A homeless shelter, but not an ugly block structure
  3. A garden or greenspace.
  4. KU student architect student housing project.
  5. Lawrence/Douglas County Housing Authority, who works with the county, could create a project on the lots, despite the fact that they prefer scattered housing.
- The Property is R2 zoned, however it is county owned. The neighborhood is concerned that it may be granted zoning changes without the formal process.
- Karen Hawk stated that there are three houses from the 1800s on the block that could be added to the historic register. Karen Hawk and Anne Patterson will talk to the homeowners.
- New regulations are being written for new laws giving tax breaks for historically registered rehabilitated homes. (House Bill #2128)
- Julian Dahl moved and Dylan McNamara seconded that ELNA send a letter to the county commission, the city and LPA, formally stating that all present at this meeting are against a parking lot at 1100 Rhode Island.
- Ann Patterson motioned and Marci Francisco seconded an amendment to the above motion stating that we want to maintain the residential character of the present R2 zoning. This motion was unanimously approved.
- Julian Dahl moved and Jean Ann Pike seconded that ELNA write a letter to LPA and copy Mark Kaplan, requesting that they purchase the house and barn at 1106 RI for preservation. The vote result was all in favor with one abstention.
- The owner of the house and barn should be contacted about the possibility of placing it on the historic register.

### New Business

#### **Old Laundry Mat 12 and CN**

- Odessa Shorter lived in Lawrence for eighteen years and returned this winter.
- She has purchased the laundry mat at 12 Street and Connecticut and would like to convert the building into a café with some convenience items such as bread and toilet paper etc.
- The building is in disrepair and will require a fair amount of work.
- The café would serve home cooked items such as casseroles, fried chicken, catfish and the menu would change from day to day.
- The building is zoned R2 due to the time it has been closed so she is applying for rezoning. On June 27 she will officially request for C1 or C2 zoning for a small business. She is leaning toward C1 which is more restrictive, allowing fast food but not drive through.
- Odessa Shorter does not want to increase the current parking but would not mind sharing parking with the church across the street if additional parking is required.
- During the zoning request procedure the city suggested that she address ELNA.
- Ed Tato moved and Mark Lehmann seconded that ELNA write a letter in support of Odessa Shorter's request of C1 zoning at 409E 12<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.
- Letters from the public must be to the city by the Monday before June 27 at noon.
- She has recently purchased a home in the 1100 block of NY and states that she is here for the long haul.

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- Jean Ann Pike suggested that in the past there had been some interest shown in painting a mural on one of the walls. Odessa Shorter stated that she was open to the idea and ask for suggestions for someone to paint it.

**Announcements**

- LAN will discuss established neighborhood zoning at the May meeting, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at in a downstairs conference room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
- The city has applied for a grant from the Great Station Foundation for to investigate using the Santa Fe train station for the T bus system and possibly Greyhound Buses as well. There will be public hearings.
- Odessa Shorter did not receive a newsletter this month.
- Landlords of Lawrence Inc. is hosting a landlord and prospective landlord information fair on June 4 from 7-9 PM at the Douglas County fairgrounds.
- A tour of Bowersock Mill at will be on May 14 at 7 PM followed by reception at Abe and Jake's Landing.
- Old West Lawrence will host a homes tour October 6-7.
- The Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee meeting will be in East Lawrence this year. ELNA announce this in a newsletter and the board should be present.
- Marion Johnson, the Douglas County appraiser, will be at the next regularly scheduled Neighborhood Resources Advisory committee at 5:30 PM in the City Commission meeting room.

**Attendees**

Ardys Ramberg – President	812 NY
Charles Moore – Vice President	917 NY
Doug Byers – Treasurer	1325 PA
Christy Dahl – Secretary	1402 NY
Aimee Polson – Coordinator	
Joe Bickford	946 OH
Michelle Crank	1405 NJ
Julian Dahl	1402 NY
James C. Dunn	936 KY
Marci Francisco	946 OH
Jonlaura Gray	947 DE
Karen Hawk	1140 RI
Don Kantorv	918 NJ
Mark Lehmann	639 MS
Dylan McNamara	1103 CN
Anne Patterson	1142 RI
Dave Pike	1137 CN
Jean Ann Pike	1137 CN
Steve Polson	1405C Lawrence Ave / 1208 DE
Corky Reed	934 DE
Mike Riehm	1002 PA
RE Romero	1110 W. 1600 Road
Bill Sims	602 E. 15 Street
Odessa Shorter	1144 NY
Ed Tato	1016 PA
KT Walsh	732 RI

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**Date:** August 8, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for June 11, 2001 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) board meeting

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## **Old Business**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Julian Dahl moved not to read April's board meeting minutes
- Michelle Crank seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Expenses \$665.13
- Coordinator's Salary \$3,004.20
- Free State Checking Acct. \$1,105.57 (\$625.82 is from the Sweetheart Sale fundraiser)
- Free State Savings \$27.06
- We have funds to mail the next newsletter as well as some additional items like office supplies.
- The funds in the Free State checking account increased from tiller fees and membership dues collected.

### **Barn Renovation**

- The owners of the barn were told \$700 would be required for materials and to remove the debris.
- L.P.A. agreed to donate the extra funds needed.
- As the barn roof may need to be rebuilt from rafters up, the repairs might run more than was originally expected.

### **ELNA Logo**

- Bill Wachspress would like to make a presentation on what is required for a good logo.
- He is working on a logo for ELNA, but is not ready to present it yet.

### **March Newsletter**

- After additional discussion, pursuing the matter of the undelivered March newsletters with the post office has been dropped.

### **Sidewalk Grant**

- Aimee Polson will follow-up on the status of sidewalk grant repairs that were granted ELNA.

### **Salvation Army and Lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island**

- The Salvation Army was not at the last meeting because they didn't know where or when last meeting was to be held.
- Ardys Ramberg updated the Salvation Army with ELNA's take on the neighborhood consensus: two home-owners that were at the meeting would accept a gym and/or transitional housing in the empty lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island, but they knew of one neighbor that would be against it. These two homeowners, and the other neighbors in their opinion, would not want a homeless shelter for transients.
- Aimee Polson brought letters to Salvation Army and County Commission, which the board proofread.
- KT read articles on the house and barn at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island, their history and previous attempts at gaining recognition for their historical status in 1987.
- Douglas County would have to approve any homes going on the historical register.
- I.P.A would probably not buy the property, but the letter on which they were copied should bring this house back to the forefront.
- Dennis Enslinger suggested that we emphasize the positives of the covered parking garage that is already being built: cool in summer and safe from snow & hail. Dennis Enslinger also suggested asking residents to leave the street parking for county workers; but the board is unsure this would work as shoppers may take those spots during the day and the residents would be put out in the evening.
- Bill Wachspress would like to know if the neighboring church and the county could both share their parking lots.
- If we put forth a petition about the building a new parking lot, we would need a majority of county residents.
- At the March 28 meeting, County Commissioner Johnson suggested that we make a trade with Douglas County: if they keep this house and barn as historical registers, we will allow parking in the other lots. Bill Wachspress stated his fear this would set precedence that the city and/or county would continue to move into residential neighborhoods. The general meeting was unanimous that we would not give in.
- It was suggested to Ardys Ramberg that Aimee Polson work with Margene Swarts to learn what more can be done to deter the building of a parking lot in these lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island.

### **New Business**

#### **Lawrence web site**

- Julian Dahl was unable to find ELNA listed as a neighborhood association and volunteered to update the Lawrence web site by creating a page for ELNA
- Doug Byers stated that he had found outdated information on ELNA at lawrence.com.

#### **Grants**

- Neighborhood Grant Application is due August 1; there is a maximum of \$2500 per request.
- ELNA could apply for historic street signs or for brick sidewalks.
- Aimee Polson will complete applications.

### **Announcements**

- Minnie Thomas at 1029 NY is working with Independence Inc. to locate funding for some needed home repairs. She is 83 years old and needs to have bathroom moved downstairs for easier access. Mark Lehmann has put a bid in to do the work. Bill Wachspress or Michelle Crank might be able



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to give Mark Lehmann a contact name from Hallmark for their volunteer program for the neighborhood.

**Attendees**

Ardys Ramberg – President  
Doug Byers – Treasurer  
Christy Dahl – Secretary  
Aimee Polson – Coordinator  
Michelle Crank  
Julian Dahl  
Mark Lehmann  
Bill Wachspres

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File  
Aimee Polson  
ELNA Board Members

**From:** Secretary - Christy Dahl (842-9945)

**Date:** August 9, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for July 9, 2001 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) general meeting

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## **Old Business**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Christy Dahl moved not to read April's board meeting minutes
- Mark Lehmann seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Expenses \$665.13
- Coordinator's Salary \$3,004.20
- Free State Checking Acct. \$505.57
- Free State Savings \$28.94
- May have \$200-300 to spend from operating expenses
- Mark Lehmann moved and Julian Dahl seconded the authorization of \$150 for one 2 file storage unit to be purchased locally (M&M or Strongs)
- Aimee Polson will buy a rubber address stamp, one case of computer paper, one roll postage stamps and 2 toner cartridges

### **2001-2002 Budget**

- Bill Wachspress will confirm the numbers at the next meeting; it is believed to be the same as this year.

### **Barn Renovation**

- The funds from the Sweetheart fundraiser were paid out of the Free State checking account
- Volunteer workers have placed a metal roof on the barn.
- Joe Bickford, Marci Francisco and KT Walsh donated paint so there were funds left.
- Ardys Ramberg would like to use the remaining funding on primer and donate the balance to New York Elementary School. The family of the barn owners has volunteered to paint the barn.
- The donation of funds to New York Elementary School was approved at an earlier meeting.

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- Mark Lehmann, Michelle Crank, Doug Byers, Julian & Christy Dahl have approved the purchase of primer.

#### **Grants**

The city received the grant to investigate the restoration of the train station.

#### **Salvation Army and Lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island**

- County Commissioner McElhaney is still suggesting that a parking lot be built in the county-owned lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island. County Commissioner Johnson is suggesting making a compromise with the neighborhood by placing the barn a historic register, but does not necessarily want to keep the house or other outbuildings as well. County Commissioner Jones does not think there is enough public neighborhood support to build a parking lot at this location.
- Mark Kaplan would want the house, barn and outbuildings retained on a historic register.
- ELNA needs to have block meeting with the residents of this block of Rhode Island. KT Walsh will organize a meeting for Sunday, July 15 at 7 PM at South Park Community Center. Julian Dahl will discuss the topic with Ray Barland, who owns the house and barn. Aimee Polson will call Ann Peterson to help set up the block meeting.
- ELNA should ask Alan Bowes from HOOT if they would be interested in these lots as they may have funding available to build homes.

#### **Property Rehabilitation Task Force**

- Ed Tato has spoken with Dennis Enslinger regarding the mapping of structural conditions in East Lawrence. The city may be able to do this mapping.
- KT Walsh spoke with Dennis Enslinger about historic districts. The city, LPA and Historic Resources Commission would like to work with 3 more areas to identify and improve as historic districts. They have in the past looked along Rhode Island or along 9<sup>th</sup> Street. In order to receive tax credits, the property must be on the state or national historic registers. A designated area must have 50% or more agreeing to be a historic district before it can be approved. Dennis Enslinger said there is \$5K available to pay researchers and that professionals could be hired. KT Walsh does not know if this \$5K is for city as a whole or per district. Aimee Polson will ask Dennis Enslinger to come to next general meeting to discuss this topic

#### **New Business**

##### **Lawrence Alliance**

- Jason Smart from Lawrence Alliance provided a survey for meeting attendees to complete.
- The survey includes questions on business, housing, quality of life and government and will be summarized in an excel spreadsheet.
- Aimee Polson will include information on the survey to the next newsletter.
- East Lawrence residents should call him at 785- 749-3227 if they know of other groups that would be interested in completing this survey.
- For over 10 years the Lawrence Alliance has talked to about 100 people monthly and provided monthly reports to the city.
- The Alliance is gauging public views on topics like domestic partnership (i.e. limitations regarding the number of unrelated people in a household) that the city can use in developing future public policies.
- One of the past projects that this group has initiated is Lawrence Harvest of Arts.
- Current Projects are Youth Court project where juveniles are judged by their peers, with a jury of their peers.

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**East Lawrence History**

- Corky Reed suggested that a history of East Lawrence is organized and that Naomi Planz and Howard Shepard might be good contacts.
- Shelly and Ed Rosen started to add a history section in the old neighborhood plan.
- Julian Dahl suggested Lloyd Miller as reference too.
- One possible chapter would be the Santa Fe apartments were along the railroad tracks.

**Announcements**

**Zen Center Expansion**

Julian and Christy Dahl spoke of Zen Center's proposed expansion. The neighborhood will be holding a meeting with the Zen Center representatives on Monday, July 16 at 7 PM at the South Park community building.

**Attendees**

Ardys Ramberg – President  
Doug Byers – Treasurer  
Christy Dahl – Secretary  
Aimee Polson – Coordinator  
Joe Bickford  
Michelle Crank  
Julian Dahl  
Mark Lehmann  
Corky Reed  
RL Romero  
Bill Wachspress  
KT Walsh

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File  
Aimee Polson  
ELNA Board Members

**From:** Secretary - Christy Dahl (842-9945)

**Date:** September 5, 2001

**Re:** Minutes for August 13, 2001 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) board meeting

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## Old Business

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Christy Dahl moved not to read June's board meeting minutes
- Mark Lehmann seconded the motion
- Vote: In favor – all  
Against – none

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **2000-2001 Budget**

- Operating Expenses: \$0  
Purchased rubber address stamp, 100 stamps, manila folders, hanging file folders, file folder bins, case of paper, printer ink cartridges  
Office supplies totaled over the operating expenses' balance; the remaining amount will be reimbursed to board members from the Free State checking account.
- Coordinator's Salary: \$1503.40
- Free State checking account: \$520.57  
\$70 will be donated to New York Elementary School from Free State checking account
- Free State Savings: \$29.15.

Last year ELNA mailed 3 newsletters and walked the rest. The newsletter rates have however increased from 13.25 cents per newsletter for printing to 16.73 cents per newsletter. The Kansas Key Press rate increase will make the expense \$60 higher to print and mail or \$30 higher to print and hand deliver. We should be able to still mail 3 newsletters this year.

#### **2001-2002 Budget**

- \$2104 Operating
- \$4881 Coordinator's Salary

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**Lots at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island**

- The meeting with neighboring property owners did not occur as proposed on July 15.
- Aimee Polson will schedule a meeting at the south Park gazebo for Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 PM and will contact residents on Rhode Island.

**Lawrence web site**

- Doug Byers stated that he had found outdated information on ELNA at lawrence.com but it is password protected. He will try to obtain the password and will host our web page.

**New Business**

**CDBG Grant Proposals**

- The board would like to start soliciting ideas for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals. Aimee Polson will note this in the next newsletter.

**Old Home Depot Expansion**

- Mark Lehmann requested a letter from ELNA stating that we are not in opposition to his addition with zoning variances. He would like to add same amount of space as he currently has for warehouse.
- As Penn House is zoned residential while Old Home Depot is zoned commercial, a 12-foot setback is required. Mark Lehmann is requesting a variance to a 5-foot setback. A 5-foot setback would make the Penn House and Old Home Depot 17 feet apart.
- If variance is not granted, the warehouse space will be built up, not across. This style would not fit in with the style of the neighborhood, but would still allow the necessary warehouse space.
- Mark Lehmann will be meeting before zoning board on September 8.
- As ELNA has not had a chance to get public comments, the board decided that a letter will be written stating that it will support Penn House's opinion and neighborhood opinion, but at this time is not opposed.

**Speaker for the September Meeting**

- Dennis Enslinger will speak at the September general meeting about preservation and historic districts.
- Aimee Polson will announce this in the next newsletter and Bill Wachspress will announce it at the next LAN meeting, inviting other neighborhood members as well.

**Announcements**

**Free Mulch**

- Mark Lehmann has free mulch (from tree trimming) in the parking lot at Old Home Depot. It is available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis.

**Hobbs Park Memorial**

- Murphy Bromelsick open house is Sunday August 19. There will be Civil War era games at 3:00 PM, speakers at 5:00 PM and music from 6:00-8:30 PM.

**Attendees**

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