

ELIA General Meeting Feb. 8, 1993 7 p.m. New York School

(Board members in attendance: M. Gray, N. Habegger, J. Hope, R. Kershenbaum, S. Miller, J. Swift, D. Weismiller, B. Willits)

1. East Lawrence and historic register nominations
The East Lawrence History Project (ELHP, made up of EL residents Richard Kershenbaum, Shelley Miller, Jim Power and K.T. Walsh) would like to encourage ELIA members to consider working on projects with the Douglas County (Elizabeth Watkins) Museum

- identifying EL photos in museum collections
- creating a travelling EL history exhibit
- developing an EL walking tour
- creating an EL history pamphlet

Contact Nanette Roubideaux or any ELHP member.

2. 11th Street crosswalk and beacons
ELIA submitted a request for 11th Street crossing features in January 1993. (All 11th Street neighbors signed a petition in favor, carried by Mary Gray, in December 1992.) A traffic count showed 275-300+ vehicles on 11th at New York Street between 7:30 and 8 a.m.

3. Riverfront clean-up
Cleanup sites are being chosen now. Volunteers call Patricia Marvin, City recycling coordinator.

4. After the March 2, 1993 primary, ELIA will survey remaining candidates for their views in issues affecting the neighborhood. Dee Weismiller composed questions. Answers will appear in the next Newsletter, prior to the general election.

5. Eastern Parkway
Public comments on the Land Use Plan continue Feb. 24, 1993 at the Planning Commission. All are encouraged to attend and voice opinions. This meeting of ELIA is intended to provide a chance for members to practice, voice any (pro/con) opinion to the group. Discussion: Richard Kershenbaum presented a history of the 18-point criteria developed by a city-appointed Eastern Parkway Task Force (composed of neighborhood representatives, city and county officials). Eastern Parkway criteria were developed by the task force, Dec. 8, 1987, and revised March 9, 1989. The City Commission, in September 1990 adopted amended criteria. RK's question: Should ELIA vote to oppose the Parkway based on the City Commission's adoption of modified 18 points? Few enough general members attended this meeting (the evening after a major winter storm) that ELIA board members in attendance thought any votes conducted after this meeting's discussions could be interpreted as an action of the board, not the membership at large. A discussion of the role of the board ensued. Is the role described in the Constitution of the organization to implement policy of the membership? RK's draft "Resolution for ELIA, Feb. 8, 1993" was not voted on. A special board meeting to discuss the role of the board in neighborhood policy was scheduled for Feb. 15, 1993, called at the request of Jack Hope.

ELIA Special Board Meeting Feb. 15, 1993 7 p.m. New York School

(Board members in attendance: J. Andersen, M. Gray, N. Habegger, J. Hope, K. Hutcheson, R. Kershenbaum, S. Miller, B. Nunez, S. Russell, J. Swift, R. Turner; and Nanette Roubideaux)

Meeting held as called for at the last General Membership meeting, and before the Feb. 24, 1993 continuing public comments on the Parkway Land Use Plan at the Planning Commission.

S. Russell welcomed Cable Six, invited by R. Kershenbaum.

1. Does ELIA favor a position on the Parkway other than the current stand: That the organization not consider support of the Parkway until/unless the 18 criteria are met.

2. Can the ELIA board effect a change in the ELIA stand, or must the General membership do that?

Motions:

a. Swift: ELIA supports the concept of the Eastern Parkway.
(Died for lack of a second.)

b. Gray: ELIA opposes the Parkway because the 18 criteria have not been met. (Kershenbaum second.) Died 3-7-1

c. Andersen: ELIA supports the concept of the Eastern Parkway as long as (the City Commission's) 18 criteria are substantially met at each stage of the process. (Turner second.) 5-2-4.

Question remains unanswered: Can the board create this policy?

ELIA Board Meeting March 8, 1993 7 p.m. New York School

(Board members in attendance: J. Andersen, M. Gray, N. Habegger, J. Hope, R. Kershenbaum, S. Miller, B. Nunez, S. Russell, D. Weismiller, B. Willits; and Nanette Roubideaux)

1. Parkway update

"Engineering study" is due now in July, 1993, as reported in communication from City Hall.

About the February public comments meeting of the Planning Commission: Land Use Plan is not specific about the alignment. Bob Siqueiros of the Planning staff is to meet with S. Miller and hear line by line comments. J. Andersen says "JBM" consultant engineers have a 1-800 telephone number. Also suggests anyone approach Cindy Lartigue on the Planning Commission, who has worked with K.C. neighborhood issues.

2. Discussed contents of April Newsletter, to contain candidates' Q&A before City Commission elections. Newsletter will also push getting out the vote.

3. ELIA projects, solicitation of board involvement:

-East Lawrence History Project (ELHP): Swift, Weismiller, Roubideaux

-New York School lighting: Hope

-New York School maintenance and repair: Russell

-ELIA/PTO : Russell

-Activities for teens (movies, etc.): Nunez

-Sidewalks for school children (East Heights, Central Junior High, New York School)

4. Future meeting topics?

-Lawrence Alliance (to end racial discrimination and promote harmonious relations in an increasingly diverse environment)

Lisa Blair, 842-3833 mornings; Russell will arrange

-Rental concerns (see Pat Slick's letter in April Newsletter)

-School news

-Fun program? Something for kids?

-Juneteenth celebration? in conjunction possibly with ISIS, Integral Sisters In Society?

5. Need for Neighborhood Plan mentioned, no action R.

Kershenbaum noted role of professional planners in last plan (1977), using neighborhood-collected data. N. Roubideaux has been gleaning neighborhood info. from 1990 census data.

6. CDBG

Hobbs bleachers mural project was denied as a "lesser need" relative to others in Lawrence.

7. Misc.

-tiller will be available again for use, once things dry out

-(Andersen) sanitation crews now cleaning some alleys on trash pick-up days

-(Nunez) Anybody know who's dumping tires at 800 New York Street dumpster? City is hauling away tires since January 1993.

-Volunteer of the Year award: nominate Patty Doria? Roubideaux will work on joint nomination with other organizations

(Independence, Inc., Women's Transitional Care Services, Freedom Coalition.)

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 22, 1993

Meeting called to order by President Shelley Miller at New York School.

President Miller introduced Lisa Blair of the Lawrence Alliance as a special guest and speaker.

Ms. Blair gave a history of the development of the Lawrence Alliance and how it evolved from the Task Force on Racial Discrimination and Human Diversity. Ms. Blair passed around a handout which gave the various committees and subcommittees of the Alliance. Alliance now funded by the city with housing provided by the Lawrence School District.

Ms. Blair spoke of the events sponsored by the Alliance and goals which are hoped to be reached and then answered questions and listed to concerns from the membership.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Lawrence Downtown Plan was discussed and will need to be read carefully. Boundary of footprint was discussed.

Kevin Hutcheson has a new position out of town and has resigned as treasurer. Need for new treasurer discussed.

Jo Andersen announced her resignation from the Board due to her being elected to the City Commission.

June Clean-Up was discussed along with the picnic.

Updates were given on CDBG funding processes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Nanette Roubideaux
Transmitted by hand to S. Miller at June General Membership Meeting.

Status: Not approved

East Lawrence Improvement Association Board Meeting
May 10, 1993 (936 Pennsylvania, 7:30 p.m.)

Present: J. Hope, M. Gray, S. Miller, B. Nunez, B. Willits, and N. Roubideaux

Board membership update:

Jo Andersen has resigned from the Board because she is now on City Commission. Kevin Hutcheson has resigned from the Board because his employment with Kinko's is taking him to Topeka. Richard Kershenbaum has resigned from the Board because he has other specific interests.

Eastern Parkway updates:

Shelley is speaking to the Planning Commission each month (4th Weds.) about the neighborhood stand on the possible roadway, and the importance of observance of the 18 Criteria in its development. She urged board members and the community at large to make their opinions known to the Commission.

Shelley reported that (with Board approval) informational packets about the neighborhood concerns in light of the proposed Parkway were given to Washington representatives when she was there a month before.

Horizon 2020/transportation:

Jack informed us the City may hire a professional traffic Planning Coordinator to work with the H 2020 Transportation Committee and neighborhood groups about transportation needs, planning, implementation, roadways, etc.

Discussion included the feeling there isn't enough effort being made to use public transportation to ease traffic/parking overload in the Central Business District. Jack says H2020 group continues to look at the possibility of coordinating city public transportation with KU on Wheels. Finance options were discussed. (User fees in relation to subsidies, etc.) Cities must be 100,000 population before they can receive certain federal subsidies of public transportation.

Newsletter:

-Volunteers for layout? Kevin's work on the Newsletter saved us about \$15 per page at Kinko's.

-Next Newsletter (Memorial Day, etc.) to be dedicated deceased members of ELIA, not to be morbid, but to honor and remember them.

Clean-up:

To be held June 26, 1993, with annual neighborhood picnic to follow, coordinated by Nanette and Sarah Jane.

General membership meeting of June 14:

Proposed agenda item, Tenants to Homeowners. Jack will arrange.

Misc.:

Short discussion of rehabs in progress: 917 Delaware, 808 Connecticut, 1113 New York.

Motion to adjourn (Miller/Gray:4-0)

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
June 14, 1993 7:00 p.m.
Location: New York School Library

Tenanats to Homeowners:

Terry Pippert, a spokesperson for Tenants to Homeowners, a non-profit organization which exists to empower tenants to become homeowners through programs in education; homeimprovement and creative financing, gave a lengthy presentation onthe project. The speaker was introduced by J. Hope, ELIA Board Member, EL resident and one of the founding members of the organization.

The speaker emphasized the fact that tenants to homeowners was created specifically to assist those of low to moderate income who previously may not have qualified under convential guide lines for financing. The program serves to assist people in upgrading property; to re-invest nighborhoods; to make the most effective use of neighborhood public and private resources; to encourage stability and to extend and create a tax revenue base.

East Lawrence Clean-Up:

The annual ELIA clean-up is scheduled for June 26, 1993. A neighborhood wide picnic will follow. Volunteers were solicited for the clean-up. Members were asked to bring contributyions to the picnic afterward.

Once a week vs. twice a week trash service:

A motion was made by Dee Weismiller, seconded by Barry Shalinsky to discuss whether E.L. residents were satifeid with current services provided by City Sanitation. As it stands, yard wastes including lawn, leaf litter and tree limbs are pickup up on Mondays while regualr trash service occurs on Tuesdays. Members were asked to vote their preference. Voting: Once a week: 7. Twice a week: 17. Abstain: 4.

The membership asked that commentary be conveyed to the appropriate city agency that E.L. prefers to return to twice a week sanitation service.

Eastern Parkway:

A motion was made by Mary Lisa Pike, seconded by Richard Kershenbaum to pass the following resolution as read gy Mary Lisa Pike.

**RESOLUTION OF THE EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
JUNE 14, 1993**

Be it resolved that in light of the failure of negotiations between

residents of East Lawrence and proponents of the Eastern Parkway to ensure the stability and well-being of the East Lawrence Neighborhood, the ELIA hereby strongly opposes any further funding of the project for the following reasons:

1) The proposed roadway will channel a large volume of truck and automobile traffic from the east and south into the East Lawrence Neighborhood through exits at 7th, 8th, 11th and 15th Streets, to be dispersed on local streets, while creating unacceptable congestion at the road's terminus at 7th and New Hampshire.

2) The presence of this traffic will markedly increase the pressure for commercial and industrial development in and adjacent to the East Lawrence Neighborhood leading to deterioration of quality of life, residential neighborhood integrity, safety for children and pedestrians, and residential property values.

Discussion on the motion was curtailed by several members of the general membership. Several members expressed concern that this was not an appropriate time to introduce a motion which would counter the current ELIA position on the Parkway. M. Gray read the motion that was made during the emergency board meeting of February 15, 1993. The motion forms the foundation of the current ELIA position regarding the Parkway.

This motion reads as follows:

"ELIA agrees to the concept of the Eastern Parkway as long as the 18-point criteria, as passed by the City Commission, is substantively met at each point in the process."

M. Gray stated to the general membership that the voting on the above motion was: In favor: 5. Opposed: 2. Abstained: 4.

She stated she thought the voting indicated there was not a clear-cut mandate in favor of the "modified" 18 points and that perhaps, it was time for the membership to take a stand on the Eastern Parkway that she felt was more clearly represented in the test of the "Original 18 Point Criteria."

Motion: At this point, a motion was made by Jack Hope, seconded by Shelley Miller that "any motions or votes be post-phoned until a special newsletter of the ELIA went out listing the pros and cons of ELIA's E. Parkway position."

Voting: In favor: 14. Opposed: 15. Abstained: 0. Motion did not pass.

No further motions concerning the Parkway were made after this point.

S. Miller expressed her intent to publish a special edition of the ELIA newsletter listing the range of membership news on the Parkway and the current ELIA stance. S. Miller stated that she would

convene a special meeting devoted exclusively to Parkway issues and concerns.

East Lawrence History Project:

Motion made by Mary Lisa Pike seconded by Mary Guise that ELIA endorse the East Lawrence History Project. Voting: unanimous.

Volunteers were asked to place their names on sign-up sheets for various phrases of the E.L. History project.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Mary Gray

Minutes typed by Nanette Roubideaux

Transmitted by mail to S. Miller August 17, 1993

Status: Not approved.

East Lawrence Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 1993

Present: Barbara Willits, Jack Hope, John Swift, Dee Weismiller, Ron Turner, Shelley Miller, Brenda Nunez, and Coordinator, Nanette Roubideaux.

President Miller called meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

August General Membership Meeting:

Shelley wants people to help set up a renters issue meeting for August general membership meeting. Dee suggested that someone from the Lawrence Housing Authority would be helpful, that having various phone numbers where renters could call if problems, places to go if complaint, and someone from Landlord's Association.

Discussion was held and decision made to explore these ideas. Shelley to do.

City Hall Meeting:

Shelley announced meeting at City Hall consisting of possibly Jo, Mayor and others at City Hall on Friday, at 4:00 p.m to discuss the 18 Criteria. Press may not be there. Opinions were stated about the meeting including that 4:00 timeframe would preclude participation for people who work.

Two Meetings/One Month:

There was a discussion on having two meeting and one the timings of the Special Parkway Meeting and the General Membership Meeting on renters issues. Some felt two meetings in a row might result in lack of participation on the second meeting.

Roberts Rules of Order:

Shelley asked if a person she knows at work who knows Roberts Rules of Order could be hired for \$25.00 out of General Funds to assist with Eastern Parkway Meeting. Jack Hope made motion, seconded by Ron Turner that this be done. Motion passed.

Helen Bailey's House:

Shelley stated that the Bailey House is slated for demolition and that she has asked the city to postpone until efforts are made to see if rehab could be done.

Left Over Clean-Up Funds:

Patricia Marvin appeared before the board to ask if funds, if

any, left over from clean-up on June 26, could be used to hire chipper to deal with limbs left over from recent storms.

Shelley asked for authority from Board to write to city and state that ELIA would assist but felt that it was City's responsibility not neighborhood organizations. Motion was made by Ron Turner and seconded by Jack Hope that this be done. Motion passed.

Nanette to see if funds remain and call Shelley next day or leave message on machine.

Ron Turner made motion, seconded by John Swift that if funds left over they be designated for chipper. Motion passed.

Trash Rack:

Shelley stated that volunteers needed and place to store materials for trash racks. Newsletter will ask for place and volunteers.

Sidewalks:

Coordinator brought up that sidewalk monies for new fiscal year will be available on August 1, 1993. Discussion was held on whether to contract to Eugene Jarritt or have city do sidewalks. Discussion held on time frame as Shelley wanted to wait. Dee Weismiller made motion to have Eugene do sidewalks, seconded by Jack Hope to have Eugene start sidewalks August 1, 1993. Motion passed.

Employment/Youth Program:

Coordinator asked permission to work on grant that would provide employment during summer months for East Lawrence young people doing jobs that would benefit neighborhood such as cleaning brick sidewalks that did not need restoring. Shelley was not in favor as did not think CBDG would fund. Dee Weismiller made motion, seconded by Jack Hope that ~~the~~ coordinator work on grant. Motion passed.

Jack made motion to go home. Passed.

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

July 27, 1993

Location: 936 Penn.

Present: Shelley Miller; Jack Hope (left early); Barbara Willits; John Swift; Sara Jane Russell; Mary Gray; Travis Crandell; Dee Weismiller (came late).

Absent: Ron Turner; Brenda Nunez; N. Habeggar.

This meeting was convened to discuss coordinator duties and job description and also present and future coordinator - ELIA board relations.

Motion made by John Swift, seconded by Jack Hope, that ELIA moves to re-open selection process with no objection to present coordinator continuing, given that the current coordinator's position ends July 31, 1993, the current coordinator's position will be extended one month (until August 31, 1993, during which time the coordinator selection process will begin). A cursory job description will be available (to coordinator candidates). A full job description will be drawn up and available when a candidate is selected. Votes: In favor: 3; Opposed: 2; Abstain: 2. Motion passes.

Motion made by Sara Jane Russell, seconded by Dee Weismiller that ELIA moves to extend current coordinators contract another year from August 1, 1993 to July 31st, 1994. Vote: In favor: 2; Opposed: 3; Abstain: 2. Motion does not pass.

Motion made by Travis Crandell, seconded by Barbara Willits that ELIA moves to extend the contract of the current coordinator until September 1, 1993, during which time there will be a review of the current coordinator's position and job description of coordinator's responsibilities and duties, with a decision then made whether to extend the current coordinators contract through the fiscal year. Voting: In favor: 4; opposed: 2; abstain: 1. Motion passes.

Motion made by Shelley Miller, seconded by Travis Crandell that ELIA moves that only the words of the very last motion are reflected in the minutes, and that the fact that we discussed the ELIA position be the extent of our public minutes of the meeting. Voting: In favor: 3; opposed: 1; abstain: 2. Motion passes.

Eastern Parkway Forum August 2, 1993. There will be a special meeting of the general membership devoted to a single agenda item - The Eastern Parkway. A parliamentarian will be present to facilitate the proceedings. A large general membership attendance is expected.

S. Miller discussed a meeting which occurred with the City Planning Staff and city officials in mid-July concerning progress

on the 18-point criteria. Miller stated that Mayor Nalbandian took notes over major areas on concern in the ongoing Eastern Parkway dialogue. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by: Mary Gray

Minutes typed by: Nanette Roubideaux

Minutes transmitted by mail to S. Miller - August 23, 1992

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EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Special Membership Meeting
August 2, 1993, 7:30 p.m.
Location: New York School Gym

The entire three hours of this specially called general membership meeting was devoted to a single item issue, the proposed Eastern Parkway. Discussion was centered on the current ELIA position vis-a-vis, the Parkway.

The current ELIA position has as its foundation the motion made and passed at the February 15, 1993 Board of Directors meeting, the text of which reads as follows:

"ELIA agrees to the concept of the Eastern Parkway as long as the 18 point criteria, as passed by the City Commission, is substantially, met at each point in the process."

The following motion was made by John Swift, seconded by Jim Powers titled the Resolution of August 2, 1993. (See enclosed, Copy # 2.

Friendly amendments were attached to the original motion. (See enclosed, Copy # 1)

Voting on friendly amendments: In favor: 19. Opposed: 19.

Because of the tie voting these friendly amendments motions do not pass.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Kaplan, seconded by John Meyers to retain the original motion (i.e. the Resolution of August 2, 1993) as is, with an extension of the time period, until May 31, 1994.

Voting on motion: In favor: 21. Opposed: 12. Abstained: 7.

Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Secretary Mary Gray.
Minutes typed by Nanette Roubideaux.
Transmitted to President Miller on August 17, 1993 by mail.
Status: Not approved

Resolution of the East Lawrence Improvement Association, August 2, 1993

WHEREAS representatives of the East Lawrence Improvement Association met informally in 1987 with representatives of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, and other interested parties to discuss a possible route to connect Downtown Lawrence with highway K-10, and

WHEREAS these East Lawrence representatives negotiated in good faith with the aim of arriving at a plan that would serve neighborhood as well as business interests, and

WHEREAS an Eastern Parkway Task Force was convened by the City of Lawrence to review and recommend criteria for construction of the Parkway, and to recommend detailed plans for the reconfiguration of 7th Street between New York and New Hampshire Streets, and

WHEREAS the Eastern Parkway Task Force adopted the Parkway Criteria and plans for 7th Street construction, with the concurrence of East Lawrence representatives, March 9, 1989, and

WHEREAS the City of Lawrence is actively pursuing full funding for completion of the Parkway project, and

WHEREAS the consulting engineer for the Parkway project predicts that construction could begin in 1994, and

WHEREAS, should specific protections not be implemented prior to construction, the East Lawrence Neighborhood will suffer grave damage from noise, increased traffic, and increased pressure for commercial and industrial redevelopment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the East Lawrence Improvement Association will support solicitation of funding for and construction of the proposed Eastern Parkway if and only if the City of Lawrence completes the following actions by May 1, 1994:

Revision of the Neighborhood Plan to show the stabilization of the north part of the neighborhood via increased residential development.

Adoption of the revised Neighborhood Plan by the Lawrence City Commission.

Acquisition by the City, and residential rezoning of the half city block bounded by 7th Street, 8th Street, and Rhode Island Street, and the alley between New Hampshire Street and Rhode Island Street to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses.

Acquisition by the City, and residential rezoning of the land bounded by 7th Street, the Riverfront Plaza parking garage, Connecticut Street and New York Street to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses.

Active solicitation of a developer and City assistance with infill residential development projects in both land parcels described above.

Designation of city-owned land east of the intersection of 7th Street and the Santa Fe tracks as a City Park, and establishment of appropriate conservation easements to protect Bald Eagle habitat.

Amendment of all Parkway plan documents to show provision of only one access point to the downtown , at 7th and New Hampshire Streets, from the Parkway route.

and

THAT, should the City Commission not implement such necessary protections for the East Lawrence neighborhood within the time period prescribed by this resolution, the East Lawrence Improvement Association strongly opposes construction of the Eastern Parkway and will utilize all available means to prevent its construction.



EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
August 9, 1993
New York School Library - 7:00 p.m.

The theme of tonight's General Membership meeting was centered on Landlord-Tenant issues. An invitation to attend and engage in discussion of areas of mutual concern was extended to all landlords owning property in the neighborhood. Renters were also invited to attend to represent their perspectives.

Mr. James Dunn, an E.L. property owner gave his view on the issues. He expressed sincere interest in knowing what concerns ELIA had for its resident who are renters of long or short term. Recent census data appears to indicate that in the last dozen years, there has been a significant shift in our neighborhood from single family owned housing to rental properties. If this is the case, ELIA must be aware of the resulting changes in the goals and desires of its residents.

Mr. Dunn gave the impression that landlords in our neighborhood were willing to meet their tenants half-way in resolving issues, as rental prices, repair and maintenance of units, interpretation of leasing contracts, noise problems, relationships with adjoining neighbors. He seemed to stress the importance of keeping the lines of communication open between landlord and tenant and the necessity of engaging in a process of friendly negotiation when there are issues of mutual concern.

Someone in the general membership brought up the idea that most problems between landlords and tenants seem to involve wording of the lease. Different interpretations of the lease or outright misunderstanding of the lease contract often lead to conflict. Also, reliance on oral agreements instead of written represents a potential source of tention. Both tenant and landlord need to be aware of what is and is not permitted under the lease contract. The bottom line suggestion was - get it in writing and follow through!

On member mentioned the availability of a "model lease" contract which she had made use of in the past. This "model lease" had been conceived and written by a now defunct consumer advocacy agency, but copies of it may be found at the Lawrence Public Library and the KU Law School Library.

Topic: Factors leading to increases in the rental population/deteriorating housing in East Lawrence.

Much commentary was offered in this segment of the nights discussion over why the rental population has dramatically increased in E.L. and the correlation between rental properties

and deteriorating properties. Some speculations cited for the former: the death of elderly residents (a significant percentage of residents over 65 passed away during the 80s), whose houses were bought by individuals intending to convert them to rental units; a few such individuals may have been favored by local lending and financial institutions by facilitating their access to loans and other "easy" financing. It was suggested that a minority are those already owning a substantial amount of property may have been favored over those who would have become single-family owners; the difficulties those who would have been single-family households had in obtaining rehab/home improvement loans which lead to further deterioration of properties; landlords who become part of Sec. 8 programs to convert their rental units especially for low income clients who increased their rental rates since these programs tend to guarantee payment up to 80% of the rates; for a long period financial institutions could not sell mortgages to the secondary market unless the property was valued over 30K thus inhibiting them from financing potential and single-family owners from buying homes under this value.

Those owning houses in E.L. which may go on the market in the future might consider not offering to the highest bidder if he/she knows it will be converted into rental property. The medium price of a home in E.L. is now about \$45,000 and the average rent is \$437.00.

One E.L. resident commented on "rental concerns" where older homes are split into duplexes and then allowed to deteriorate until bought by a professional developer. Others commented on the effects on neighborhood property values if the Eastern Parkway is built, it was thought that there would be an initial short-term rise in property values and when time went by resident blight would lead to deteriorating properties and lowered tax evaluations.

Topic: Zoning in East Lawrence

ELIA, as an organization, had always been a strong proponent of appropriate zoning laws flexible enough to meet changing neighborhood conditions. In 1983, it supported an effort for comprehensive down-zoning of most of the E.L. neighborhood to single family, although there remains the potential for the area north of 9th to be up-zoned to duplex or multi-family. Up to four unrelated residents may live in housing that is rented until a change in zoning status is called for.

Topic: Unmowed Lawns.

As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so the determination as to whether the grass has gotten too high on the lawn. Generally it must be a neighbor who complains about a property owners grass

needing cutting. When a complaint occurs, the city's environmental code inspector, Mitch Storm, investigates and documents the situation. If found in violation of a city ordinance, the alleged violator is given ten days to "take care of the problem" or can arrange for a hearing with the city to contest a citation.

Topic: Front and Side Yard Ordinance

City ordinances regarding what items may be left in front and side yards are relative flexible at this time. As long as items are on private property and do not endanger nearby residents and are (cars being worked on an improved surface such as a driveway) not on the street, then they may remain in the property owners yard at his discretion. However, if violations of environmental codes are suspected then inquiries may be directed to the City Environmental Code Inspector at 832-3000.

Topic: Hitching Posts

Brought up during the discussion were recent incidents of arbitrary removal of stone hitching posts on Rhode Island Street, which are considered to be part of the historical feature of E.L. There was an agreement between the members that removal of such cultural items were detrimental to E.L.'s image as an historical entity. The removal and relocation of hitching posts was illegal because technically they are part of the city's right-of-way.

Business Meeting:

-The next general membership meeting is October 11, 1993.

-Trash racks - a generous E.L. contractor has volunteered to have his crew assemble the trash racks this year. People wanting trash racks this year must be willing to fill out a questionnaire required by the city - with at least name and address listed. Racks will be built Sunday, August 9th at 941 Penn.

-S. Miller mentioned the possibility of a City Commission vote on August 10 for appropriation of \$700,000 for possible parkway land purchase.

-Members discussed concerns over the outcome of the last meeting when the motion for the Resolution of August 2, 1993 was passed. Questions raised were whether or not the items of the Resolution were incongruous with the 18 point criteria or represented as enhancement/continuation of it.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by S. Miller, seconded by Mary Gray. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by: Mary Gray, Secretary

Minutes typed by: Nanette Roubideaux
Minutes transmitted to S. Miller by mail August 31, 1993.
Status: Not approved



EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 1993

Meeting called to order by President Miler at 7:40 p.m. after a delay in getting into N.Y. School. Present: Shelley Miller; Mary Gray; Brenda Nunez; Jack Hope; Ron Turner; Barbara Willits; Nellie Habegger; John Swift; Nanette Roubideaux. