

ELNA BOARD 2016 -2017						
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ELNAN activities for Nov, Dec 16, Jan 17

We had at least one rep at all 9 City Commission and 3 Historic Resources Commission Meetings during the time frame.

We also have a rep at all 10 Grocery Store Committee Meetings

11/7/16 - neighborhood discussion 1 with Dr. Domer

11/14/16 - ELNA Elections 86 ballots cast

11/15/16 - Baker Wetlands Volunteers Meeting 1

12/5/16 - ELNA meeting. 21

12/6/16 - CC Meeting 3

1/5/17 - LAN 2

1/6/17 - strategy for board training 3

1/9/17 - ELNA Meeting 27?

1/10/17 - NY School Site Council 2 reps

1/11/17 - ad hoc grocery store (outside normal meetings) 3 people

1/14/17 - board retreat. 13 of 14 board members + Lane

1/17/17 - CC Meeting 2 to discuss Consent agenda item

1/17/17 - MLK Chili Feed. Many many

1/22/17 - strategy w Lane and Aaron

1/24/17 - city parking, about 12 people from EL

1/25/17 - CHAMPS Summer Feeding 1

1/26/17 - CDAC Meeting - 1

1/26/17 - retreat 12 board members attended

1/29/17 - fundraising/budget meeting 4 people

1/29/17 - coordinator strategy catch up 2

1/30/17 - racial equity citywide meeting at high school. 5 from EL

ELNA Minutes – December 05, 2016

Present: Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), Jennifer Distlehorst, KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Chris Lempa, Johni Lacore, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Katherine Reed, Cindy Suenram

Jackie Counts, Amanda Davis, Bruce Eggers, Robert Myers, Mike Riehm, Patrick Watkins

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were reviewed.

CDBG Application was turned in. There are new regulations that need to be addressed in the ELNA by-laws for 1) Limited English Proficiency Plan 2) Gender statement.

To determine the outcome of the tie in the board election, Josh Davis (Penn) stepped down. Both Jennifer Distlehorst and Mike Anderson will serve.

Officer elections were held. Treasurer is elected in July and was not part of this process. Phil Collison was nominated for president (moved by Pam seconded by Cindy). He was approved. Chris Lempa was nominated for vice-president (moved by Dave, seconded by Cindy). He was approved. Pam Blackburn was nominated for secretary (moved by Cindy, seconded by KH). She was approved.

Chris & Johni spoke about ELNA's Adopt an Agency for the holiday. Agency chosen is Headquarters, in the neighborhood, which, among other services, offers a suicide hotline. Money gathered for Headquarters will be matched by a donation to Ks Dept of Aging & Disabilities.

North of 9th Rezoning to current use will be on the consent agenda for the 12/6 city commissioners meeting. It was moved by Aaron and seconded by Cindy for Phil to write a letter in support of the item. Motion passed.

Leon's house was bought by Joe Bickford. They are in the process of cleaning it out.

With the decrease in CDBG funding, either fundraising or budget cuts needs to be addressed in a meeting very soon. A committee was formed including Mike Anderson, Dave Loewenstein, KH, Aaron Paden. Previous ideas discussed included Chipotle and a home tour.

Board training will be January 14 and will cover what it means to be on a board, basic liability and how to structure meetings.

Treasurer reported there is currently \$2199.34 in bank with \$1600 outstanding reimbursements.

Coordinator reported the January meeting will be 1/9 in the NY library due to the New Year's observed holiday. Yart Sale news included there is a fee to rent the school for the sale of \$200. It was moved to reserve the school for 4/1 for the Yart sale.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

ELNA Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2017

Reminder to be recording – meetings attended for the ELNA Quarterly report

New Business:

1. City-wide Sidewalk Plan

Mark Theil presented at the LAN meeting what the city is looking at in terms of a city wide plan. Currently looking at breaking up the city into 8 segments.

Looking at ½ inch difference?

Potential method for fixing up sidewalks discussed:

Looking at having sidewalks fixed paid by residents –

City would have contractors

Didn't have a response to brick

Neighborhood history – Sidewalks were put in with city money (homeowner grant) work done by homeowners & facilitated by neighborhoods. ~1964+

Recurring updates:

1. North of Ninth Street - Rezone to current use

Publication hearing notification period begins

Feb 24th

Meeting with ELNA to discuss rezoning

Feb 6th

PC mid-month presentation

March 8th

Historic Resources Commission hearing

March 16th

Planning Commission hearing

April 26th

Protest petition submittal timeframe

April 27-May 10

City Commission hearing

May 16th

City coming to discuss rezoning process in the area north of ninth street. Currently it is predominantly zoned RM-24 but its current and historic use is closer to RS-5. This would not downzone below current use.

Becky Peppers is likely to be the city rep attending the meeting – Lynn Zolner's presence has been requested.

2. This Saturday Jan. 14th is Board training – Cindy Laufer will be doing a one hour training and board will discuss after.

- a. Coffee and Bagels at 8:30am, Start Training at 9am, break, and discussion after - finished by 11:30am

3. Hike through history – Grants have been awarded and Henry anticipates 9 panels up by end of May along the trail. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area \$5,000 as well as the \$31,500 from Pam and Dolph Simons through the Douglas County Community Foundation.

4. Leon's house update - 1231 Penn

Applied for demo

permit for addition to the back and to the north side.

5. Fundraising –

- a. Melissa from Brook Creek –
- b. Papa Keno's fundraising – netted \$30
- c. Neighborhood Wide Fundraiser in June?

- d. Aaron – ELNA
 - i. Budget committee –
- 6. Intersection Repair update – Katy Clagett - Looking at a new mural -> the two cul-de-sacs by the Burroughs Creek Trail – looking at one at the one near the horses. Looking at late April again.
 - a. Planning meeting at the library – 7pm Thursday Feb. 2nd meeting room A

Reports:

Presidents – Looking forward to the coming year and the board training.

