

Minutes for the ELIA meeting of January 15, 1990

Thirty-one people attended this meeting, and all paid annual dues of \$1.00 to be eligible to vote for officers.

1. Frequency of ELIA meetings was discussed. We will consider changing by-laws to reflect that the Association will meet at least quarterly rather than hold ourselves to monthly meetings. By-law changes will be looked into by the Board for proper procedures regarding this change.
2. Status of the eastern parkway was mentioned briefly, in regard to the Parkway Task Force's recommended "18 points". Nothing pressing on this right now, so full discussion was postponed until we might have a full list of the 18 points for discussion.
3. Discussed the possibility of requesting Community Development funding for an administrative assistant for the Association.
History: ELIA used to have 2, one newsletter coordinator and one projects coordinator. The first put the newsletter together, sold advertising, mounted photographs, etc., and got the newsletter distributed. The second coordinated volunteers for neighborhood clean-ups, bake sales, and neighbor-projects and aid.
These days an administrative assistant might help us meet deadlines for applications, schedule meetings (and childcare), produce the newsletter and coordinate delivery. The membership saw a person in this position having no policy-making powers.
A subcommittee will look into the possibility of describing such a position for a maximum of 160 hours per quarter (less than 20 days per quarter), which would save paperwork for unemployment and other benefits.
4. Annual election of officers:
The following members of ELIA were nominated for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Winner is listed first, nominators and seconds are noted in parentheses where remembered by the note-taker.
President: Jolene Anderson (P. Marvin, J. Schneider), John Swift (self)
V.P.: Patty Doria, Bob Silipigni (K. Enos, J. Swift), John Swift (P. Doria, B. Shalinsky)
Secretary: Shelley Miller (P. Marvin, B. Shalinsky), Carmen Crouse (J. Swift, G. Holcomb) It was here decided that duties of Secretary would be split between the two candidates: Shelley will record meetings and Carmen will type correspondence. Other duties will be split as convenient.
Treasurer: Bob Silipigni (R. Turner, P. Marvin) Elected by acclamation.
5. We will look into the by-laws to see if we need changes to allow for a split secretarial position.
6. Nominations were taken to complete a twelve-member Board for ELIA. The board includes the officers elected above, John Swift as immediate past president, and the following new or continuing members: Curt Enos, Barry Shalinsky, Craig Stancliffe, Patricia Marvin, Gaby Holcomb, Kathly Businger, Ari Finke. If in the course of this administrative year, more Board members are needed, the following people were candidates and might be called to serve in this order: Judith Propait, Deitre Weismiller, Jim Schneider.
7. Short interlude for vote counting was filled by singing Happy Birthday to Richard Kershenbaum.

8. Several neighbors expressed concern for a family renting 1032 New York. After some discussion ELIA voted unanimously to oppose demolition of the house, support the family's efforts to recover expenses incurred in rehab of 1032 New York, and to enlist the City's aid in seeing that the house is maintained in a respectable fashion. Interested people were encouraged to attend an upcoming city commission meeting where this situation was to be discussed.
9. Next Board meeting was set for Saturday, January 20 at 9 a.m., Gaby Holcomb's house.
10. A second (annual?) river front clean-up was discussed. Patricia Marvin described last year's efforts and asked if ELIA would like to participate and/or endorse this year's riverfront efforts which will happen at several sites along both sides of the river. Jolene Anderson moved, and Carmen Crouse seconded a motion which passed, co-sponsoring the activity.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes for the ELIA meeting of March 4, 1990

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Thirty-five people attended this meeting in the library. Four were invited guest speakers.

1. Everybody introduced themselves. Minutes ~~from~~ the general meeting of 1. 15 were read and approved.
2. Treasury report: \$550 now on hand in organization's (nonCD) account. We have eight new business members.
3. Old business:
 - a. The family at 1032 New York which was renting and rehabing the house is now living elsewhere. No further ELIA follow-up at this time.
 - b. CDBG is considering approval of neighborhood funds for administrative assistants for Pinckney, Brook Creek and East Lawrence at \$6 an hour. (This will be forwarded by CDBG to the City Commission later this spring. Details in last month's minutes.)
 - c. Jolene Andersen reported on the results of the survey of neighborhood concerns she solicited last meeting. Major concerns of ELIA members were Outreach, General physical improvements, Landlord/Tenant communications, Streets and traffic and Homeownership. Committees have been established to address these concerns at levels desired by committee members. (There's a newsletter committee too, mostly for distribution. Contents are contributed by anybody.) Committee sign-up lists were distributed and returned to one of the Board members on each committee.
 - d. Patricia Marvin spoke about three things: Earth Day (April 22) at the Fairgrounds, sponsored by ELIA with participation of other neighborhoods. We will have a big pot-luck. Everybody interested call Patricia. She especially wants a few volunteers to help clean up. There will be another Riverfront cleanup this year, which ELIA has endorsed. Details to come. Patricia would like names of people interested in neighborhood volunteer outreach (like small repairs, yard/house/garage cleanups for people who need help, and even "supervisory presence" on projects done by community corrections people, usually weekends).
4. New business:
 - a. ~~#1~~ Curt Enos expressed concern over a newspaper article which said the City Commission would "vote Soon" on the Eastern Parkway. (funding?, its very existence? -this was unclear.) Curt expressed a need that the commission be watchful of the "eighteen points" recommended by a Parkway Taskforce named by the commission. Membership decided to discuss this after presentations by guest speakers...
 - b. Julia Pitner of Consumer Affairs gave a presentation on the Kansas Landlord Tenant Act, and distributed the association's "Rental Housing Handbook". She mentioned landlords' responsibilities to provide trash receptacles, and tenants' responsibilities to ensure the peace and quiet for neighbors, and not to attract rodents and bugs through uncleanness. Rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants are detailed more in the handbook, and the parties may agree to trade some of their responsibilities. The handbook also includes model leases and notifications. We talked some about the city's noise ordinance which is on file at Consumer Affairs and the...

4. b. continued (Consumer Affairs)

Consumer Affairs acts as a noninterested 3rd party in disputes, and doesn't represent anyone in court. They do utilize Douglas County Legal Aid for advice only.

Other topics which came up during discussion were these:

- What's the difference between Section 8 and non Section 8 rental agreements? Section 8 housing must be inspected for code, and landlords must pay interest on Section 8 security deposits.
 - What are terms if no written lease is ever signed or if a lease expires? Automatically month to month rental.
 - What about property inspections requested of the city (Teresa Murphy, City Hall) by the tenant...any retaliation legal? No retaliation for an inspection is allowed, but the city can order a dwelling vacated for necessary repairs. A 14-day letter of compliance may be issued by a landlord or tenant to the other. (Example in the Handbook.)
 - What about problems between tenants, say in neighboring apartments? Notify the landlord; can work with a 14-day letter of compliance...or call the cops.
 - Lawrence Housing Authority has to comply to all the landlord/tenant rules everybody else does.
 - Tenants are not obligated to use available off-street parking though city codes dictate how much must be provided for new construction.
 - Towa City and Manhattan, Ks. require rental inspections every three years. Interesting.
 - There is no automatic repair and deduct law in Kansas. Tenants should get a landlord's approval in writing after notifying that the tenant would like to do repairs before doing repairs/alterations.
- c. Three representatives from the Gas Company (Kansas Public Service) talked about the replacement of all East Lawrence gas lines between now and November 1990. Our lines went in between 1885 and 1906 for the most part, and have been identified as those most in need of repair in Lawrence. (20,000 feet of line were replaced in Pinckney in 1989.) South Lawrence is scheduled for replacement lines after East Lawrence. This is all part of a 6-year plan for the central city.

Connecticut and New York streets have been completed already, for the most part, and 8th, 13th and Pennsylvania streets will be among the first scheduled for replacement.

Dean Burger, vice president for operations (KPS 110 E. 9th St., 843-7844) assured us that brick sidewalks would be repaired where necessary after this process, most lines will be bored 10 feet from existing trees, and in many areas plastic pipe will be put through existing (old) metal pipe to minimize new trenching. We're encouraged to call KPS with any concerns about these operations or the aftermath of its crew's work or that of subcontractors.

Each house's gas main will be moved outside, and each main will have its own regulator, to be inspected annually from now on. The gas crews may report unsafe conditions they observe at peoples' houses to the city inspector, like unvented water heaters, furnaces, etc. (If you have city-mandated improvements, check to see if you are eligible for Community Development funds to help with expenses.)

We may see two stages in this work on each street: main crews (as in gas main), and service line crews.

5. Other (and return) business

- a. Shelley Miller noted that a lot of ELIA archival material is now organized in 10 boxes in her livingroom. Need volunteer space in another house by the time of the next board meeting (March 31).
- b. Back to discussion of Parkway concerns. Apparanly the JW ran an article tonight which said Mayor Schumm will call for a commission vote on teh Parkway, but no mention was made of the 18 points...

It is anticipated such a parkway would carry 14,000 cars each day, or 1/3 of the volume on 23rd street.

After much discussion, moving, removing, and friendly amending, ELIA agreed on this :

ELIA's position in talks about the Parkway and in public meetings is that:
2) the City should adopt the 18 points intact of the Eastern Parkway Task Force before there is any other official action taken on the roadway.

1) land should be acquired and designated as a riverfront park

3) city staff should be directed to update the neighborhood plan into Plan 95 (NOTE: Secretary knows she has made an interpretational or recording mistake with this point, to be clarified/corrected at next opportunity.)

A motion to have 7th street reconstructed in accordance with plans was not passed.

Jolene, or person(s) designated by the ELIA president, are to talk to Mayor Schumm or appropriate city officials about the Park instead of (Chelsea) parking.

Meeting ajourned.

respectfully submitted,

Shelley Miller

Minutes taken at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Earth Day, April 22, 1990

Earth Day supper and program co-sponsored by ELIA et al. Organizer: Patricia Marvin

The following people spoke about who they represented and concerns of their groups:

Curt Enos, East Lawrence Improvement Association

May 5, 8 a.m. (Saturday) Riverfront Cleanup (2nd annual)

meet at the east end of the mall to organize cleanup crews for Constant Park and the sand bar on the north shore

Spoke too about the importance to the neighborhood of a riverfront park, east of the new riverfront shopping mall

Don Knutson, Campus Vegetarian Society

May 5 dinner at Centennial Park

Pat Slick

U.S. Senate candidate's petition (green-endorced), will run against Nancy Kassebaum (minutes taker missed candidate's name)

Mike Rundle, Lawrence Barnstorm Colggers

Marci Francisco, Oread Neighborhood Association

preserve existing housing; see that new housing is consistent with neighborhood codes/styles/etc. (site planning: Can we require 25-30 per cent green space? Can we require a designated trash pick up spot on each property?)

Patricia Marvin, Lawrence recycle coordinator

Central (City) garage now accepts used motor oil Mondays and Fridays 11-1:00. 11th and Haskell

Lena Marvin, Hilltop Child Care

Kyle Shepard, KU Frisbee Club

environmentally sound: they ride bicycles

Mick Braa, Prairie Meadows Homeowners Association

area has grown from 50 to 500 homes in the last 4 years... (minutes taker may have figures wrong here) Concerned with green space, flood plain, Holcomb Park

Also representing Douglas County Senior Services Auction in May to fund arts and recreation programs

Lois Orth-Loper, Old West Lawrence

annual neighborhood cleanup

Steve Hamberg, Pinckney

zoning, parks Encouraged planting yards with consciousness of midwest (dry) climate. This ain't New England.

