

**Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10**

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>Feb 1st</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>March 7th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>April 4th and 11th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>Yes</u>
	newsletter	<u>Yes</u>
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>facebook, twitter, website</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	No
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Jan-Feb</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>March-April</u>		<u>YES</u>

Also to be attached:

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome.

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments.

## ELNA Minutes – February 1st, 2016, New York Elementary 7pm

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh,

Jesse Carleton, Frank Janzen, Mike Riehm, Amanda Davis, Mike Anderson, Alicia Kelly, Katy Clagett,

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were available for review.

Elizabeth Keever (staff) & Mike Logan (board) from Just Food came to talk about their upcoming fundraiser, the Food Truck Festival. Changes for this year include closing 9<sup>th</sup> street by the festival for safety reasons (too many people walking down the middle of 9<sup>th</sup>). There are plans to have 26 food trucks this year including 3 that are new Lawrence trucks. Postcards were mailed to affected residents. It was suggested that signs be added around 11<sup>th</sup> & Delaware to warn of the upcoming road closures. They have arranged for additional parking to be available at Allen Press and Penny's.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Road closures will begin at noon on Saturday, 5/7 for set up. The event will run from 4 to 10 pm. Volunteer shifts will be from 3 pm - 6 pm and 6 pm to 10 pm.

Just Foods served 11,000 people last year. 43% were either under 18 or elderly. This event is their largest fundraiser.

Christine Dobson of Penn House/Ballard Center spoke of the upcoming changes in the organization. United Way is not supporting emergency services this year. This has a tremendous impact of the Red Cross, Ballard Center and Just Foods. Funds are being cut in half.

They are exploring options as to what role should Penn House serve in this community? Ideas brought up include using part as a temporary family space, resource center for all agencies, rent areas to other agencies.

Alicia and Katy brought the latest design for the Intersection Repair project. Plan is for the paint day to be 4/23. Painting will take place from 10 until 6 pm-ish. They asked for a letter of support from ELNA. Dave Loewenstein moved and Josh seconded. Dave to write the letter.

It was announced that George Paley died. He was a blacksmith and welder.

Dave Loewenstein gave an update on Board Training. There are different costs depending if we go to the instructor or the instructor comes to Lawrence. He will continue investigating.

Neighborhood Zoning meeting will be Monday, 3/25 at the library.

Lane talked about Henry's Hike thru History project. There will eventually be 6 – 10 panels on display at the library. It is hoped that people will read the panel and then go for a walk to see the actual site. Lane asked for a letter to work with Henry on completing the project. Phil to write letter.

President's Report: Popcorn with Art Center. John will be the liaison to the Free State festival to further our involvement.

Center for Community Outreach wants to help with the River Cleanup and other ways to help.

It was asked what the status was of the NY houses. Eric to check.

Vice President's Report: 10 am Sundays at Aimee's Café.

Treasurer's Report: \$3307 in checking, \$1600 owed from city: total \$4907 which is close to normal balance.

CDAC: Phil & Pam attended the CDAC meeting. Funds from the city will be decreasing due to the cuts in United Way. A variety of suggestions were made to cut spending and/or increase revenue.

Coordinator's Report: Building request was submitted for Yart sale. Newsletter deadline is 2/15.

9<sup>th</sup> St CAC: The current plan from Connecticut to Delaware has no dedicated bicycle lanes, they are Sharo lanes. The plan has dual sidewalks, brick + ADA. Basically the plan can have green space or bike lanes. The next meeting will involve voting on the plan. It is expected that the plan will be available 4 days prior to the meeting and posted on Lawrence website. Parking is reduced by half. Next meeting is 3/2.

City Commission: Parks will become tobacco free on 4/1.

NY PTO/Site Council: Fundraiser for the shed will be at Freddy's Frozen Custard.

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

## ELNA Minutes – March 07, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, KT Walsh,

Mike Anderson, Joe Bickford, Jennifer Brown, Jay Holley, Logan Isaman, Frank Janzen, Eric Kirkendall, R.P. Kirtland, Robert Krause, Kristin Morland, Timothy Morland, Charlie Naramore, Brenda Nunez, Madeline O'Brien, Charlotte Pessoni, Judy Romero, Stephen Spencer,

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. January and February minutes were reviewed. Phil moved to approve, Matt seconded. Minutes were approved as modified.

RP Kirtland from KU Athletics spoke about opportunities for community outings for spring sports like baseball or softball. Group tickets would be \$3 each of a regular \$12 ticket.

Christine from Penn House gave an update on their efforts. They are partnering with Sun-Cedar which is a re-entry program for people with work gaps due to homelessness or prison. They will only be accepting work place clothing. They are also storing diapers for Happy Bottoms to supply to those in need. They are involved in raising \$75,000 to fund Sun-Cedar.

Phil presented the current 2 plans being reviewed. They are a shared use plan vs. bike lines. Discussion followed about safety issues of both. CAC will receive the actual plan at the scheduled meeting on 3/30. Josh Sheldon of Colorado will be at the 4/4 ELNA meeting.

The Yart Sale will be 3/26 at NY Elementary. Donations may be dropped off during Friday set from 5:30 – 9. The sale is 8-2 on Saturday.

Dave gave an update on Intersection Repair. Alicia & Katy were at Traffic Safety meeting. The painting will be on 4/23 from 10-4. There will be a pot luck afterwards.

Food Truck Festival will be 5/7 from 4 – 10. Allen Press confirmed they will allow parking on their grounds. More details on parking will be coming.

No update on Free State Festival.

Lane gave an update on Hike thru History. Henry offered to allow Lane to bring 1<sup>st</sup> panel to a meeting and Yart sale.

Dave gave an update on Board training. Block school and NeighborWorks give training and can do it in Lawrence. Dave to get estimates.

Community Village Lawrence is increasing its memberships. They are getting craftsmen (electricians, plumbers) signed up.

KT gave a downtown grocery store update. The plan is to get a signed lease.

Presidents Report: The bus stop at 11<sup>th</sup> & Delaware has some broken chairs. City is in process of replacing them.

VP Report: outreach the following Sunday 9:45at Aimee's

Treasurer Report: \$3808 last Monday. Reimbursement request not submitted yet.

Coordinator Report: Summer meeting location needs to be setup. Perculator was deemed pretty small. Maker space will be investigated.

LAN: (Brenda) Board of Realtors has contacted the Legislature to declare the rental inspection unconstitutional.

Transit: 3 fares being discussed. Hub location still up in the air.

Planning: Brewery on Penn now has a slightly smaller design.

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

## ELNA Minutes – April 04, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Christine Kosirog, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh,

Mike Anderson, Umut Bayramogin, Codi Bates, Simon Bates, Gotfred Beardshear, Joe Bickford, Shirley Braunhich, Tom Carmody, Katy Clagett, Linda Clark, Jackie Counts, Amanda Davis, Kent Fry, John Gascon, Brad Gibson, Amber Hansen, Greg Herrod, Logan Isaman, Frank Janzen, Debbi Johanning, Robert Krause, Linda Lipps, Kristin Morland, Timothy Morland, John Meyers, Charlie Naramore, John Naramore, Brenda Nunez, Madeline O'Brien, Emily Peterson, Amy Pope, Ryan Pope, Judy Romero, Mark Simpson, Stephen Spencer, Judy Palz (art emergency)

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were available for review.

Alicia & Katy reported that the Intersection Repair design now has its final approval. Painting party will be 4/23 from 10-4. There will be live music from 4-7.

Brief discussion of fundraising. During the summer ELNA sells concessions at the KVKL game of the week. It was decided to do 5 weekends this year, 6/5, 6/12, 7/3, 7/17 & 8/28.

Final numbers weren't in on the Yart Sale but most felt it was very successful.

Josh Shelton presented the phase 1 project plan of the East 9<sup>th</sup> project. Neighbors were concerned about the loss of parking on 9<sup>th</sup> st and the effect on the neighboring blocks.

Food Truck Festival will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. Concerns about those living on the east side of New Jersey and access to their alley.

Hike thru History. Lane talked about the panels and they would be at the Library on 6/16.

President: would like to talk about zoning and parking at the next regular meeting.

Treasurer: \$4188.91 in bank (includes Yart sale), no newsletter reimbursement yet.

Coordinator: working on newsletter & cleanups.

HRC: final plan of the Penn St Brewery has been approved.

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

## ELNA Minutes – April 11, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, Cindy Suenrnam, KT Walsh,

Mike Anderson, Simon Bates, Codi Bates, Gotfred Beardshear, Paulette Blanchard, Shirley Braunlich, Amanda Davis, Bruce Eggers, Ethan Fincham, Tiffany Francis, Diane Fry, Kent Fry, Erika Hane, Boog Highberger, John Huchmeister, Jay T Johnson, Eric Kirkendall, Martin Koch, Lisa Larsen, Kristin Morland, Timothy Morland, Arch Naramore, Tom Patchen, Emily Peterson, Will Penner, Mike Simpson, Cindy Trask,

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were available for review.

General discussion on the East 9<sup>th</sup> St project. Both board members and neighbors in attendance contributed thoughts of the project plan documented.

After 75 minutes of general discussion, a straw poll was taken of all attendees. 26 attendees were in support of the plan, 4 against and 7 abstaining. More discussion followed.

Christine moved that the board send a letter of support of the 9<sup>th</sup> st project phase 1 project plan to include the summary chart of the pros/cons/questions (see below). Matt seconded. 7 were in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstained.

The table below contains the dialogue of the meeting attendees identifying pros/cons/outstanding questions/alternatives.

Topic	PROs	CONs	Questions
Plan	Plan is complete now.	Will complete plan lose the flavor of East Lawrence?	
Lighting	Lighting is generally low ( 4 ft high ) and directed down.  Minimizes light pollution	Only on one side of street	
Rocks	Kids will love them.  Adds ambiance.  Church	Kids get hurt jumping off  Code says rocks 8 ft. apart.	What is the landing surface? Must be soft surface.
John Naramore/Eileen Larson Parking	City code compliant  ADA compliant  Public parking  Limiting parking	Losing over half the grandfathered parking  Do's-Delux needs handicap parking for aging clientele.	
Handicap Parking			Where are the handicap spaces?
General Parking	Loss of parking could limit large scale commercial redevelopment.	Loss of parking pushes public parking onto other streets, especially 900 block of NJ.	Has there been a study on the effect of loss of 9 <sup>th</sup> St. parking

	Increases neighbor sustainability by walking.		
Sidewalks	<p>ADA Compliant</p> <p>Wheel chair assessable</p> <p>Makes a complete sidewalk from NH to Delaware.</p> <p>Attention to collector street sidewalks perhaps might come later?</p>	<p>3 sidewalks in plan, only 2 are needed. They would need to be maintained/cared.</p> <p>Increases work.</p>	
Bicycles	<p>Stop signs help kids get to school on safe routes to school.</p> <p>Shared path helps less experience cyclists proceed thru neighborhood.</p> <p>Bike box! At 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mass and 2 bike repair stations.</p>	<p>If shared use path, bicycles should not be in street (city ignores code) &lt; this was later found to be untrue. If shared use path, bicyclist have choice of shared path or street. If dedicated bike path, bicyclist must use path &gt;</p>	
Traffic	Increased 9 <sup>th</sup> St stop signs will decrease traffic on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	Increased 9 <sup>th</sup> St stop signs will increase traffic on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> as vehicle traffic moves to avoid.	
Street width	Narrower streets force drivers to slow down and pay attention. Increases safety	<p>Width of street not code compliant (plan is 24 ft., code is 27 ft.)</p> <p>Will make semi-truck deliveries to 9<sup>th</sup> St businesses difficult.</p>	<p>How does this change affect Patchen's Motor's ?</p> <p>Will this push deliveries to adjacent east/west streets.</p>
Mini-parks (neighborhood moments)	<p>Bench around Turnhalle encourages neighborhood to be more communal.</p> <p>Ability for pedestrians to safely rest without getting run over by cars.</p> <p>Welcoming to the human aspect of neighborhood.</p> <p>Ability to sit and view/interact with neighborhood history.</p>	<p>Will benches be used by neighbors or visitors?</p> <p>If too close to houses, will (9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Conn in particular) it contribute to late night noise? Strangers hanging out too near private house.</p> <p>Bench maintenance – who clears out leaves, ice, general.</p> <p>Seating by Turnhalle does not match existing architecture</p>	
Wishing Bench	Will be kept on 9 <sup>th</sup> & Delaware	Won't be kept on 9 <sup>th</sup> & Delaware.	Which is it?
Sewer	Existing storm sewers will be replaced by new-age	KU system must be cleaned	Will this new system be able t

	storm system, permeable pavers & native grasses.	often so it doesn't clog.	keep up with Kansas storms?  Will the native grasses continue to be maintained by city workers in upcoming years?
Power Lines	Will be buried and not cross 9 <sup>th</sup> .  We believe there is a reduced fee from Westar for burying cables (as street is already torn up).	Pretty expensive. Not confirmed.  Trees within 8 ft. of buried power lines will be removed.	
Trees	Plan kept as many trees as possible.	More trees will be lost due to excessive digging.	
Budget	City is willing to fund infrastructure improvements in East Lawrence	It appears that the preliminary budget is lacking a considerable number of items. The total cost of the project will continue to increase. (see below)	Is the amount budgeted really enough?
Art	Art is well done and provides a good balance into the neighborhood.		What security will be in place protect art?  Will there be security cameras added to 9 <sup>th</sup> ?

Additional items that may not currently be in phase 1 plan budget. Some of the costs listed below are from estimates from Lawrence Public Works department who met with ELNA representative on two occasions. Others are gleaned from recent city public works projects in East Lawrence.

1. Bartlett & West Engineering (typically 10% of cost of project): \$300,000 to \$400,000. Engineering design and soliciting bids for actual construction.
2. el dorado Architects - \$275,000 - \$375,000 for Phase 2 Design.
3. Moving utilities (burying WOW, ATT, Westar lines). \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. Westar has not yet quoted an official price to Lawrence Public Works. There has been "talk" of a reduction in the cost due to the streets already being torn up for the project.
4. Adjusting all ground utility covers to new grade. Budget shows 10 new sewer inlets while demolition plans shows 16 removed. Will \$18,000 to 30,000 need to be added for this?
5. Staking and surveying for Construction.
6. Costs of compacting earthwork.
7. Fly ash layer under street. This cost was \$27,000 for Delaware St from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.
8. New storm water system drainage pipe (some perforated) for permeable paving, plantings. Also, crushed granite for drainage.
9. Repair brick intersection at 9<sup>th</sup> & NY.
10. Removing & stockpiling bricks from New Hampshire to Delaware (from brick street under asphalt).
11. Costs for new connections to existing storm sewer pipe, moving hydrants, new valves, etc.
12. 2 bike fixit stations, ADA drinking fountain (water source for trees?), 2 bike corrals (at big rocks & wishing bench), trash cans.
13. Lost city revenue from removing 10 downtown parking meters.
14. Professional Parking study.



15. Curb inlets are list as \$3,000 but recently installed inlets (Pennsylvania St) were \$4,250 and 9<sup>th</sup> & Delaware were 5,000. They cannot be removed and reused because they break when removed.
16. Possible bus shelter (alley by 901 New Hampshire).
17. Projected yearly costs for maintenance of street lighting and 2 public art lighting projects (Public Works and/or Parks & Rec and/or Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission).
18. Projected yearly budget for Parks & Rec maintenance of trees, plantings, cleaning out grasses, cleaning out crushed granite, cushioned surface around large rocks, clearing shared use path (mud, leaves, ice, snow). Ice stays on south side of street longer as some existing buildings shade the sidewalk.
19. Cost of installation of public art, lighting, public audio: Artist pays? City? Art Center? Some combo?
20. Will the \$300,000 lighting budget cover replacement of light poles at SE corners of RI, Conn, Penn, Charlie's Bar alley? Are these traditional street lights or public art streetlights?

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

# East Lawrence News

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January 2016



The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will hold a regular monthly meeting on **Monday January 4th** from 7-9pm. Even though New York School will not be open for students until Wednesday January 6th, the meeting will still be held in the New York School library. Agenda TBD.