Vice-President – Got nothing

Treasurer – KH is in a class – discussed Chipotle fundraiser – 50% - Cari Davis has done it before. Budget committee hasn't met yet. Ask Mama Meg about future fundraising possibilities

HRC – Barn Demo 7th and New York

934 Conn. Looking for purchase vs demo

Joe's house – owner may move back in – looking at tax credits

PTO – Meets tomorrow night.

Racial equity meeting: Monday 30th 6pm

City Commission:

Will start gathering data on racial data

Consensus and agreement between ALCU and City Police on how to take statistics

Chuck Epp – won an award winning book on police stops – not as important to look at individual

City incentives policy report came out – Affordable housing – will be based on – projects would need to have at a minimum of 10% units.

Downtown Grocery presented

Parks and Rec – naming rights?

City Utilities – can be reduced if you are 60+ and low income

Leslie Soden is mayor and Stuart Boley is vice mayor.

Adam Williams – bought Quonset hut – KU had been attempting to rent it.

New big projects – 8-9th on Penn west side & where the wishing bench is. Low-mod housing with a 15 year sunset.

Groc. Store meeting 6pm-8pm at Henry's Wednesday 11th

UPDATES:

New York Elem Chili Feed: Tuesday Jan 17th 5-7pm

Yart Sale - We need stuff! – Can't wait? Want to donate now?

Take it to KT's barn – 732 RI – put stuff in the barn – approach from the alley

YART SALE DATE: Saturday April 1st at New York School 8am-2pm

Burroughs Creek Cleanup:

Saturday April 8th Brook Creek heading it up

Cindy Motions to adjourn Chris Seconds 8:56pm

East Lawrence News

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September 2016



ELNA General Meeting

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 14th, 7-9pm

New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda item:

⇒ ELNA Board Election

Voting is Open 7-8 pm

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Hello ELNA friends and neighbors,

Turn out and vote for your ELNA Board at our next meeting, Monday November 14th, 2016.

The ELNA Board Election vote has been delayed one week from the usual first Monday of the month in deference to the General Election.

The entire November ELNA meeting of November 14th will be turned over to election business, very similar in format to the 2015 election. Please read this entire letter for information and instructions. With questions, email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

Definitions and Procedures:

When and Where:

Monday, November 14th, 7-8 pm
New York School, 936 New York St
Cafeteria and Gym

Process:

Much like your average voting experience, you will visit a series of tables. First, you will verify your membership. If you are a current member, your name will be on a list of dues-paid members. If you are not a current member, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a membership then. Once your membership is verified, you will move to second table where you will receive your ballot. After your ballot is filled in, you will turn it in at another table.

Because we must vacate the building by 10pm and the ballot counting process will take some time, we must limit the voting time frame to 7-8pm. All persons wishing to cast a ballot must be in line to do so by 8pm. All late arrivals, regrettably, must be turned away.

Ballots will then be tallied. The top 13 vote-getters will be declared the 2016-2017 Board. The results will then be released for publishing on the ELNA website as soon as possible.

Due to the logistical constraints of a large election, the new 2016-2017 Board will then meet at their convenience to determine officers.

Rules:

A. Of Conduct:

The League of Women Voters, Lawrence/Douglas County has graciously agreed to moderate our ELNA Board election this year, and has determined that these standard government election practices will be observed:

- 1) There will be no campaigning in or outside the building.
- 2) No campaign material will be left in the building
- 3) No one will leave the room with the ballot
- 4) Voters will arrive and depart in an efficient and orderly fashion

B. Of Voting Eligibility:

All in-neighborhood individual (not business, nor non-profit, nor out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote. East Lawrence property owners with property title in their personal name will be permitted to vote as in-neighborhood members. Proof of residence will not be required. A map of the official boundaries of East Lawrence will be available.

Candidates:

All candidates will have declared their intention to run for the ELNA Board at the October 3rd ELNA meeting. All Board candidates must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary), must have been board members for at least ninety days, and no more than 35% of the total Board can be new members. The current President of the Board is required to serve on the incoming Board, and therefore a maximum of 13 Board slots are available for election. All Board members will please be available for a Board training in January of 2017, date to be determined.

ELNA Board Candidates and Questionnaire Excerpts

At the November 14th ELNA meeting, 7pm at New York School, ELNA members will vote for the 2016-2017 ELNA Board. Of these 15 candidates alphabetically listed below, 13 will be selected. President Aaron Paden is required by the bylaws to serve on the ELNA Board for the coming year, for a total of 14 ELNA Board members. Board officers will be selected at the December meeting.

Full questionnaires can be read on the elna website: eastlawrence.com

Mike Anderson -- 800 block of New Jersey
mtanders4@yahoo.com

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

The future. With passionate and thoughtful neighbors, East Lawrence looks to have a very bright future. I'm excited about the growing art scene, new brewery, new restaurants, and the relationships that are going to continue to grow.

As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

Living here the past 11 years I feel very knowledgeable about the issues and problems facing my community. I've run for City Commission in the past and received 1500 votes. I have a strong grasp on the pulse and people of Lawrence in general, and believe I can do a lot to help the community. I have a doctorate in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas. Therefore, I would be able to help foster any communication in East Lawrence. I think the key word in that description above is "enhance." I want to do everything to live up to that word. Last year I felt people didn't vote for me because I didn't make myself seen enough. I've worked on that this past year and remain up to date and involved with the issues not only facing East Lawrence but the city as a whole. A couple of newsletters ago the Vice President of ELNA spoke about encouraging "new blood." I hope he's serious about that because I'd like to see that new blood represented on the board. Fresh ideas and fresh eyes will always help progress the conversation.

Pam Blackburn -- 800 block of Connecticut
pamblackburn55@gmail.com

What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?

I am a staple at the KVKL concessions. ELNA runs concessions at 4-5 games each summer as a fundraiser. I enjoy talking to everyone and all the mental math (I tell everyone how much they need to pay) is great! I sell raffle tickets and memberships at the ELNA block party. Painted a BUNCH of Ms Frizzle Yellow on the intersection repair intersection.

