

Meeting of East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, Jan. 9, 2000



Meeting called to order by Pres. Pike.

Minutes read by Christy Dahl. Charles Moore moved that they be approved as read. Julian Dahl made the second. All approved.

Doug Byers, Treasurer, Said that we had \$896.74 in our account. Also, \$2,726.12 remains for our Co-ordinator in this fiscal year. Free State Credit Union account has \$549.57. \$301.95 is still due to us from the City.

As the rototiller we purchased was so expensive, Aimee Polson, Coordinator was asked to be sure to mention in each newsletter that it is available for rental, and a bargain at that.

Pres. Pike made a dessert request for the Martin Luther King Chili Feed at New York School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bicycle paths remain a tricky issue. Truck routes are ill defined. Speed limits are a problem. Connecticut St. has been abandoned as a possibility at this time. Carriage houses on the alleys would have been endangered to make needed parking. More discussions will be held at a meeting at the East Lawrence Recreation Center on February 7, 2000. All are welcome.

Brook Creek Neighborhood representative, Michael Almon presented his ideas in regard to bike paths. His plan networks arterial streets for paths, and encourages traffic slowing devices such as roundabouts, bulb-outs, and curb tables on Connecticut St., as has been suggested by consultant Michael Wallworth for the Broken Arrow Neighborhood in regard to Louisiana St. These devices are pedestrian friendly because they reduce the speed of vehicles, make decision-making simple, widen the gaps between cars, and increase visibility. Attending neighbors were interested in his suggestions, and Julian Dahl suggested that the ideas be presented at the Conservation District meeting on Jan. 26.

Mr. Val Romero informed us that his house at 904 Pa. is being worked on. The roof is being replaced.

The Zoning Variance for the Zen Center at 1423 New York St. met with no objections. Representatives from the Center talked to virtually all of the surrounding neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aimee P. was requested to call Alan Bowes from Tenants to Homeowners to invite him to speak at our next general meeting.

Jeff Smallberg will be having a meeting of interested neighbors about closing the alley just east of New Hampshire for the

construction work to begin in the spring.

Why do we not have a neighborhood watch program? We must do this block by block we are informed.

President Pike asks for volunteers for committees for ideas for C.D.B.G., Hobbs Park, various grant proposals, and funding ideas for our organization itself.

Jane Wegscheider, neighborhood artist suggested a community garden/sculpture garden. She and Aimee Polson formed a committee to look into the project.

For safer streets, turn on porch lights.

Doug Byers moved to adjourn. Christy Dahl made the 2nd. All voted yea.



Board Minutes for East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
February 17, 2000

Meeting called to order by President Jean Ann Pike.

Minutes read by Secretary Ardys Ramberg. Correction was made to write Social Service "League." Bill Wachspress moved for approval as corrected. Julian Dahl made the 2nd. All voted yea.

Treasurer's Report:

General account: \$904.24 (contributions of \$50.00 by member George Pisani, \$20.00 by the Lawrence Arts Center, and \$21.00 by K.T. Walsh.)
Grant Funds Operating Balance: \$706.81
Balance for Coordinator: \$2,726.12

Pres. Pike read the list of what we had accomplished in '99. We have reasons to be very delighted with ourselves! With the developing Neighborhood plan, however, we have much more to do.

Fill out and send in the requested "ICAN" surveys.

Committees formed:

LAN: Bill Wachspress
New York School Site Committee: Ardys Ramberg
East Lawrence Businesses: John Naramore and Mark Lehman
(proposed as possibilities)
Hobbs Park Memorial: Ardys Ramberg, along with Wes Beal
Conservation District: Jean Ann Pike, Julian Dahl
Capital Improvement Plan: Bill Wachspress, Aimee Polson
Ardys Ramberg
Neighborhood Grant for \$2500. from City:
Aimee Polson, Bill Wachspress
Sidewalks: Michelle Crank, Tony Backus
Hospitality: Lauri Heinrichson, Michelle Crank
Tiller: Charles Moore
Mural at 11th and Oregon: Bill Wachspress (contact near neighbors
as well as Van Go Program
CDBG proposal: To be Determined
Bike Paths/Traffic Calming Devices: Contact Michael Almon, Brook
Creek Neighborhood rep. or
David Johanning

Newspaper production must be complete ten days before the general meeting with delivery routes clearly discernable.

Brook Creek Neighborhood is concerned about potential flooding from the warehouse/office building project at 13th and Oregon. Board member/architect(working on this project) pointed out that flooding issues are being fully addressed, and also our ELNA has already offered its support of this project. We stand by our initial support.

Neighborhood Clean-up date is April 29, '00.

ELNA Big Social Event will be Saturday, May 13, '00. Pres. Pike will organize this. Charlie's is a potential site.

T.Backus moved to adjourn. J. Dahl, 2nd. All voted aye.

In Attendance: Bo March Bill Wachpress Michelle Crank
Jean Ann Pike Julian Dahl Christy Dahl
Tony Backus Dou Byers Aimee Polson
Ardys Ramberg

General Meeting East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Minutes
March 13, 2000



President Jean Ann Pike opened the meeting and read our Statement of Purpose. She then introduced census taker from North Lawrence, David Butcher. Dave spoke of the difficulties facing the Department of Census. He emphasized that much funding from all government bodies dependet upon a full count. Neighbors in neighborhoods are most likely to have success in counting as they are better received than strangers. Four to Five working neighbors would be most helpful. The job pays \$9.00 per hour and 32 1/2 cents/ mile. All answers are confidential!

Laura Keiser of Interfaith Caring Neighbors (I-CAN) was introduced. She is completing a survey of residents 60 years of age or older. She told of her appreciation of ELNA board members having sent in the questionnaire she requested in numbers greater than any other organization. She asked for neighborhood volunteers for ICAN. One night of 3-4 hours training is all that is required. At this time 148 seniors are being helped. Most need minor home repair. Rita Mika is the director of ICAN.

Next, Alan Bowes, Tenants to Homeowners spoke next. This organization is a nonprofit housing developer affiliated with the Kansas Department of Housing. At this time, applications are being taken for a home to be built at 1133 Pennsylvania St. The house will have a \$30,000 Mortgage with a \$60,000 state financed mortgage that is written off as the resident continues to live at the home. The Pennsylvania house was designed with helpful ideas from Independence, INC. Potential applicants must have an income of 60% of the median income.

Rehabilitation of older homes is sometimes a possibility. For cost effictivness, homes can be torn down and new houses built to needed specifications. \$80% of the cost is paid by a HOOT grant. Tenants to Homeowners is looking for collaboration with neighborhood organizations. Groups such as ELNA offer sweat equity, Can round up contractors and contributions from businesses, facilitate resources, and get volunteers. Alan can be reached at alanbowes@hotmail.com.

Business Meeting:

Minutes were read. Julian Dahl moved that they be approved. Shannon Murphy made the second. All approved.

The CIP committee reported having made the March 6 deadline. Land purchases from the Kaw River to Brook Creek Park, incorporating the Sale Barn property east of Hobbs Park and any connecting properties was one request. Requested also were storm sewage systems as requested by East Lawrence businesses, as well as restoration of the 800 block brick street and the 10th street bricks. (Bricks, not pavement were emphasized.)

City Sidewalk grant applications are due April 3, 2000. Tony Backus and Michelle Crank were reminded of their committment.

One neighbor asked that sidewalks all the way to Dillons be emphasized. Gaps between sidewalks should also be emphasized. Ms. Crank said that brick sidewalks cost \$55.00/foot. Cement costs \$22.00/foot.

All are encouraged to read the draft of the Neighborhood Plan.

ELNA Clean-up is April 29, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Hobbs Park. Lunch is at the Hobbs Park shelter at noon.

Charles Moore reports the tiller paid for and available. Call 842-1306. So far, the tiller has been rented once. Renters transport the machine, and ear protection is advised. The action of the tiller is smoother than the old tiller.

Neighborhood grants and the Arts Commission Grant are being persued for the Community/Sculpture Garden. These are for a spigot and for an artful fence.

LAN dues are due immediately.

Board member Christy Dahl wishes to represent the neighborhood in regard to issues as presented by the Smart Growth Conference.

Tony Backus will check on getting our pager number in a phone book.

HAND Advisory Board is looking for an at large member. Interested parties should write a letter to the Dept. of Housing and Development.

Connecticut St. can use traffic calming devices as well as Louisiana St. It is suggested that the city will be more willing to consider this if we get accurate counts of traffic on the street, paying particular attention to the percentage of trucks in proportion to cars. Three neighbors representing north, central, and south ends of Conn. St. offered to count vehicles. We need a Statement to point out problem streets.

The Social Service League continues to develop as a neighborhood information disseminating center.

Amazing Grains Bakery will be moving into East Lawrence.

The Neighborhood Party, Saturday, May 13 was announced. President Pike asked for organizing help and musicians. Kelly Nightengale, neighbor and vocalist, offered her 10 piece band, the Round-ups.

Entries are encouraged for the Art Car Parade in ealy May.

Treasurer's Report (D. Byers had been delayed):
Free State Credit Union:
Tiller paid for: \$433.12

CDBG fund balance: \$662.24
Coordinator fund: \$2,080.00

Byers requested a box of checks form the Free State Credit Union. Ardys Ramberg moved to get the treasurer checks to make the job easier. Shannon Murphy made the 2nd. All Voted Aye.

Aimee Polson presented her letter to East Lawrence Business Owners soliciting funds to meet our pledge for Hobbs Park. Ardys Ramberg and Beth Rolands will work together to approach businesses in this regard. Businesses who help will be given ads in the newsletter.

Would the businesses be interested in raffle contrubutions to be given at meetings or at the party?

Next Board Meeting is April 10, '00. Next General Meeting: 5/8.

Loans outstanding to J. Dahl and T. Backus for the pager have been repaid at this meeting.

Michelle Crank moves to adjourn. J. Dahl 2nd's. All Vote Aye.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
May 8, 2000
Minutes

Present: Jean Ann Pike, President ELNA
Tony Backus, Vice President ELNA
Doug Byers, Treasurer ELNA
Bill Wachspress, LAN Rep. ELNA
Christina Dahl, Board Member ELNA
Michelle Crank, Board Member ELNA
Charlie Moore, Board Member ELNA
Aimee Polson, Coordinator ELNA
Beth Rowlands
Joe Bickford
Joyce Rizzardi

Old Business

Minutes

Pike read minutes from the 3/13/00 general meeting.

Wachspress / Bickford moved to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Operating Expenses Accounts
 - Free State Credit Union – \$535.60
 - CDBG Operating Funds – \$492.50
 - Coordinator – \$2080.12

Tiller Report

- \$30.00 has been added to the tiller fund.

LAN Report

Wachspress presented report stating that the proposed Home Depot would be on the agenda at the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2000. He asked that anyone who had lost housing or knew someone who had lost housing as a result of the proposed development please speak at the meeting.

Polson added that ELNA had been asked to attend the meeting in support of the Farmer's Market relocation to 8th and New Hampshire

Wachspress continued with his report declaring that the HAND Advisory Committee had voted to send a recommendation of \$4881 for ELNA's operating budget for the next fiscal year. \$5130 was originally requested.

Newsletter

- Wachspress appreciates hand delivery of newsletters.

- Polson stated that she needed stamps for mail delivery of newsletters outside ELNA boundaries
- There was discussion over the fact that most operating expenses went towards publishing the newsletters and there was little certainty that the newsletters were actually being read because very few people are responding to requests for meeting attendance or membership.
- Rowlands stated that the purpose of the newsletter was to disseminate information and not recruit members.
- The benefits (or lack thereof) of being an ELNA member were discussed.
- Wachspress suggested that many Neighborhood Associations get CDBG money and have to use it to meet the requirements of getting the money. He pondered the possibility of losing dependence on CDBG funds.
- Discussion ensued regarding a possible raffle to raise money in which Free State (for example) might donate a free dinner as a prize.
- The City has hired a new Neighborhood Programs Specialist, Cindy Nau.

Smart Growth Conference

- Wachspress asked about stop signs vs. roundabouts. He added that stop signs might add to the noise pollution as trucks are forced to start and stop at the intersection.

Sidewalk Grant

- East Lawrence was cited as having submitted a very well documented sidewalk grant. Congratulations to Michelle, Christy, and Beth.
- Rowlands volunteered to coordinate maintenance. She met a juvenile officer who offered to provide labor to the cause of cleaning sidewalks.
- Discussion of using Round-Up led to debate of the toxicity of the substance. Crank said that we should ask permission before spraying the toxic weed killer on people's sidewalks. It was decided that Round-Up's active ingredient was a naturally occurring substance that has a short half-life.
- Wachspress suggested using a power washer.
- Backus said that cleaning and maintaining sidewalks could have a ripple effect. If each Board Member cleaned their own sidewalks, that might encourage neighbors to do the same and so on and so on.
- There was reiteration of approval before cleaning someone's sidewalk, especially with Round-Up.

Hobbs Park Fund Raiser

- Rowlands stated that she felt better asking for pledges as opposed to outright contributions, in case the money doesn't get spent.

Alley Lighting

- Rowlands strongly suggested that alleys did not need to be made accessible to the public by lighting them. She added (strongly) that alley lighting often worked to kill the effect or moods created in back yard gardens, if not the garden itself. She said (strongly) that lighting was her mission, and that it was why she attended neighborhood meetings.
- Tony requested that the pro's and con's of alley lighting be addressed in the next newsletter.

Laundry Mat

- It's use is grandfathered. Who, if anyone, wants to take responsibility for it? And what is the owner doing with it?

New Business

Decision Making Procedures within the Board

- Prompted by a discussion with Bo March concerning a grant proposal for a community garden that was not submitted, Backus asked:
 1. What is the proper decision making procedure within the Board?
 2. What is the purpose of the Board?
 3. How much energy do we have to invest in the Neighborhood Association?
 4. Are we too dependent on City Funds?

Regarding:

1. Pike made an Executive Decision concerning the grant proposal.
2. Pike suggested that each Board Member had their own agenda, and that there was no *one* goal of the Board.
3. Everyone has other jobs, families, etc. and that energy devoted was often determined by availability
- 4.

Bickford mentioned issues that other Neighborhood Associations were dealing with such as the traffic south of campus, neighborhood walking tours, and bars.

Backus asked that there be a formal *Coordinator's Report* at subsequent meetings.

Byers / Dahl moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

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