## ELNA Board Elections 2015

238 ballots were cast on the evening of November 2nd; a record turnout for the neighborhood! The results are as follows:

Christine Kosirog 205	Matt Pryor 123
jacki becker 194	Cindy Suenram 122
Eric Jay 191	Amanda Davis 95
Josh Davis (PennSt) 168	Patrick Watkins 90
John Sebelius 155	Codi Bates 86
KT Walsh 150	Mike Anderson 84
Dave Loewenstein 145	Kent Frye 70
Phil Collison 142	John Gascon 69
KH Harris 138	Bruce Eggers 66
Pam Blackburn 134	Mark Francis 61
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As of the ELNA meeting on December 2nd, Board officers include President Aaron Paden, Vice President Phil Collison, Secretary Pam Blackburn, and KH Harris continues as Treasurer through the fiscal cycle ending in August. Lane Eisenbart, non-elected staff, continues to serve as Coordinator.

We owe ENORMOUS thanks to the League of Women Voters Lawrence/ Douglas County for their invaluable assistance in organizing the election. Join the League! Consider making a donation to their good work! We'd also like to thank New York School for sharing their space with us and being so very willing to accommodate our needs. THANK YOU!



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## Other Notes:

If you're cleaning out your spaces this winter, save your junk for ELNA! Save it and give it to us to sell at our annual Yart Sale in March. Watch our news outlets in the coming months for an exact date for our sale, and details about where you can drop off your donation.

# Board Member Interviews December 2015



## Aaron Paden

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Since the summer of 2007

Why do you choose to live here? It may be the best place on the planet. Our structure is made up mainly of affordable vernacular homes on old streets and sidewalks, that while humble, are rich in story and in walkable distance to many day to day destinations. The history of East Lawrence isn't your typical white man's history tracing time by the actions of pocketbooks but instead it celebrates the hands that built Lawrence. I see us, East Lawrence, as a neighborhood of predominantly working class people that embody a live and let live life, a life of helping each other get by.

How long have you been on the Board? I think this is my 5<sup>th</sup> year – but I can't remember – this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as president.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I believe that healthy local social networks are fundamental to a good standard of living. I believe ELNA enables neighbors to work together for the betterment of the community but also of themselves. When we host a clean up by the river or sell food at Sunday night Kickball or raise money at the YART sale or host a discussion at a meeting we are accomplishing much more than the direct task at hand. Neighbors get to know neighbors – trust is formed – information and history is shared or created. Our stories combine and community happens.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I think ELNA is experiencing an influx of development interest at a rate that exceeds the community's ability to respond and interact with it towards a positive end. I'm not sure that we can 'slow' development interest – but we can try to implement tools that help slow it from eroding the culture, community, and history that already exists. I'm interested in those tools.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Sticky notes - They are so dang handy and it is much less wasteful than an entire sheet of paper and I can stick them everywhere – they even fit in my pocket. 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the rubber band... because projectiles are always fun.



## Eric Jay

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Resided for 2 yrs. and owned business for 7.5 yrs.

Why do you choose to live here? Because the eclectic nature of the neighborhood and its proximity to the projects I work on. I also enjoy living near like-minded folks who care about their neighborhood and school.

How long have you been on the Board? 3 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be involved in decision making processes that affect the neighborhood and to learn more, and to be a voice for, folks who live in the hood.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Interesting ways to create affordable housing is always on my mind and it's a project I'd like to work on.

What's your favorite office supply and why? A nice pen, because it's the tool for me that allows ideas to come to life.

## Dave Loewenstein



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 20 years

Why do you choose to live here? It is where my friends are, where my work is and is the place that inspires and supports my sense of community. It is beautiful. It's where I've put down roots.

How long have you been on the Board? The first time about two years. This time 1 year and 1 month.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's critical, if we want a healthy neighborhood that has a voice on the issues that affect it, that those with relevant experience, skills and knowledge serve in some capacity. My work and experience intersects with many of the challenges and opportunities our neighborhood is engaged with now so I feel the responsibility to serve.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am especially interested in working with neighbors to better understand and then act on the potential opportunities and impacts of the arts-based development projects that are being proposed for East Lawrence. I'm also interested in helping with board training and capacity building.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Rubber band for all my rolls of drawings and mural designs.



## Jacki Becker

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 12 years

Why do you choose to live here? love it. close to downtown, close to work.

How long have you been on the Board? long time.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? love my neighborhood and hope i can be a fair and accurate representative for those who surround me in the neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? zoning. making sure we are keeping single family homes in the neighborhood. also supporting local businesses / craftpeople / creative endeavors in the neighborhood.

What's your favorite office supply and why? my phone. enables me to work where ever.



## Cindy Suenram

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 29+ years

Why do you choose to live here? This house was for sale 29+ yrs ago, near my at-the-time new job, and near lots of amenities. It worked out and I love it.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To stay in contact, and up-to-date, with the neighborhood and fairly represent it.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? The YART Sale and Block Party for sure; continuing with the printed newsletter involvement; see what comes up.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Hole reinforcement labels; their self-stated purpose.



**Josh Davis (NY)**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 8 years  
Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence is an amazing group of eclectic individuals who as a whole, care more about their neighborhood than anywhere I have ever lived. It is a neighborhood where you know your long term neighbors, you often know someone on every block, and you even get to know the college student just passing through because the whole neighborhood leads to connections. There is an appreciation of the small things like a simple walk or the big things like helping neighbors, preserving history and being active in discussions. I also appreciate the walk-ability of the neighborhood.

How long have you been on the board? New this year.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be more involved in continuing existing traditions and trying new ones. I am more aware of community issues than in the past, and would like to continue to learn and help where I can.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? All the existing traditions. Highlights for me are River Cleanup, Holiday Adopt a Family and YART sale.

Additionally...

Addressing housing issues (via committee or otherwise)

-Affordability

-Zoning

-Appropriate Development

-Property tax freezes if certain conditions are met (length of ownership, age of owner, property tax % increase).

Picking up trash - I like to pick up trash. I do that now just when I walk, and I would like to be involved in more organized efforts around that simple act (similar to the River Cleanup). I spend a considerable amount of time on a computer each day, so that is something basic that I enjoy doing.

What's your favorite office supply and why? The inkello Matchbook Calendar. Every year, I get three so I have a three month physical calendar I can reference on my desk. And even better, they are from East Lawrence! <http://inkello.com/collections/calendars>



**Pam Blackburn**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 2.5 years

Why do you choose to live here? I was looking for a house close to downtown with character. I didn't want to be in the Burbs.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? Initially, it was to get involved and understand the neighborhood. Now, it is to keep the neighborhood a neighborhood and not downtown apartments.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am continuing to work with city planners on rezoning "north of 9<sup>th</sup>" to current usage. We are seeing great progress on the preparations necessary to present to the city commission. As more changes happen in the neighborhood, I would like to get involved in property tax changes for low income home owners and property owners who rent to low income.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Mechanical pencils. I have finally decided I like to be able to erase occasionally. And I never seem to be able to find a sharpener, or work a sharpener.

**KT Walsh**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? approx. 40 years

Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence has a relaxed, scruffy aesthetic that I cherish. It's also home to preservationists of all ages who work to honor our culture, multi-racial history, and our internationally recognized largest remaining neighborhood of vernacular architecture in the nation.

How long have you been on the Board? Off and on since the Umbrella Incident that taught me that united neighbors can fight, and win at, City Hall.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's fun, challenging and you get to work with engaged, committed people. Also it's like taking an advanced, hands-on course in civics, history, and community building and social justice combined.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Continued work on the East Ninth project to ensure the promised process is adhered to and the Arts Center and city work with ELNA to help the hood rather than just the developers. Plus, getting more East Lawrence sites and buildings on the local historic register.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Stapler. Hands down. But, would someone please open a stapler repair shop?

**John Sebelius**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? My family is new to the neighborhood and we have lived in East Lawrence since 2014.

Why do you choose to live here? We moved to East Lawrence because we love the culture, history, artistic significance, and close proximity to my studio (Seed Co.) and downtown.

How long have you been on the Board? 1 month and still going strong.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I want to give back to my community that I care so deeply for. My aim is to help bridge divides amongst the neighborhood and get more individuals involved.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? YART Sale, connecting community resources to neighbors, Freestate Festival, and continuing my grilling prowess at the Block Party.