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

Last year I worked on the project to rezone the area north of 9th to actual use. I plan on continuing this project to completion. There are many nonconforming dwellings in the north of 9th area which is making the rezoning a bit more complicated. After that completes, I will work on the urban conservation overlay to help determine if/ what is appropriate.

As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

Continue work on rezoning. I am interested in efforts to combat increasing property values which burden low income residents,

both homeowners & renters. I feel it is important to managing change without losing the flavor of the neighborhood.

Phil Collison -- 900 block of Pennsylvania St
phil@collison.com

Josh Davis (Penn St) -- 1000 block of Pennsylvania St
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Joshua Davis (NY St) -- 800 block of New York St
jd12345@gmail.com

Jennifer Distlehorst -- 1200 block of Delaware St
kansascoast@gmail.com

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

I've lived here nine years and owned property for 15 years

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

The passionate, creative people who are committed to making East Lawrence a great place to live.

What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?

I've served on the ELNA Board, gathered trash at the River Cleanup, set up and cleaned up the Block Party, set up for the Yart Sale and donated lots of great treasures, made brownies for the MLK Chili Feed, attended design charrettes for neighborhood development projects, and addressed ELNA issues at Planning Commission and City Commission meetings.

As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

Good meetings facilitate communication and maintain good relations. I've learned a lot about facilitating conversations in my years with Delaware Street Commons that could be shared to help keep meetings on track and productive.

Katherine Harris -- 900 block of Rhode Island
harriskmtc@gmail.com

Eric Jay -- 800 block of New Jersey
eric@structrestruct.com

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

New York Elementary Site Council

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

The diversity of the neighbors and the eclectic structures

What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?

Grilling at kickball, river clean up, wrapping gifts, block party

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

HOME TOUR!

As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

By listening to and engaging others with an open mind and an unbiased opinion

Johni Lacore -- 400 block of E 9th

johnilacore@gmail.com

What community/city groups/boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

USDAC, Girls Rock Lawrence, The Ovaries-eez, Whatever Forever

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

Several years ago I lived at 11th and Delaware and volunteered with AmeriCorps at New York Elementary and Boys and Girls Club of East Heights. I just recently moved back to the neighborhood at the beginning of October!

If selected for the ELNA board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

I am a young, active female community member and no matter what the project may be I am passionate about creating a space for everyone's voice to be heard. I am interested in helping to get a downtown grocery store. Another project that is important to me is maintaining the local flavor and unique character of this neighborhood.

Chris Lempa -- 1200 block of Delaware

8lempa8@gmail.com

Employer/ Where do you work?

I am the Community Relationships Manager at the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority. I also run the agency's Full Circle youth program.

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

New York Elementary Site Council, United States Department of Arts and Culture, Safe Routes to School Community Advocate, Fuel Up for Summer (summer nutrition program)

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

I have never felt like a stranger in East Lawrence. I was greeted by neighbors the day I moved in. I've made some of the best friends here and in turn they helped me through some difficult times. This place is pretty magical.

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

I am interested in working on the newsletter and neighborhood clean-up projects. I am also interested in outreach and youth involvement. If possible I'd like to work on pedestrian/bicycle issues in the neighborhood. Free summer lunch and dinner programs are also something I would like to see expanded, especially in our neighborhood.

Dave Lowenstein -- 700 block of Rhode Island

dloewenstein@hotmail.com

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

City Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, ELNA, USDAC – Lawrence Field Office

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 20 years

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

The best thing about East Lawrence is the way people who live there have worked tirelessly to sustain its working class community, and celebrate its passionately progressive and creative spirit. If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

I want to work on a conservation overlay district for the area around East 9th Street, the potential of a neighborhood cultural center, and exploring new tools and training for the ELNA board. As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

By continuing to advocate for low-mod income housing so that the neighborhood does not become gentrified. By fostering open and equitable structures for communication, including the way outside entities propose projects that affect the neighborhood. By working to develop ELNA board procedures that support ELNA values.

Timothy Morland -- 700 block of Connecticut St

fourmorlands@gmail.com

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

I attend and participate in ELNA meetings, City Commission and Historic resources. My job at Douglas County is based in the neighborhood and both my kids participate in Art Center classes almost daily.

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

15 Years October 31st

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

Residents are very invested in their homes and the neighborhood in general.

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

My main concern is slowing the push to redefine and rezone a large portion of the neighborhood. As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?

I look forward to returning to the ELNA board. There are so many positive projects happening in the neighborhood to be a part of. We really need to move away from the idea that "the board" is the ELNA. The Neighborhood residents need a voice; I hope to represent as many people as I can. We need to redefine the ELNA as a tool to guide preservation and progress, as unfortunately for most, it has a reputation for protest and disruption.

Catherine Reed -- 1200 block of Delaware St

reed.catherine@gmail.com

Employer/ Where do you work?

I'm a retired entomologist. I do art work at SeedCo Studios at 9th and Delaware.

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?

I'm a homeowner at Delaware Commons Cohousing and rent a studio space at SeedCo Studios; a docent at Baker Wetlands; a member of the Audubon Society, Kansas Native Plant Society, Kaw Valley Quilters Guild and Kaw Valley Fiber Guild.

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Two years

What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?

EL is a walkable neighborhood where people of all ages meet and talk with each other.

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Block Party



September 2016



Meeting Notices

As noted in the election notice elsewhere in this newsletter, the **November 2016 ELNA** meeting will be postponed one week from the usual first Monday in deference to the General Election being held on November 8th. Instead, the November ELNA meeting will take place on **Monday November 14th**. This will be our election meeting, COME VOTE! and will take place in the New York Elementary cafeteria and gym. All non-election business is delayed until December.

The **December 2016 ELNA** meeting will take place on the regularly scheduled first Monday of the month, **Monday December 5th**, from 7-9pm at the New York School library. At this meeting, among other agenda items, officers of the ELNA Board will be selected.

The **January 2017 ELNA** meeting is scheduled for Monday January 9th, as the first Monday, January 2nd is New Year's observed and a designated holiday. ELNA will meet **Monday January 9th** from 7-9pm at the New York School library.

Block Party THANKS

Aaron Paden	Ladybird Diner
Alicia Kelly	Lawrence Arts Center
Beth and Jay Holley	Lawrence Parks and Rec
Blue O'Leary	Leslie Kay
Brad Eldridge	Leslie Soden
Brad Gibson	Lisa Marie Benke
Byron James and Christen Buie and Sugarfoot Detour	Marshall Maude
Cari Davis	Michael Davis
Catharine Reed	Mick Palmer
Charlie Bryan and Lawrence Loop	Mike Anderson
Community Village Lawrence	Mike Corrigan
Cottin's Hardware	Mike Myers
Dave Loewenstein	Mike Rheim
Diane Lehman	Oxbow Studio
Emily Myers	Pam Blackburn
Eric Farnsworth	Paula Wilhelm Naughtin
Eric Jay	Phil Collison
Eric Kirkendall and the Lawrence Makerspace	Repetition Coffee
Galactic Acid	Rowyn Fisher
Gerald Trimble Band	Russell Benke
Hillary Barnett	Scott Blackburn
Intersection Repair	Stacey Wohlford
Joe Bickford	Staci Ahlvers
John Myers	Stephens Real Estate
Josh Davis	Sue McConnell
Josie Jay	Sunrise Project
Katy Clagett	Suzan Hampton
Kristina and Claudia Davis	Teresa Wilke
KT Walsh	Tim VonHolten
	Tony Peterson
	Wheatfields

Thanks to all who came out! It was a perfect morning and we completely filled our dumpster! Go check out the trails. They are clean and clear!



River Clean Up October 15th 2016

Here are the pictures I took on Saturday. Turn-out was fairly poor but I didn't try to rope in anyone outside the neighborhood by using KU or Roger Hill this time. I have to say that of the twelve people who helped pick up trash I know that six of them don't live in east Lawrence. I'm not sure about the other 6 except for Frank. It is a bit disappointing.

Thanks go to the following people for contributing:

Bert Haverkate-Ens	Ginny Bessom
Fred Bellemere	Brett Holm
Jack Bellemere	Frank Janzen
Andy Bellemere	Andy Lewis
Matt Bellemere	Lane Eisenbart
Catherine Reed	City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department
Erin Bessom	City of Lawrence
Sidra Bessom	



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I have lived in the Second District for 16 years. As your County Commissioner for the past 8 years I have listened and worked diligently to represent you. I ask for your vote on November 8 to continue to move our County forward.

◆ As co-chair of the Horizon 2020 Steering Committee I strongly advocate for: quality affordable housing; walkable neighborhoods with bike, pedestrian and ADA-friendly transportation; community grocery stores; community gardens; urban agriculture; and more public trails, parks and open space. ◆ I serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Board to provide quality, permanent, affordable housing and supportive services, to rent or buy, for those with limited resources. ◆ The County and City work together on a variety of economic development initiatives. Peaslee Tech opened in 2015 and provides vocational and technical skills training. Automotive technology classes will be added next fall. Lawrence Metropolitan E-Community provides loans and support for small businesses and entrepreneurs. ◆ The Common Ground Program develops community gardens on city property. There are ten sites, including Oread Friends Garden/Farm and Penn. Street Community Garden.

Contact me at nthellman@douglas-county.com

Paid for by Nancy Thellman Campaign, Wendy A. Murray, Treasurer

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Further information on each candidate, including personal questionnaires and contact information will be made available in the November/ December paper newsletter and the ELNA website.

Other Notes:

Disputes regarding officers, eligibility, the interpretation of the bylaws, or other unforeseen conflicts will be resolved by decision of a Board majority.

CANDIDATES... continued from page 3

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?

Any projects involving the natural environment, trails, sidewalks and river access

Cindy Suenram -- 1200 block of New York St
csuen3@sunflower.com

What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly? LAN, H2020, and try to get to JEDC meetings

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 30+ years

What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past? YART, the Block Party, Holiday Adopt-a-Family, the printed newsletter (layout and mailing only)

If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year? Pretty much the same as above plus see what else comes up.

As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission? Continue with meetings and talking with the neighbors.....

KT Walsh -- Rhode Island St, 732, coo-coo-ca-choo

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Join ELNA for \$1.00

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

Support us. Let us support you.

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!

Click the paypal button to donate securely there!

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

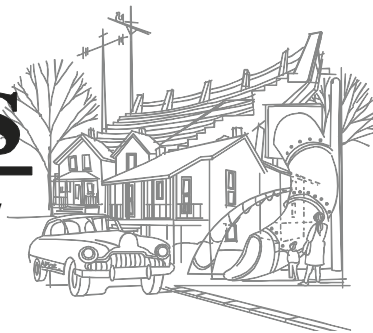
Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
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January 2017



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, January 9th

7-9pm

New York Elementary

9th & New York

Agenda items:

- ⇒ Holiday Fundraising Update
- ⇒ Rezoning Project Update
- ⇒ Board Retreat
- ⇒ Fundraising Ideas

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From The President

Greetings Folks! By the time you read this the Holidays will have come and gone and we will be in the depths of winter. The Neighborhood Association held elections in November and elected officers in December. January will find a new board ready to take on the New Year's slate of activities.

We will be doing some board training in January where we will learn some new skills about how to function more effectively.

January will also find us at the Annual New York School Martin Luther King Chili Feed on January 17th. This is a big fundraiser for NY School, and an all around fun neighborhood event.

We will also be following the re-zoning plans that we initiated north of 9th street. The goal of this project is to get properties zoned to their existing use. Along the way we will learn about what zoning is, how it affects us, and also how it can be used as a tool to shape what is to come in the future.