Judy Johnson, Indian Hills

want city-wide composting Concerned with construction company landfill at 31st and Haskell, on the wetlands, South Lawrence trafficway: offramp on Louisiana Street? (Already pedestrian accidents there.) Naismith Park: trees

Scott Hammel, eagles
After-dinner presentation

Betty Jo Charleton, Repr. for 46th district (Massachusetts St., east, North
Lawrence, 9th-19th Streets)
Recycling bill, used tire bill: Senate wants latter, House wants former.
Now in Conference Committee. More details from her.

Joyce Wolfe, Conservation chairman for Audobon
"Audobon Adventures" bi-monthly periodical for school children: Audobon wants
to expand distribution. Fall auction for scholarships for teachers to attend
conservation camps. Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month, with field trips on
the following Saturdays. Bi-monthly newsletter.
Has mailer cards to encourage a stronger Clean Air bill. Locally work for
Elkins Prairie, riverfront conservation easement, Baker wetlands. Cheyenne
Bottoms near Great Bend too.

Linda Lubinsky, Western Hills
This was county land until 3-4 years ago, now Lawrence. All lots are 1 acre,
plus. Surrounded now by threat of higher density and cut-throughs.

Mary Thomas, University Place
Formed three years ago. Concerned with water runoff from KU (drainage), traffic,
smoke.

Also spoke for Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
Barker, Breezedale and Indian Hills are ripe for organizing.

Sauny Scott, (Barker resident), Oread Friends Meeting representative
sponsoring a Guatemalan refugee family.
Also personally interested in an All Children's Park accessible by the handi-
capped. Perhaps at riverfront park?

Shelley Miller, for All those who have delayed building compost boxes
Made one with old pallets

Mike Rundle, More composters
Also works to sink old trash cans into the ground for compost. Cover with
original lids. Also urged stronger legislation nationally against chlorofluro-
carbons.

John Swift, More composters
Collected curbside grass and leaves for a couple years and turned clay back-
yard into gardenable area.

Dinner and speakers adjourned for programs on eagles, and more.
A fine meal was enjoyed by all: Rice and beans catered by Paradise; salads, drinks
and desserts provided by many; BBQ provided for sale by friends of the Shorters on
New York Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Miller

ELIA General meeting of April 30, 1990

30 people attended.

(Secretary was late. These minutes pick up when she arrived.)

We set the date of the ELIA annual clean-up for June 16. We will deliver a flyer throughout the neighborhood in advance of the event.

Jolene brought up Bill Penney's worries of being down-zoned in anticipation of an Eastern Parkway, and encouraged a show of neighborhood willingness not to change his long-standing zoning status on 8th Street where he is located. The following was passed: We recognize Mr. Penney's operation has been a good neighbor which provides a service to the community. As long as this business is operated by the current owner in the current manner, ELIA is not interested in seeing it down-zoned. (Shalinsky/Turner)

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved. (Shalinsky/Profit)

Rev. H. Cunningham of St. Luke's AME church, founder and president of an anti-crime commission in Kansas City, Kansas, spoke to the group. The commission is registered with the state of Kansas as a not for profit organization with four officers. He told us the when how and why of the commissions's operations, and said it's actually tough to form and keep active in a crisis-oriented society. Interest may peak fast, and lag.

Commission committees include: Speakers bureau, Court watch, Information Hotline, Reward committee, Victim assistance and Operations coordinator. Mr. Cunningham stressed the importance of proper accounting (\$, telephone, P.O. box, postage).

Good discussion happened after Mr. Cunningham's talk, about our own community, how people feel about drug houses in our own neighborhood, how to organize to encourage more neighborhood and police vigilance of drug houses, etc. ELIA will probably sponsor, though not take charge of, anti-crime activities in the future.

ELIA is watching the City Commission agenda for river-front land acquisition for a low-intensity park, which may include canoe docks and trails. Details are not known about the hows/ifs/plans for such a park.

Treasury report: \$824, up with new business memberships and a contribution from Natural Way.

Meet at 8a.m., Saturday May 5, at the east end of the riverfront mall for a 2nd annual riverfront clean up. See Patricia Marvin.

Also May 5 from 2-6 p.m. is New York School's (PTO-sponsored) Spring Fling. All invited.