What's your favorite office supply and why? I have an untraditional office and it would definitely be spray paint. Colorful, permanent, and dries quickly.



**Board Member  
Christine Kosirog**



**Board Member  
KH Harris**

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### Phil Collison

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? I moved back to East Lawrence in 2004 for my current stint here. I moved to Lawrence in 1976. Back then Lawrence was the mecca for a liberal community and there were so many progressive ideas going on. The ELIA was getting started by leading the charge against the destruction of Pennsylvania

Street by the Haskell Loop, a road conceived by City Fathers to solve the problem of poor, awful East Lawrence. Over the last 40 years I have lived, worked and played in Lawrence and East Lawrence.

Why do you choose to live here? I choose to live in East Lawrence because it is a place where I am not dominated by mainstream culture. Where I can walk to shop at places not owned by corporate conglomerates and where my neighbors feel the same way. It is a place where I can tend my own garden and not be absorbed by the mainstream. My environment has always reinforced my ideals. Time is passing, and now East Lawrence is facing a coming out party. We have been discovered for the wonderfulness that we have espoused over the years. Now the trick: how do we continue growing and have an impact on keeping these wonderful values we have shared?

How long have you been on the Board? I have been on the board since getting my current residence in 2004.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? ELNA has been a positive force in Lawrence and our neighborhood since its inception. Without ELNA, folks would be driving in from K-10 on the bypass to downtown to shop at the big box mall at 7<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts. There would be no Liberty Hall, no Free State Brewery. No Van-Go, no WAD. ELNA has been at the forefront of keeping Lawrence unique. We were EFL before there was LFK.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I sit on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Arts Center sponsored 9<sup>th</sup> street project. I have been a part of that for the past year and hope to impact it in a way that can make it be a win-win for both Neighbors and the City, with Neighbors coming out a little better. I want to use Planning to help shape the future here, rather than leaving its outcome to chance. That is what community does. What if there were infrastructure (sidewalk!) improvements beyond the immediate environs of 9<sup>th</sup> street?

What's your favorite office supply and why? I suppose my printer that is now capable of making copies. I use it more than my stapler (because I can never find my stapler...).



### Lane Eisenbart

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Ten years this last fall. Minus a summer here and there.

Why do you choose to live here? In the beginning, it was a matter of convenience and necessity. It was affordable and within walking distance to KU, where I was going to school. Since then, as my life has changed and changed again, I have chosen to stay in East Lawrence because it feels like home. There are lots of people and places I love here, and hate to be parted with.

How long have you been on the Board? I am not part of the Board. I am ELNA's only (very part-time) employee.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I choose to serve my neighborhood for the *glamour and profits*, of course. (*font for sarcasm*) Seriously though, I continue to work for ELNA because I have skills that are of use to the people and places I love.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I'll do all the usual things. From a technological standpoint, I'll like to look again at automating some of our communications so that more platforms can be utilized without additional effort. From a person-centric point of view, I'd like to invite a more racially diverse cross section of our neighborhood to be involved in the Association.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Paperclips. Because they are the truest of free spirits. I have never in my life bought paperclips, and yet I have a handful in my desk drawer right now. How did they get there? They just like, roam, man.



### Matt Pryor

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 15 years

Why do you choose to live here? all my stuff is here

How long have you been on the Board? off and on for about six years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? to try and repair the rift in our neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? neighborhood potlucks and other social events

What's your favorite office supply and why? no comment



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### Josh Davis of Pennsylvania Street

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Almost 16 years.

Why do you choose to live here? It keeps me young.

How long have you been on the Board? Maybe 7 years? Time goes fast and I've lost track.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I like knowing what's going on and taking part.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? We shall see what the year brings.

What's your favorite office supply and why? White Out. Because stuff happens.



# East Ninth Project Update

The East Ninth Citizen Advisory Committee last met on December 16th. East Lawrence Citizen representatives Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, and John Sebelius offer these words of reflection from that meeting:

**Phil Collison:**

At the last meeting, we took a look at two concept proposals for the 9th Street Project. One which featured an 8 to 10 foot shared use path on the south side of 9th street, along with a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side, and another which had 5 foot sidewalks on both sides. Folks leaned towards rejecting the idea of a shared use path. Both plans showed losing at least half of the parking along ninth street, with the WAD end increasing parking, and the residential center and downtown losing parking. The design group will be using the comments from this meeting, including some public comment to put together a finalized plan that will be presented at the January 27 CAC meeting, and that will ultimately come to the City Commission in late March.

Helper Artists were announced that will work with the 3 Artists who will receive \$100,000 commissions for their installations along 9th street.

Send your comments to Porter Arneil at the City.

**Dave Loewenstein:**

The three \$100,000 infrastructure artists are "idling" J. Shelton said. None of the selected artist were present at the meeting to comment on their work. J. Shelton said that Associate Artists (working as assistants to the three infrastructure artists - \$5,000 each) selected so far are -

Kate Dinneen to work with Jarret Mellenbruch

John Sebelius to work with James Woodfill

and possibly Tyler Peck and Alicia Kelly to work with Derek Porter

J. Shelton said that the East Ninth Artists (for individual projects along E. 9th - \$10,000 each) are also idling. They include – Zia, Rachael Perry, Nick Carswell, Meredith Moore, and Steven Johnson.

**John Sebelius:**

Associate Artists have been chosen by the Intergrated Artists, although Derek Porter is still in discussion with two local artists. The East Ninth Artists that have begun working are Zia (ceramicist) and Nick Carswell (musician). There was discussion of collaborative crossover potential between Carswell and Associate Artist James Woodfill.

CAC gave input of coexisting with the delivery truck route and both design plans embrace this. There was also concern raised about the historic relationship of the Turnhall being preserved -- mainly the connection between the building, sidewalk and curb. Earlier designs where this was disrupted have been omitted. There was two different design plans discussed. The overall reaction of the CAC and public comment was the more "traditional" design with sidewalks on both sides and bike paths in the street was supported more. The sidewalks will be made ADA compliant and the original materials, like brick, will be used to make theses changes. We were assured that the sidewalks will not be demoed, just repaired and widened, keeping the integrity of its historic nature.

**Updated East Ninth CAC Schedule:**

The design team will meet to synthesis the notes from CAC and public comments.

CAC will meet Wed, Jan. 27th at 6:30pm at Library and Wed, March 2nd at 6:30pm at Library

El Dorado will go before ELNA to discuss these changes and the plan once these comments are consolidated.

March 9th - El Dorado and the project go before the Cultural Arts Commission

March 17th - El Dorado and the project go before the HRC

March 22nd - El Dorado and the project go before the City Commission

## At the Judicial Center

by KT Walsh

In the long hallway  
tall lawyer lays out options  
family is scared  
court workers walk fast  
no eye contact, folders stacked  
arrests ensure jobs  
striated classes  
lawyers in long black coats, heels  
pro bono? not free

worn out dark courtroom  
burnt orange fade, wood rug chairs  
trail day – lives spin



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## Artist Opportunity at Lawrence Arts Center

The Lawrence Arts Center will host Artist INC this spring March 22- May 10, 6-9pm.

Artist INC is a cutting edge training program that empowers artists to create opportunities and take control of their careers. By addressing the specific business needs and challenges artists of all disciplines face every day, participants learn the business skills specific to their art practice and how apply those skills cooperatively with peers. Leveraging a class design that focuses on the three major components of adult learning (mentorship, peer networks, knowledge), artists learn collectively through artist facilitator mentoring, small group application activities, as well as large group discussion and multi-media lecture. The program is open to artists of all disciplines: visual art, theater, literary arts, dance, and film. The Artist INC Lawrence program peer facilitators will be artists Matthew Lord, Kent Smith, Nick Carswell, Molly Murphy and Kirsten Paludan.

To participate in the program, artists need to submit an application online at <https://artistinc.submittable.com/submit/48038>. Applications are being accepted November 16, 2015 through January 18, 2016. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live within an 80 mile radius of downtown Lawrence, be available to attend all sessions of the Artist INC session, students are ineligible to apply. Twenty-five applicants will be accepted per session. The fee to enroll for the 8 week session of Artist INC Live Lawrence is \$150, however financial aid is available to those who qualify through the Lawrence Arts Center's financial aid program.

## ELNA Meetings 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, unless a holiday, 7-9pm

Meetings are held at the New York School library during the school year, and usually at the Lawrence Percolator during the summer months.

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	*July TBD*(4 <sup>th</sup> of July)
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	*September TBD* (Labor Day)
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>

## Sunrise Project Update

On Tuesday, December 8th, the former Sunrise Garden Center site received final city approval to rezone the site to Limited Industrial. While Central Soyfoods and Seeds from Italy will still need to apply for a Special Use Permit to begin their operations, the agricultural and nonprofit portions of the site can begin their activities immediately. With the environmental assessment and zoning finalized, Sunrise Project, the nonprofit arm of the site collaboration, will now need to raise the funds to renovate its portion of the site. The mission of Sunrise Project is to empower people to live healthy, self-determined lives through engagement with food and the environment to build a socially just community. Currently, the organization implements four programs off-site, which include Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, Summer of Service youth volunteering, Food Rocket cooking and gardening with elementary students, and Healthy Sprouts farm to preschool. Sunrise plans to renovate the retail building so that it includes a classroom and meeting space, as well as a classroom kitchen. Once the site is fully operational, Sunrise will be able to expand its programming and engage the neighborhood in food and environmental activities on a larger scale. We greatly appreciate all of the support we've received from the East Lawrence neighborhood and look forward to a continued partnership as we become neighbors over the coming year! Please consider giving whatever you can to help us renovate the site and move in as soon as possible. You can click "Donate" on our website: [www.sunriseprojectks.org](http://www.sunriseprojectks.org), or mail checks to Sunrise Project, P.O. Box 1454, Lawrence, KS 66044. ALSO, we look forward to seeing all of you at the New York Elementary MLK Day Chili Feed on January 19th. We'll be kicking off our Food Rocket cooking club with New York students and helping prepare veggie chili for the community that day! See you there!

## Adopt A Family Thanks



With the remarkable turn out for the Board election this year, organizers were inspired to adopt not just one, but TWO families for the annual Adopt A Family project. We were able to get clothing, toys, and household items, as well as over \$200 worth of gift certificates for our families. Thank you, neighbors!

*Do you get our weekly enews? Each Thursday morning, we send out an email full of news and information regarding things happening in the neighborhood and the city at large. Email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be added. Or, you can self subscribe at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-enews/>.*

## New York School Shed Project

Hello my name is Jake Lester I am the chair for an organization called Freedom by Design. We are part of the national organization American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). Every year the Lawrence chapter of AIAS and Freedom by Design picks a project to help better the community, we then design, fundraise, and build the project. This year we have picked New York Elementary school, which is in need of a garden shed. This garden shed will not only store the tools for the gardens but also include and outdoor classroom space all easily accessible for K-5 students. The design process is underway along with fundraising. We are trying to reach the goal of \$4,000 for this project. We have many different fundraisers that we are going to be doing; such as the MLK chili feed on January 19th where we will be having a silent auction of desserts, on February 26th we will be having a final Friday at New York Elementary we will be accepting donations at the door there will also be musical entertainment, and possibly an art auction. We also have a go fund me online, the link is on many different Facebook pages such as: NY garden club, New York Elementary, AIAS KU, ELNA, and the NY PTO page. Some in the community have already decided to help us such as Eric Jay at Struct/Restruct donating materials and desserts donated from the companies Perkins. We've also got donations from Henderson Engineers Inc. Any help we can get from the community will be greatly appreciated, this is a great project that we are all very excited about doing for the kids! If you have any more questions feel free to email me at aias-kufbd@gmail.com

## FAST Time at LMCMS

Are you a Lawrence Public School Family?

Do you need help accessing the internet?

Visit FAST time, Family Access to School Technology, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-7:30 at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. Devices and WIFI are available for students and families of Lawrence Public Schools in the LMCMS commons area. Enter through the Northeast doors and use school resources to support student success. Thanks, USD 497!

## ReStore: donating and volunteer needs

Many East Lawrence residents have discovered the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity ReStore. It is located in the heart of the neighborhood at 708 Connecticut. For those not familiar with the ReStore, it is a non-profit home improvement and donation center that resells new and gently used furniture, building materials, home accessories, and appliances to the public at a fraction of retail price. The ReStore works as a funding mechanism for the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity affiliate and supports its mission of building safe, decent, and affordable homes for the residents of Douglas and Jefferson counties. It also diverts salvageable construction and household materials from the landfill while providing the local community with a unique shopping experience.

Materials are generously donated by individuals, contractors, suppliers, property managers, and decorators. Items must be intended for residential usage, be structurally sound, and cosmetically acceptable. Inventory is constantly changing as new donations are received daily.

Information about donation criteria can be found by visiting our website or by calling the ReStore itself. Donations MUST be inspected by staff and can be brought to the Donation Center located at the back of the ReStore, accessible from the alley behind the store. (Don't forget to ring the bell if nobody is on the dock.)

Items can only be dropped off during donation hours: Monday-Friday 9a.m.-4p.m. and Saturday 9a.m.-1p.m. It may be possible to have your donation picked up and accepted items may be tax deductible—the ReStore can provide a receipt. (Donations dropped off after hours are considered illegal dumping.)

While the Lawrence Habitat ReStore depends on donors to bring materials and shoppers to purchase them, we MUST also have VOLUNTEERS to help accept, clean, and process donations. ReStore volunteers make time to give back to the community by working in the warehouse receiving donated materials, organizing stock on the sales floor, or assisting the driver while picking up materials with the ReStore truck.

For more information about volunteering at the ReStore or questions concerning donations, please call the Lawrence ReStore at 785-856-6920.

## New York Elementary MLK CHILI FEED

Mark your calendars for the annual New York Elementary MLK Chili Feed, Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm. This is a community event and all are welcome. Free will donation will be accepted at the door. Information tables from the Sunrise Project, the Garden Shed project, the Front Porch project for East Ninth, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, and more will be there!

In addition to inviting our East Lawrence neighbors to the event, New York PTA would like a few folks to volunteer to contribute vegetarian chili. Email PTA president Joanna Bonee [jjbonee@yahoo.com](mailto:jjbonee@yahoo.com) if you're able. Thanks!



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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

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- 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!**

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## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

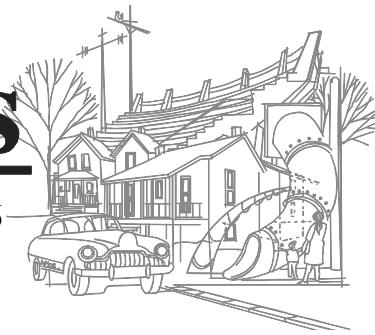
Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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March 2016



## ELNA March Monthly Meeting

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will meet again on Monday March 7th from 7-9pm at the New York School library. Guests include representatives from the East Ninth Project with current schematics for the street plan, plus representatives from the Penn House to talk about upcoming changes to the site and programs.

In order to allow for plenty of discussion time for our guests at our regular Monday meeting, the ELNA Board will hold a **special meeting** for follow up business **Tuesday March 8th** from 7-9pm at the Lawrence Percolator, in the alley behind 913 Rhode Island. This meeting is open to the public.

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## Come to the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm, in the New York School Gym**. The YART sale is ELNA's biggest annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists vend their creations, and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians.

The YART sale is always a great place to mingle with neighbors and find treasures – we hope you will join us!

AND we need your help to make the event a success.

Here's what you can do to take part in this neighborhood event:

**VOLUNTEER** – We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 25th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 26th @ ~1pm), and to help organize and work at the event.

**Donate Your Gently Used Items** - Please consider donating your gently used items for this event. You can either plan to bring items to the school the evening before (we will be setting up from 5:30-9pm on Friday), or email Lane for details on where you can drop off your items ahead of time.

**Sell Your Art** – Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? Well! Why not sell at the YART Sale?! Vendors are asked to donate 10% of earnings to ELNA and bring their own table.

**Play Your Music** – Are you a musician looking for a venue? Playing for your neighbors at the YART Sale is nice and chill, and it may be just the place for you to make some beautiful music.

**Plan to Come!** – The YART Sale is ELNA's big fundraiser for the year. Please plan to come and shop and support us and the work we do for the community!

One neighbor's trash is another neighbor's treasure!

Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer, or you want to sell your art or play some music.

## North of Ninth Zoning Project

There will be a meeting to discuss the current and prospective zoning of East Lawrence north of 9th Street on Monday March 28th from 6-8pm at the Lawrence Public Library auditorium.

ELNA Project leaders Pam Blackburn and Phil Collison plus representatives Scott McCollough and Becky Pepper from the City of Lawrence Planning Division will attend.

# Penn House Changes Press Release

A strong focus on community solutions

Penn House is proud to announce a new partnership with local social entrepreneurship organization Sun Cedar, and the Douglas County Re-Entry program.

New Executive Director of the Ballard Community Services at Ballard Center/Penn House, Christie Scanlin Dobson is making strong moves in Lawrence's Social Welfare scene by aligning Penn House with notable successes in reintegration.

This new partnership with Sun Cedar and Re-Integration focuses directly on producing jobs, training, and counseling. While still serving community via Emergency Services Council, Senior Commodities, Warm Hearts and the referral services Penn House has historically provided, upcoming changes in programming will include life-building services such as:

- Resume Building
- Hosting group therapeutic activities
- Facilitating tutoring sessions
- "Stinkin' Thinkin'" & "MRT" (Moral Reconation Therapy) classes
- Hosting "CCCR" meetings (Community Collaboration Council on Reentry)
- Facilitating relationships with associated support networks such as Bert Nash, Catholic Charities, 12 step resources...
- Advising and assisting in the process of attaining housing security.
- Training in building professional demeanor and dressing for the job via 2<sup>nd</sup> hand surplus.

In a recent meeting with CEO of Sun Cedar Shine Adams and Mike Brouwer, Director of Re-Entry, Christie noted: *"Lawrence should lead the way in community support for much of the Midwest- this new partnership builds layered services, where each supports the next."*

It is time to put a finer point on what Penn House has to offer our community. Penn House has always been an asset to Lawrence, it is time to build on that, and share this resource with other agencies under our roof. With some very basic renovation, and the fresh perspectives that Sun Cedar and Re-Entry bring, we can be an example of what a results-based social enterprise, blended with traditional social services looks like.

A Community Fundraiser to support this new coalition will take place soon. Donations can be made at <http://ballardcenter.org/>.

***Stay tuned, neighbors, for more information on the history of the Penn House, how you can receive services there, how you can help, and upcoming fundraising campaigns to benefit the Penn House.***



## Board Member Christine Kosirog

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

14 years

Why do you choose to live here? Community, grittiness, family, friends

How long have you been on the Board? 6 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? Because I love my neighborhood and my neighbors

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Ones that celebrate our neighborhood, our history, our changes.

What's your favorite office supply and why? A nice mechanical pencil-nothing on my schedule is ever set in stone so I need to go with the flow and this requires a nice pencil with a reliable eraser.

## Neighborhood Clean Ups

### Burroughs Creek Clean Up:

In collaboration with ELNA, the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will host a clean up of the Burroughs Creek trail and surrounding areas **Saturday April 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. ELNA will bring bagels and coffee for breakfast, and BCNA will provide sandwiches for lunch. Volunteers from KU's Big Event will be there, and we hope you'll come too. The gathering will begin and supplies will be stored at the Brook Creek gazebo.

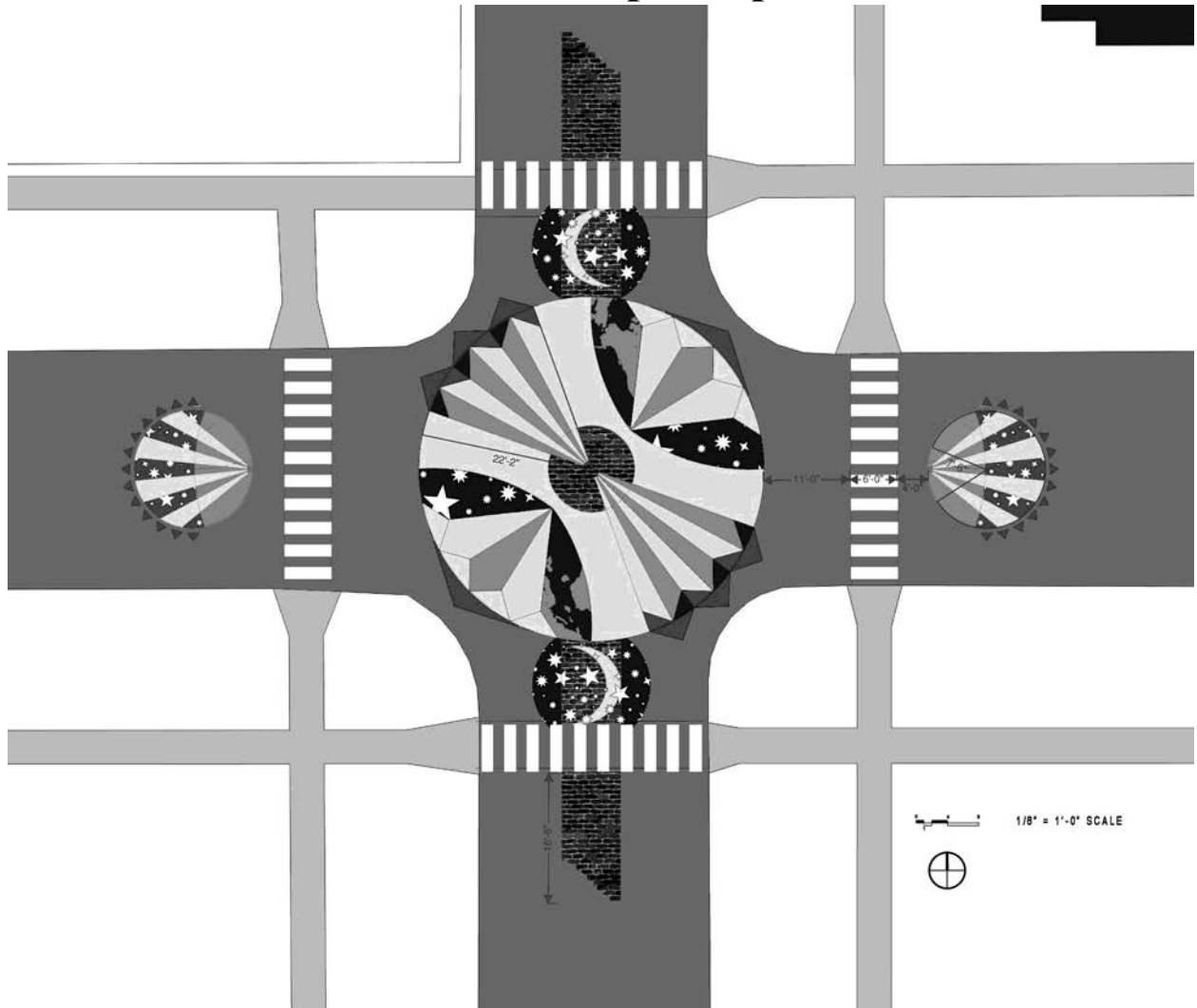
### New York School Clean Up:

Also on **April 16th, from 9:00am to noon**, New York School families and friends will gather to clean up the grounds and work on the gardens. Volunteers from KU will be at this event too. Thanks, KU! As well as groups from New York's various business and charitable organization partners. Bring your gardening tools and elbow grease, Mrs. DeGarmo is working on a to-do list!

### River Clean Up:

**Saturday April 23rd from 8:00am to Noon**. (Yes! the same day as the Earth Day events in the park and Intersection Repair painting day at 10th and New Jersey! You can do it all!) Our clean up guy Mike Myers will bring gloves, trash bags, and some tools, for trash clean up and trail clearing. Please wear pants and long sleeves to protect yourself from poison ivy and appropriate footwear to avoid injury. Also bring any yard hand tools such as loppers and clippers you may have if you want to help with clearing. As always, ELNA will bring bagels and coffee for the early comers. Look for Mike's red pick up near the tracks at 7th and New York Street, an entry point for the trail. All are welcome.

# Intersection Repair Update



**Neighbors! Friends! Lawrencians!**

## **!!Lawrence Intersection Repair Painting Day Party!!**

\*Tentative\* Date: April 23rd, 2016 , 10:00am -7:00pm\*

Rain Date: April 30th, 2016 , 10:00 am -7:00 pm

Lawrence Intersection Repair is delighted to celebrate the long awaited painting day party on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10:00-7:00 pm! We invite all members of the community and all ages to come out on Saturday, April 23rd- in your painting clothes to help paint the first intersection mural in Lawrence! All you need to bring is yourselves, a smile and your creativity!

Painting will start at 10:00 am and will continue until we are finished (this will go quickly so please come participate and leave your mark!) We will be creating a time lapse video to document this process, so come be apart of history!

Starting at 4:00 pm we will have live local music in the street, along with pizza, snacks, and beverages (booze-y

and non) to celebrate our hard work and amazing community! Please feel free to bring a potluck dish after 4:00 to share with neighbors.

We will also have games and crafts for little ones to partake in!

Let's celebrate Lawrence, Creativity and Ourselves with the Lawrence Intersection Mural! Hope to see you there!

Love,

The Lawrence Intersection Repair Team

\*Please look for flyers, info in the ELNA E-news and on our Facebook page for date confirmation!\*

from the City of Lawrence

## Compost and Woodchip Sale

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE EVENT

Thursday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. Patrons are asked to bring a tarp for their pickup to secure the woodchips, preventing them from littering the roadway as they drive from the facility. The cost of the compost or woodchips will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

For more information on the compost or woodchip sale, please call (785) 832-3030 or email [recycling@lawrenceks.org](mailto:recycling@lawrenceks.org).

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE - SELF LOAD ONLY

Every Saturday, March - mid-December, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Compost and woodchips are for SELF LOAD ONLY. Self-loading pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free. CASH only. Please bring a shovel. This sale will be during scheduled brush drop-off hours.

*What is Compost?*

Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside on Monday mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

*What is Mulch?*

Mulch is a material used to cover the soil. Most mulches are organic (woodchips, unfinished compost, straw) but inorganics such as lava rock or limestone can add an appealing, low maintenance touch. Good mulch conserves water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. The woodchips the City sells are made from tree materials brought in from residential and commercial sources.

## Spring Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event

**Rain or Shine Event**

Saturday, March 19th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m

Free State High School parking lot, 4700 Overland Dr.

*According to the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), Americans now own approximately 24 electronic products per household. For households in Lawrence, that is approximately 675,000 electronic items that would eventually need recycling. Donating used electronics for reuse extends the lives of valuable products, and recycling electronics at the end of their usable life prevents valuable materials from going into the waste stream--which can harm the environment and our health.*

The City of Lawrence invites residents and small businesses to recycle unused or obsolete electronic equipment. Electronic equipment may contain hazardous components such as lead, mercury and cadmium. Recycling your unwanted electronic equipment keeps these hazardous components out of the landfill.

No fee for document shredding (maximum of 3 bags/boxes). Secure document shredding will be provided by Jayhawk File Express. Documents will be collected on-site at the event and securely shredded off-site. Documents with staples, paperclips, spring bound papers, and glue bound papers are permitted.

### **Items accepted for recycling:**

Computers, Monitors, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Televisions\*, Video and Audio Equipment, Cell Phones and other Hand Held Devices, Microwaves and other Small Appliances

\* Recycling fee (Cash or Checks ONLY):

\$20.00 per CRT television under 27 inches

\$40.00 per CRT television over 27 inches

\$50.00 per rear projection/console TV

no charge for other electronics

### **Items NOT accepted:**

Large Appliances (Refrigerators, AC Units, Dehumidifiers) (Look for a form to "request a residential special item pickup service" for large appliances on the City website.)

VHS tapes and CDs

Hazardous Waste (Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Compressed Gas Cylinders)

Contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Office to schedule an appointment at (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment at the City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

## Save the Dates!

Put these events on your calendars, neighbors. You can attend, volunteer, or just watch out for parking! Look in the May/June issue of the East Lawrence news for more details on event locations, dates, times, etc, plus road closure maps.

### **from The Lawrence Arts Center: Freestate Festival 2016**

Save the Date for Free State Festival 2016! Each June, the Free State Festival brings the highest caliber of independent film, music, art, and ideas to the City of Lawrence and the regional community. This year's festival will run from Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and will feature performances by Radio Lab founder and co-host Jad Abumrad and stand-up comedian and television star Maria Bamford. More announcements to come! Check out [www.freestatefestival.org](http://www.freestatefestival.org)

Want to participate? Submit a film or event proposal here: <http://freestatefestival.org/submissions>

Want to volunteer? Pick up a volunteer form at the front desk or click here: <http://www.lawrenceartscenter.org/volunteer/> Anyone who volunteers during the run of the Festival, from June 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, will receive one free FSF movie ticket—although movie choices may be limited based on ticket sales. More questions? Don't hesitate to email Festival Director Sarah Bishop: [sarah@lawrenceartscenter.org](mailto:sarah@lawrenceartscenter.org)

### **from Just Food: Food Truck Festival 2016**

Pending formal consent from the City, the 3rd Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival 2016 is tentatively scheduled

for May 7th from 4 to 10pm. The festival will be held on Pennsylvania Street from 9th to 8th, plus some on side streets. (Street closures begin at noon that day.) Due to the great success of the first and second year festivals, and with input from attendees and planners, the Food Truck Festival will be returning with more food trucks, street performers, and live entertainment. Approximately 26 food trucks from Lawrence and across the region will be serving up delicious dishes of all varieties.

With over 3,000 guests, the 2015 Food Truck Festival raised \$22,000 for Just Food, Douglas County's Food Bank, making it the organization's largest annual fundraiser. Last year's funds provided over 100,000 meals for Douglas County residents.

For more information about the festival, visit [www.ksfoodtruckfest.com](http://www.ksfoodtruckfest.com). For more information about Just Food and the services provided there, visit <http://justfood.org/>

You may contact Food Truck Festival organizers with your input and concerns:

Jennifer Letner, Cider Gallery Director,  
[Jennifer@cidergallery.com](mailto:Jennifer@cidergallery.com)

Elizabeth Keever, Just Food Director,  
[ekeever@justfoodks.org](mailto:ekeever@justfoodks.org)

## East Ninth Update

The final plan for 9th Street will have been submitted by el dorado by February 29th. A plan for viewing should be available on the City website shortly thereafter. The East Ninth CAC will have taken an up or down vote on the plan at the meeting on March 2nd. The plan will then be presented by el dorado associates at the March ELNA meeting (Monday March 7th, 7pm at New York School). It will then appear before the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission on March 9th, the Historic Resources Commission on March 24th, and then finally on to the City Commission for the ultimate up or down vote on March 29th.

Minutes and agendas from previous meetings, as well as previous documents can be found at the City's East Ninth page: <https://www.lawrenceks.org/9th-street-corridor-project>

Don't have a computer or access to the Internet? Call the city at (785) 832-3400 or el dorado, inc. at (816) 474-3838.

With your questions, you may also contact the staff project liaison: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts & Culture [parneill@lawrenceks.org](mailto:parneill@lawrenceks.org), 785-832-3402.



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## 150 Years Ago, on New York Street

—Lane Eisenbart, research by Dave Evans

At the December ELNA meeting, attendees learned that a row of houses in the 1200 block of New York Street have been purchased by an individual, and are currently being assessed for repair or demolition. Upon hearing about the possible imperil of those several homes, ELNA's historian friend, Dave Evans, (whose email handle is dusty0research, as an indicator) has been pouring over newspaper, City, and County records for information about the houses' histories.

With a human history slant (who lived in a place? what was their life like there? who was born or died there and who got hitched?) to what Dave Evans found, here are the highlights from a century or so ago at 1225, 1229, and 1235 New York St. Thanks for the dig, Dave!

1225 New York Street (lot 153) was owned by Mary and Henry McFaddan, and the home presumably built by them. Kate and Dennis Kehler bought the lot in 1884. Dennis Kehler came to Lawrence with the first wave of settlers and was a Quantrill's Raid survivor. He was an Irish immigrant and wagon driver and well known and liked in town. Dennis Kehler died of influenza in 1893 and his heirs sold the lot to John and Maggie Standing.

John and Maggie Standing, along with four daughters, had immigrated from England, and after farming for a time in Iowa (one more daughter was born there) and in rural Douglas County, came to Lawrence to try a new trade. John found his vocation as a coal seller, delivering the "best cleanest coal to customers in all parts of the city"<sup>2</sup> from his coal yards on East Warren Street (now 9th) and his shop, Cash Feed and Fuel, at Henry (now 8th) and Vermont Street.

John Standing died, of kidney failure, at his home, in 1910. The funeral and family viewing were held there as well. John was buried in Oak Hill cemetery. John Standing's wife, unmarried children, and other extended family continued to live at 1225 New York for many years after.

1912 was a significant year at 1225 New York Street. On May Day of 1912, one of the younger Standing children, Maud, aged 25, had her wedding there. "Maud Standing and Mr. Ferbus A Dickenson were united in marriage at the home of the bride, 1225 New York Street. Rev. Calvin Choate of the Friends Church performed the ceremony, which took place in the living room. Throughout the home, apple blossoms and sweet peas were used in

the decoration.”<sup>1</sup> The newlyweds lived thereafter at 1112 Connecticut Street. Later that year, in November, another Standing daughter, Margaret Emily Standing, died in the home, returning in “ill health from the Crow Agency in Montana where she’d been a teacher the previous 12 years.” She was 46 years old.

1225 New York Street stayed in the Standing family until May of 1937.

1229 New York Street (lot 155) was built between 1866 and 1867 by August Olson, a Swedish immigrant.

1229 New York Street stayed in the Olson family until October of 1945. August Olson was a grocer, as well as a buyer and shipper of fruits and vegetables. He stocked all kinds of “staple and fancy groceries [including] a fine line of syrups, flour in quantity, [and] tobaccos”<sup>2</sup> at his shop at the corner of Henry (now 8th) and Vermont Streets. Standing of 1225 and Olson of 1229 were neighbors and friends, as well as occasional business partners, both holding business premises at 8th and Vermont Streets.

August Olson died, in the home, in 1897 of a brief and unnamed illness. Mrs. Olson, Matilda, continued to live in the home until her death in 1927 at 82 years old. Services were held there at 1229 New York on November 14th, 1927. She had lived there with her husband and children for 52 years.

As a side note, the Olsons were active, integral members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, the building still standing at 10th and Connecticut. Due to low membership, the church was disbanded and sold in 1910.

The Olsons had six children. One died in infancy and another in his late twenties. One daughter married and moved to Kansas City, while her three remaining sons Victor, Arthur, and Axel all stayed in Lawrence and had families of their own. Arthur took ownership of 1229 New York Street, while Axel moved to the 1600 block of Rhode Island Street. (Arthur sold the home at 1229 New York Street some time in 1945 and moved to 2309 Mass Street.) Axel was a bookkeeper for the Poehler Mercantile Company for nearly a decade and then went into the plumbing business with his brother Arthur. Proclaiming “no job will be too big nor too small to receive careful attention, and all repair work will be attended to promptly”<sup>3</sup>, the Olson brothers set up shop at 934 Mass Street. The Olson Brother Plumbing Co stayed in business there for 44 years.

1235 New York Street has a less clear cut history, changing hands many times.

1235 New York Street (lot 157) is composed of pre-1873 stone according to records. The taxable value of the home

is listed first in 1867 at \$500 registered to one Simon Steinberg. Simon Steinberg was German Jew who left Nuernberg in 1846 at the age of 13. In 1865, he opened a dry goods store here in Lawrence. Steinberg eventually moved to St Louis, but in his time in Lawrence, served on the Lawrence City Council as a member of the committee on finance and as the vice-president of the Turnverein. Steinberg was an example resident of the “district east of Massachusetts Street, between New Hampshire and New York Street... recognized as the main focal point of German institutions” in Lawrence.<sup>5</sup>

Sarah E Hadley then purchased 1235 New York Street in 1868, but didn’t own it long, selling it to James Shearer just two years later. Mrs. Sarah E Hadley apparently owned and lived at 833 New Jersey, now the site of Kennedy Glass, dying there in 1888.

James Shearer was an immigrant and older man, who is noted in newspapers from the time as “quiet and unostentatious, and few outside of his immediate circle of friends and the church knew him,” and as a “pillar of strength to the United Presbyterian Church.”<sup>4</sup> Shearer owned 1235 New York for just over ten years, but it is unclear if he ever lived there.

Mary J McCullough is listed as paying the taxes on lot 157 New York Street in 1881, though never lived in the house. Some readers may recognize the name Mary McCullough as a turn of the century real estate speculator, at one time owning an entire block of Mass Street between 9th and 10th, the site of a massive fire in 1887.

After 1884, deed books indicate a long line of owners for 1235 New York Street, lot 157. Names such as Kauffman, Eichlotz, and Long repeat until the lot split in 1888, presumably 2/3 with the house going one way, and a 1/3 lot another.

In the years between 1867, the first deed entry for 1229 New York Street, and 1927, the year Mrs. Matilda Olson died there, a lot of life happened on the south end of the 1200 block of New York Street. At least five people took their final breaths in those homes, one couple exchanged marriage vows, one woman doled out over 50 years and three-fifths of her life, and possibly all six of the Olson children were born there, in just that short sixty year span. There’s no question much more has happened in the 1200 block of New York Street since, and, if the homes remain, even more East Lawrence history is sure to occur.

*look on our website eastlawrence.com under the heading Dave Evans! for references for this article*



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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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
 CDBG Performance Report Activities

→ 3rd Quarter 2016  
 Feb, March, April

Event/Date	Attendees
City Commission	
	Sasha Duss - <del>10/20/16</del> NY - 5/11/16
	JACKI BECKER - 2 MARCH MEETINGS
	- APRIL 26
	KT Walsh - all City Commission mtgs. - 12
HRC Meetings	
	Sasha Duss 9/14/16
	Cindy Suenvam
	KT Walsh - 3 mtgs.
Planning Meeting	
9th street project	
	Cindy - Mar 2, Mar 30 Jon - ALL Sasha Duss NY - ALL
	Sasha Duss 9/14/16 <del>KT Walsh</del>
	KT Walsh - all
LAN Meetings	
	Cindy - Feb, Mar, Apr
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission	
	Cindy - Apr
	KT Walsh - (1)
School PTO/Site Council	

	ERIC - STATE COUNCIL 02/09, 03/08, 04/05
Horizon 2020	Gindy - Mar 7
OTHER:	
Zoning	Mar Pam
BAC	Jacki Becker <del>FE</del> MAR-APRIL
Penn House	JFD February
SPECIAL ELNA	Gindy - Apr 11, KH - April 11 ERIC 4/11 JFD
APRIL 11TH	KT Walsh

Phil Collison Meetings:

2/7/16 - Aimees strategy session. Aaron dave phil diane cindy arch  
2/9/16 - meeting w dave L and I  
2/10/16 - LCAC (me only)  
2/14/16 - Aimees strategy 9 diane KT cindy lane aaron dave L dave E me ??  
2/15 - dave L and me  
2/21/16 - Aimees strategy session 3 - KT Pam me  
3/1 - city commission jacki. NY Josh, KT, phil,  
3/2 - CAC PHILarch Cindy KT josh Amanda dave I. More  
3/3 - Ian brenda Cindy Phil  
3/6 - Aimees- NY Josh, Pam, phil, Diane.  
3/7 - w Dave  
3/7 - ELNA Meeting.  
3/10 - bought beverages and pizza donated to teachers at LMCMS  
3/15 - met w food truck fest organizers and mark thiel reviewing traffic plan for event.  
3/21 - BAC. Me and Jacki  
3/25 - Yart sale setup  
3/26 - Yart sale!  
3/28 - rezoning meeting. 12 ELNANS and marci.  
3/30 - CAC Meeting  
4/1 - meet with Domer. Strategy session  
4/3 - ELNA 3 people. breakfast/strategy session.  
4/4 - ELNA Meeting.  
4/11 - board meeting. Many many people and all board members. 7-6-1 vote for 9th st  
4/13- LCAC. 3 people at least. Testified. Did not mince words.  
4/21 - HRC. 10 ELNANS josh amanda charlie john phil amber cindy gottfred kt brad  
4/29 - meet with Almon and Domer