We will also be looking to find new ways to generate revenue. We have always counted on Community Development Block Grants to fund our newsletter and our Coordinator. This year those CDBG funds will probably only cover our coordinator. We will have to find a way to fund our paper newsletter. We know everyone is going digital, but we still believe the most effective way for us to communicate with everyone is via the paper newsletter. We will have our regular fundraising functions, which include the Yart Sale (this year on April 1 at New York School), and our annual Block Party in September. In the last few years we have started running concessions at some of the weekly Kaw Valley Kickball games on Sunday nights at Hobbs Park. If you have some good ideas about how to generate additional funds let us know! One of the things that sometimes gets forgotten is that ELNA is an all volunteer group, and it takes people to volunteer to get things done.

We will also continue to communicate via social media. If you haven't signed up for our weekly Thursday E-news, please do. You can also follow us on twitter (@elnaks). And keep an eye on our web page. If you want to help spread the word or have news to share let us know! We can't do anything without you! Check us out!

Save the Date for the 2017 Yart Sale!



Everybody's favorite neighborhood Yard and Art sale will return Saturday April 1st, 2017 from 8am to 2pm, to the New York School gym. Put these too-cold-to-go -outdoors days to good use cleaning out your spaces -- your basements and attics and spare rooms. And save those rediscovered gently used and unique items to donate to ELNA for the Yart Sale! Want to get that stuff out of your house ASAP? Let us know, and we'll take it off your hands, and find a place to store it. Email us at eastlawrence@yahoo.com. And be sure to mark your calendars to attend the sale as well. You never know what treasure will emerge for the ELNA Yart Sale!!

ELNA Board Election Results

A new 2016-2017 Board was selected on November 14th 2016. According to our bylaws, the outgoing president is required to serve the year following his presidency, and therefore, President Aaron Paden's position on the board was not up for re-election. A total of 15 candidates ran for 13 positions. A total of 84 votes were cast. Because the top vote getter only received 70 votes, it is indicated that 14 ballots were not entirely completed. Here are the final tallies, in alphabetical order:

- Mike Anderson 39
- Pam Blackburn 66
- Phil Collison 65
- Josh Davis (Penn St) 64
- Joshua Davis (NY St) 44
- Jennifer Distlehorst 39
- Katherine Harris 59
- Eric Jay 70
- Johni Lacore 43
- Chris Lempa 57
- Dave Loewenstein 63
- Timothy Morland 27
- Catherine Reed 41
- Cindy Suenram 53
- KT Walsh 66

After the final tally, a tie between Jennifer Distlehorst and Mike Anderson for the 13th position was apparent. The resolution of the tie was on the December 5th ELNA meeting agenda for discussion. At the December 5th meeting, Josh Davis (Penn St) resigned his position to make room for both Jennifer and Mike to serve. Thank you for your service, Josh! Welcome, Jennifer and Mike! At the same meeting, Phil Collison was selected by the attendance as President, with Chris Lempa as Vice President. Pam Blackburn agreed to continue as Secretary. KH Harris is our Treasurer through the fiscal year.

Your new ELNA board is:

Phil Collison, Chris Lempa, Pam Blackburn, Mike Anderson, Joshua Davis (NY St), Jennifer Distlehorst, KH Harris, Eric Jay, Johni Lacore, Dave Loewenstein, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, and KT Walsh. Contact information for each member is listed on the front page of this newsletter, should you wish to contact them. Lane Eisenbart continues as Coordinator.

Pam Blackburn



KT Walsh



2017 Board Interviews

Mike Anderson



1. What projects do you want to work on this year? The ELNA budget is a big one for me. But really I'm enthusiastic about working on all projects surrounding the future of East Lawrence. I've lived here for over a decade now and I'm grateful for the opportunity to make a positive difference.
2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I have my doctorate in Communication Studies from The University of Kansas. I'm a great listener and love a good discussion/argument. I'm also a big believer in transparency. I hope everyone who reads this understands that I want to hear from them. I have a strong grasp on the issues, values, and pulse of this community and Lawrence as a whole. I certainly however, don't pretend to know it all. This is exactly why I consider communication paramount. I'm very much a "why not" person who is ready to work.
3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? "Communication + Unity = Community" – *The Simpsons*

Phil Collison



1. What projects do you want to work on this year? I want to follow along with the items that come in front of the City Commission and various supporting boards that impact East Lawrence both directly and indirectly.
2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I want to do a deep dive into the issues that confront us, and understand and note the intricacies in each issue.
3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? Hello East Lawrence! I am glad you are here!

Johni Lacore



- 1) What projects do you want to work on this year? As Chris and I did for the ELNA Adopt-an-Agency this holiday season, I'd love to help organize other fundraising events to help vital agencies in our community. I believe it's going to be especially important in the coming year that members of our community feel welcomed and supported by their neighbors.
- 2) What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I'm excited and appreciative for the opportunity to be a young female voice on the board. I'm an involved member of the community and I'm looking forward to making new meaningful connections. I'll work to preserve the unique flavor that East Lawrence has to offer.
- 3) Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? East Lawrence, you're a gem.

KH

1. What projects do you want to work on this year? As Treasurer for ELNA, I like the idea Aaron had of putting our income and expenses spreadsheets up on Google Cloud so that they are available for all to see. Transparency of the organization will be healing for the neighborhood after such an intense year as we had last year.

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I am open minded and willing to listen to all opinions. I love jokes. My winter hat is a chicken, so I'm easy to find in a cold crowd.



Josh Davis

What projects do you want to work on this year? River Cleanup, Adopt-a-Family holiday gifts and Zoning

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I welcome neighbors to contact me to discuss issues that are important to them.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? You don't have to be on the board to get involved. Echoing our neighborhood board president, anyone who wants to work on projects is welcome to attend meetings and volunteer.

Chris Lempa



1. What projects do you want to work on this year? I was recently involved in an effort to retire the lunch debt at New York Elementary School. This spring I plan to do the same at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. I will also be exploring options to make this a regular thing.

Additionally I am interested in working on the proposed conservation overlay.

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I eat mostly plants and like to run long distances at moderate paces. One of my favorite sayings is that we all do better when we all do better. In that sense I believe it is important to listen to different ideas and treat people with respect.

Oh yeah, I really like punk rock.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? It is an honor to serve as Vice President of the best hood in Lawrence. Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns - 542-0106 or 8lempa8@gmail.com. Stay rad.

Catherine C. Reed

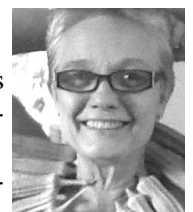


1. What projects do you want to work on this year? Any projects involved the outdoors, parks, trails, gardens, trees, etc.

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I'm a thoughtful person with a strong knowledge of science and a strong interest in art.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? I love the neighborhood and walk everywhere. I always want to know what's going on.

Cindy Suenram



1. What projects do you want to work on this year? YART Sale and the Block Party; continue with the printed newsletter.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? It's a wonderful day in the neighborhood...



Eric Jay

1. What projects do you want to work on this year? Home Tour and other means of fundraising.

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? My amazing wife, two incredible daughters, nervous wiener dog and hungry cat reside in the house that I built at 824 NJ. I co-own Struct/ReStruct with a life long friend of mine and over the past 9 years we've been fortunate enough to provide well-designed and built residential projects throughout East Lawrence. When I'm not putting in time at SRS I like to hang with the family, cook, listen to tunes and remind myself I'm not the athlete I used to be.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? Yeah, a few wise words by this guy.....

"May your hands always be busy,
May your feet always be swift,
May you have a strong foundation,
When the winds of changes shift."

Bob Dylan



Dave Loewenstein

1. What projects do you want to work on this year? Opening up the Murphy-Bromelsick house to East Lawrence programming; Board Training; Conservation overlay for north of 9th st.; Exploring the idea of a Cultural Impact Study

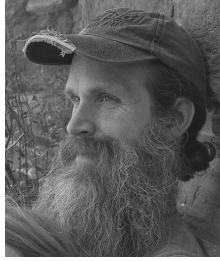
review for new development projects.

2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I am honored to serve on the most active neighborhood board in Lawrence.

3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? We are the representative caretakers of a remarkable working-class, historic and culturally rich neighborhood. Because of this, East Lawrence is attractive to many including real estate speculators and developers who's interests may not always align with ELNA's values. It's our task to ensure that East Lawrence remains truly affordable for our current residents and small businesses.

2017 Board Interview continued

Aaron Paden



1. What projects do you want to work on this year Fundraising so we can continue our tradition of a having a great newsletter; Finishing the zoning updates and starting an overlay district; Affordable housing / commercial spaces; Bylaws! Whoop!
2. What do you want people to know about you as a board member? I am an avid fan of Farnsworth Bicycle Laboratories. There is probably no finer art than Kinetic bicycle sculpture made right here in East Lawrence. If you haven't ridden a Farnsworth original – you haven't lived. This year come by ELNA's block party or head down to the Art Tougeau parade and ride the best! I also like pie. Vive la East Lawrence!
3. Anything else you want to tell East Lawrence? East Lawrence has a long history of being a working class neighborhood. This means that the majority of homes are small affordable houses. A relatively recent rise in the popularity of the neighborhood has caused an upswing in the speed of gentrification – which for some is a threat to the culture and history of community friendly 'naturally occurring' affordable housing. There is a rich history in the old lots of East Lawrence – and it informs who we are and where we are going and what do we want to be remembered for. While I welcome all neighbors – I believe it is in the best interest of Lawrence and our neighborhood to work to remain the welcoming home of those less fortunate.



Jennifer Distlehorst

Hello ELNA neighbors! My name is Jennifer and I've been a resident of East Lawrence for almost ten years. My first stint on the ELNA board was even before I moved to East Lawrence, back when I was working to get Delaware Street Commons designed and built. I've always admired the passion and creativity that East Lawrencians bring to life in our neighborhood. I'm looking forward to working on neighborhood projects and issues, such as balancing preservation and development, and supporting ELNA events like the Yart Sale and the Block Party. Facilitating good meetings and listening to hear all sides of issues are important to me and I'm looking forward to serving ELNA in these ways.

About me personally, I'm a research engineer with the Department of Transportation who lives at Delaware Street Commons with my husband and two kitties. I'm also a Spaceholder apprentice of 5Rhythms movement meditation/conscious dance at Be Moved Studio in Downtown Lawrence. If I'm not dancing, I can be frequently found with either knitting needles or a book in my hands.

Demographic Insight

A committee of ELNA members just recently completed an application for Community Development funds through the City, and we thought you all might like a look at some of the raw numbers that represent East Lawrence.

From city.data.com

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Lawrence-Kansas.html>

East Lawrence Income figured by 2010 Census Data via city.data.com

In three parts:

1. Mass E to Almira, 13th S to 15th
2. Mass to E. Burroughs Creek Trail, 8th S to 13th

With notes from

3. Mass E to River, River S to 8th, plus Brook Creek Area

Area 1.

Race 80% White

5% Black

7% Hispanic

7% Native American

1% Multirace

Median Income \$15,750

Median House Value \$125,000

Median Rental Cost \$532/month

Residents below the poverty level 19%

Median Resident age 38

Percent of Households defined as family 34%

Area 2.

Race 92% White

4% Hispanic

4% Multirace

Median Income \$40,833

Median Rental Cost \$681/month

Median House Value

Residents below the poverty level 22%

Median Resident Age 30

Percent of Households defined as family 18%

Area 3. (which includes E Lawrence North of 8th)

Race 82% White

17% Hispanic

1% Multirace

Median Income \$35,667

Median House Value \$130,008

Median Rental Cost \$428/month

Residents Below Poverty Level 12%

Median Resident Age 33

Percent Households defined as family 24%

According to <http://www.publicschoolreview.com/new-york-elementary-school-profile>

Our New York Elementary, where all East Lawrence children K-5 attend has 65% qualification for free and reduced lunches.

Some numbers from our own archives:

Newsletters sent out to households 1250+

Active, dues paid members 158

Facebook followers 1,270

Active Email contacts 1,134

Enews recipients 361

Voter turnout 2015 - 240, 2016 -- 84

In summary, go team! Thanks ELNA board and members, for making all those archive numbers look so good!

Please attend!

New York Elementary's Annual MLK Chili Feed

Tuesday, January 17th, from 5-7pm

In the New York School gym and cafeteria

All friends, family, neighbors are welcome. This is an all community event!

A free will cash donation will be collected at the door.

Chili (both meat and vegetarian), with sides, drinks, and desserts will be served. Our wonderful neighbors at St Luke AME Church will perform, and we're hoping our dear Kitchen Manager Rauna McCoy will be our special guest. This will be Rauna's 25th year attending, volunteering, and working for the Chili Feed!

What you can bring:

Students of New York are asked to contribute an item to the Chili Feed, and to bring that item to school the day of, Tuesday January 17th.

- Kindergarten and 1st: carrot and celery sticks, for sides
- 2nd and 3rd: shredded cheese for topping
- 4th and 5th: saltine crackers, for sides

Students, families, friends, and neighbors can bring:

Anyone can bring desserts to contribute. Bars, cookies, slices of pie or cake, anything easily portioned would be great. Those contributions can be brought to the school any-time during the school day Tuesday January 17th. Just ask at the office! If anyone would like to contribute vegetarian chili, that would be welcome too!

New this year

We find our school clothing room is spare on coats. If you have any youth winter coats you're getting rid of, please bring them with you to the Chili Feed. All sizes, all genders needed. We're ok on gloves and hats and other winter gear, just missing coats. We'll wash your donated coat and store it in the clothing room for next time someone forgets or doesn't have a coat and they need one to go outside for recess.

Questions? Email Lane leisenbart@yahoo.com.

New and Renewing Members

We're still sorting through all your lovely membership forms from the November ELNA elections, and before, so what follows is by no means comprehensive list of new and renewing ELNA members. Thanks for your support neighbors!

Ron Wright
Johni Lacore
Martha Thorpe
Ken Easthouse
Josh and Ania Brewer
Joe Bickford and marci francisco
Henry Fortunato
Arch Naramore and Cindy Suenram
Jennifer Distlehorst
Irene Tsuneta and Katherine "KH" Harris
Natasha Karlin
Dennis Reed
Oliva Marshall, Richard Niquette,
Brysen Russell
Hilary Barnet
Janet Good
James C. Dunn
Frank Janzen
John Sebelius
Allison Sebelius
Boog Highberger
Jaqueline Counts
Bruce Eggers
Brad Gibson
Jasmine Westphal
Mick Palmer
Sarah Rooney

Intersection Repair Update

Friends and neighbors,

We hope your winter is going well and that you and yours are staying warm! After discussion, we have decided we are going to repaint the 10th and New Jersey intersection mural at another location in East Lawrence. We are still ironing out the details as to what that location is, but will let everyone know when its settled.

We are meeting at the Lawrence Public Library on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A to discuss the project. At that time, we will have more information about the future mural location. Anyone who wants to be involved in organizing the next mural painting or who has ideas or suggestions for the overall project is encouraged to attend!

Thanks as always for your continued support and don't hesitate to reach out with suggestions! You can reach us by email at katy.clagett@gmail.com or a kellyit@gmail.com or visit our Lawrence Intersection Repair Facebook page.

Best, The Intersection Repair Team

City Offers Loan Program for Furnace Repairs

City Offers Loan Program for Emergency Repairs

Emergency & furnace loans available for income-qualified Lawrence homeowners.

For emergency situations, the city offers an emergency loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or to repair damage to the structure likely to cause health and safety hazards.

The furnace loan program can provide up to \$5,000 for the replacement/addition of existing heating and/or cooling source with approved energy-efficient appliances.

Both programs require a zero interest, zero payment mortgage to be placed on the property. The loan amount is due in full when the applicant is no longer the owner/occupant.

Please contact Community Development staff at (785) 832-7700 for additional terms and conditions, or visit www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs to download an application.

Sunrise Project Winter Updates

Sunrise Project stays busy throughout the winter!

- Renovations are ON at the site! (1501 Learnard Ave.) We've received our building permit from the city and will be making progress over the winter turning the old retail building into a beautiful community space!
- We're organizing community cooking classes with Haskell Light Center to teach the basics of cooking good food.
- Food Rocket spring semester sessions are in full swing at New York and Cordley Elementary Schools. Food Rocket will be making a delicious batch of veggie chili for the MLK chili feed!
- We're hosting a baking class where participants will learn how to make basic scones and French yogurt cake. Check out our website for more information & to enroll!
(www.sunriseprojectks.org)
- Nicholas Ward has been picking up food scraps from New York Elementary and delivering to our on-site worms as part of our vermicomposting Green Schools Grant partnership! We plan to expand the number of worms and number of compost pick-up sites in the coming months.

Happy holidays from Sunrise Project!

Questions? Contact Emily and Melissa at info@sunrise.org



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Thursdays {through April}
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Located inside Cottin's Hardware & Rental

From the folks at the Downtown Grocery Committee, here are a few notes about the project. Dec. 2016

What is this purpose of this FAQ? The Downtown Grocery Committee has published these frequently asked questions both to dispel some of the current misinformation about the project as well as build community support for the downtown grocery store. We are responsible for this content, and the retailer has made changes to his satisfaction; as information changes or new questions come in, we will update this document and publish a new version on our Facebook page.

Who is the Downtown Grocery Committee? We are friends and neighbors who are concerned about the lack of access to fresh, healthy, affordable food in our core neighborhoods. We first gathered in 2013 to address the issue of the food desert in Lawrence and have been meeting regularly ever since. Our weekly meetings at 9 am on Thursdays are open, and we hold a public meeting at the library on the last Thursday of each month (barring holidays). Join us on Facebook: We publish meeting information on our Facebook page well in advance of the meeting date. You may request to join the group to receive updates. Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/>

What is a food desert? How would a downtown grocery fix that problem? A food desert is an area where the majority of people live more than one mile from a grocery store and at least 20% of the residents meet the federal poverty level standard. The downtown grocery store will not completely resolve the food desert in Lawrence, but it will make a significant impact toward defeating the food desert in quite a large swath of our core neighborhoods.

Will the store be a local or regional grocer? Will it be Checkers? Currently, the strong interest to date is a regional grocer out of Kansas City – Price Chopper. The Queen family is committed to offer the Lawrence community a unique grocery and gourmet store.

Will the groceries be affordable? Yes. One of our main goals has been to attract a retailer that offers goods and services that most people in the surrounding area can afford. This retailer has such a history.

Will the store double SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)? That is undetermined as of this writing. The Downtown Grocery Committee supports this type of program, and the retailer has experience doing this in other communities. Price Chopper is signed on with this program for the next few years, starting in 2017.

Will the store offer specialty and gourmet foods? Of course. This will be a full-line grocery store that will carry everything from store brands to name brands, including gourmet meats, cheeses, and specialty food made on-site.

Will the store sell local and/or regional produce, meat, and other products? Yes. Queen's Price Chopper has their own regional produce purchasing program via a local wholesaler, C&C Produce. Local and regional farmers are welcome to participate; the farmers included must qualify for the program, be inspected, and have liability insurance.

Will the store have a selection of organically grown foods? Yes. Expect a selection of fresh, frozen and packaged organic items.

Will the store offer “grab-n-go” (prepared and prepackaged) food? Yes, as well as fresh food prepared on-site.

Will there be a bulk foods section? Yes, but on a limited basis due to space available.

Will the store sell live bait for people who fish on the river Not at this time.

When will the store open? We expect the store will open some time in 2018. As of this writing, representatives involved in the project say they hope for mid-2017 for the groundbreaking.

Will the store be open 24/7? No. Current operational hours will be 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.; possibly midnight.

What size will the building be? What height will it be? Current designs for the building have the grocery store at 40-45 thousand sq. ft, slightly larger than the Dillons on Massachusetts street. The overall height of the building with the residential project will be 40' – which is just 10' higher than the current “Borders” building.

Where will the mechanicals (heating, cooling, electric) for the building be located? There are many options being discussed including rooftop or enclosed areas; concern for noise and light pollution in the neighborhood is being taken into consideration in the design.

Will the historic Donnelly Stables (and former auto garages) wall on the north side of the current building be saved? Yes. The architectural plans include saving the north wall and integrating it into the design.

What does “mixed-use building” mean? “Mixed use” means a mixture of commercial and residential uses. The commercial use will be a grocery store.

Will the store deliver groceries? Will there be a drive-up for grocery pickup? The store will offer pickup for online ordering with an eye on possible future delivery services.

Will the store have a pharmacy? If so, will it have a drive-thru pickup? As of this writing, a local pharmacy is being considered, and the architectural plans incorporate a drive-thru for the pharmacy.

How will vehicle traffic flow onto and off of the site? There are a number of different types of vehicles that will visit the site, from semi trucks to bicycles.

The semi truck entrance will be on the northeast side, off of 7th street. Truck deliveries will happen overnight, so should not affect daytime traffic.

Light truck (bread, chips, soda) delivery is likely to be on the east side of the building throughout the day.

The pharmacy drive-thru will be on the south side of the building, in the surface parking lot.

Shoppers will use the parking garage, which will have its entrance on the southeast corner of the structure. Shoppers who park here will enter the store from within the underground structure.

The primary street and surface parking entrance for the store will be on New Hampshire street, and there will be bike racks available nearby.

There will be no vehicle access between the Hobbs Taylor parking lot and the grocery parking lot.

Will delivery trucks stack up on the street? Will there be a no-idling clause for delivery trucks? We don't anticipate a cycle of deliveries that will exceed the capacity of the enclosed delivery bay, which means idling should not happen.

How will the project affect resident parking in East Lawrence? The discussion between East Lawrence neighbors and developers is ongoing.

What will the impact be on adjacent downtown parking? The developer is making every effort to accommodate the increase in

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parking on-site by building two levels of underground parking and keeping some surface parking available. There will be 200 approximately spaces underground; 100 for the store and 100 for the building's residents.

How much surface parking will remain? How much of it will be dedicated to grocery parking? The number of stalls is still to be determined; however, all of the surface parking on the property will be dedicated to grocery parking.

Will there be bus stops convenient to the grocery store? Will these stops have shelters? The committee and residents plan to advocate strongly to the city and the transportation company regarding the location and relocation of stops and inclusion of shelters as the project develops.

Will there be shopping carts that can be taken to each bus stop – perhaps paid carts? The shopping carts will have locking mechanisms on them, which means they won't be able to be taken off of the store grounds. Employees will be available to assist carrying groceries for people who need help getting to their car or a bus stop. The building design takes into consideration seating on the outside of the building for the bus lines and a grocery loading area inside the garage.

How will shoppers get carts to and from the underground parking? Design plans include a cart escalator as well as a people escalator between the store and the parking structure.

What will this project cost us as taxpayers? Some of the funding for the grocery project will come out of federal funding designated for areas identified as food deserts. We are anticipating a request for public incentives for both the parking and living structures. We do not know at this time what will be asked for or how this will affect tax rates. The normal planning process involves several opportunities for public commentary and input.

How many jobs will the store create? 150-200 new jobs, both full and part-time.

Will the jobs at the store provide a living wage? We expect so, but we don't have data at this time. Incentives from the city may require a living wage.

What overall benefit will the grocery store have for our downtown and our city? This store will enhance the character of our downtown by broadening and diversifying its economic base. The store will bring over 2500 people a day to our downtown, many of whom will also seek other goods and services in the neighborhood. It will be an anchor store that supplies local employment, community connection, and convenient access to a variety of foods and other goods to help serve the varied needs of area residents, downtown restaurants, and out-of-town visitors. It will improve access to healthy, affordable food in the food desert, which will have a positive effect in our core neighborhoods.

Our Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/>



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Support us. Let us support you.

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!

Click the paypal button to donate securely there!

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: _____