Omega is happening May 4-6, and would like ELIA representatives to show up because part of this year's proceeds will come to ELIA for the establishment of the river-front park. Curt, Barry and Ari will attend Omega at different times. (Omega is an annual music and celebration gathering.)

Next Board meeting: May 12, Jolene Anderson's house.

ELIA General Membership Meeting, May 1990

New York School library 35 attended

Rev. Cunningham from St. Luke's Church spoke about the successes of an anti-crime commission in Kansas City where he lives. He spoke about organization, relationships with the community and police, and continued activities of the commission.

These minutes will be updated in the future for more details.

ELIA General Membership Meeting, September 11, 1990

New York School library 29 attended

A representative from the Lawrence Police Department talked to us about the neighborhood watch program, and general residential and neighborhood safety.

Discussion about the program continued after her departure. ELIA decided not to push the neighborhood watch program in particular, but people talked about the benefits of being aware of neighborhood activity at all hours. Talked too of our responsibilities toward one another. Discussion lead to support for victims of crimes, grafitti, etc.

ELIA General Membership meeting, October 22, 1990

30 people attended New York School library

1. As a member of Vote Yes for Roads, Jolene made a presentation in favor of both the South Lawrence Trafficway and the Eastern Parkway. (3 handouts) Discussion followed.

ELIA voted to support a "yes" vote to fund a corridor study for the Eastern Parkway, withholding approval of the roadway itself until such time as the neighborhood might be satisfied with the meeting of the "18 points" (see previous discussions/meetings) and public participation in this process in general.

ELIA decided a neighborhood vote on the Southern Trafficway isn't needed by us.

2. Federal Neighborhood Program was mentioned. No particulars known beyond a video Shelley has seen. She recommended not showing the video without a presentation by a knowledgeable person/advocate for the program. Stay tuned.

3. ELIA thanks Patty Doria for her work on the CDBG board. She has decided to step down from that position. Shelley Miller was elected by the membership to represent ELIA in Patty's place.

4. Discussed Greg Polk's letter to Jolene (see Newsletter).

5.

The following resolution was passed by the membership of the East Lawrence Improvement Association at its regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 1990:

The ELIA supports a "yes" vote on the Eastern Parkway bond issue which will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot so that money may be allocated to get a corridor study underway. We expect the corridor study to be conducted within the parameters of the "18 criteria" recommended by the Eastern Parkway Taskforce, which include a great deal of public input on the corridor. The East Lawrence Improvement Association will decide at a later date if it approves of the roadway.

ELIA General membership meeting, November 26, 1990

26-30 in attendance New York School library

1. The assistant city manager spoke about the Neighborhood Redevelopment Corp., and Lawrence's possible future participation in the program. The city's Neighborhood Services application has been submitted, and we'll have some idea by February if Lawrence is OK'd to participate.

Participation involves cooperation of associations like the chamber of commerce, banks, elected officials and neighborhoods. People from each of these groups form a non-profit corporation, a board, and set goals for improvement (\$ ultimately goes for purchase and rehabs) of houses in not predetermined areas. The group sets goals and decides how the program is actually to work locally, but the Redevelopment Corp. comes in and trains people how to be able to do whatever the program becomes.

3 handouts were distributed about the program.

2. Jim Schneider wrote a letter to financial institutions (this was discussed and approved at the last general meeting after a couple banks asked to make presentations to ELIA. We declined their "advertisements" but decided to ask our own questions for specific answers) and has received answers from First National, The Savings Bank, Douglas County and Bank IV in response to these questions:

- a. Do you make in-house loans on owner-occupied homes of over 50 years and under \$50,000 value?
What type of loan, what % rate, terms, % down, points?
Mortgage insurance required? Fees for appraisal, application, credit check? Any prepayment penalty?
- b. Same question, but non-owner-occupied?
- c. 2nd mortgage, owner-occupied (home improvement)?
- d. 2nd mortgage, non-owner-occupied?

See Jolene and/or Jim for complete responses.

3. Jolene introduced Nannette Roubideaux, new ELIA coordinator, hired last week from a pool of seven applicants interviewed by a subcommittee of the Board. Nannette has already helped put together the 1991 CDBG proposal from the neighborhood.

4. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

Outcome is as follows: (* indicates winner of post)

President *Jolene Andersen
Ron Turner

Vicepres *Kathly Businger

Secretary *John Nepstad

Tresurerer *Mary Gray
John Nepstad

Board members (all *) Patricia Marvin, Craig Stancliff, Dee Weismiller, Curt Enos, John Swift, Marsha Klinknett, Jim Schneider, Tom Price, Travis Crandell

One more board member will be elected in the future for a total of 14 board members (which includes officers).

5. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods dues of \$20 are due in January. Treasurer was authorized by those present to pay them. Patricia Marvin is ELIA rep to LAN. Individual membership is also open, and costs \$5. Mary Thomas encourages individual membership from ELIA too.

6. We reviewed ELIA CDBG requests (due early December), which will be prioritized by the board:

- a. administrative money (includes postage, baby sitting, mileage, etc.)
- b. beautification (bulbs, shrubs, soil-holding plantings)
- c. annual clean-up (keep the dump open, pay city crew, work gloves, supplies, chipper)
- d. brick sidewalk repair (New York Street completion still has top priority; Travis, John Swift, Barry and Curt will walk and map the rest of our priorities here).
- e. coordinator position
- f. 14th Street sidewalk from railroad tracks to Pennsylvania Street: (if Shelley can get information to Nannette in time).
- g. lawn tools for loan
- i. trash racks (John Swift has bid to build and distribute 50)

7. ELIA voted to support the preservation of the stone barn in the 1100 block between New Jersey and Pennsylvania streets, located in the back yard of a Housing Authority residence. (unanimous) People talked about preserving the barn when the Housing Authority moved in in the first place.

8. Dee Weismiller made a bid for Toys for Tots. She lives at 940 Connecticut.

9. Curt is interested in promoting business memberships, and wants to fully discuss votes for business members at a later date.

Late. Meeting ajourned. (Board stayed.)

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 1990

The East Lawrence Improvement Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Jo Andersen, President at 9:30 a.m. at 1402 New York, Lawrence, Kansas. Attending were the following: Curt Enos; Jim Schneider; Marsha Klinknett; Jon Nepsted; Joe Rose; John Swift; Tom Price; Patricia Marvin; and Nanette Roubideaux.

President Andersen presented the agenda and asked that the members of the Board review last year's activities and to set goals for 1991 for the organization. Agenda items were: Stone Barn; Parking Lots; Crime and Neighborhood; Banks, Savings and Loans; Martin Luther King and New York School Chili Feed; Fundraising; Board Officers; and Environmental Issues.

Discuss was held on each of the issues with the following resolutions passed.

1. Curt Enos made motion, seconded by Jim Schneider that the East Lawrence Improvement Association be an active participant and support the January 15, 1990 Martin Luther King Day Activities at New York School. Motion passed.

2. Jim Schneider made motion, seconded by Marsha Klinknett that Jon Nepsted be made acting Treasurer until a General Meeting. Motion passed.

3. Curt Enos made motion, seconded by Jim Schneider that the ELIA would have General Meetings every other (even numbered) month on the second Monday of that month and that the Board would meet on the alternate month (odd numbered) on that same Monday. If a Holiday falls on that Monday, the meetings would be held the Tuesday following the Monday Holiday. Motion passed.

4. Curt Enos made motion, seconded by Joe Rose that a general resolution be drafted to state that the ELIA supports the Lawrence Preservation Alliance in their efforts for the Stone Church on New Hampshire Street. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Marsha Klinknett will be the liaison person representing the ELIA to work with the Salvation Army regarding concerns in the neighborhood adjoining the Shelter House.

Curt Enos will distribute the next ELIA newsletter to the downtown merchants East of Mass.

The next newsletter should be distributed by the weekend of January 5, and 6, 1990.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.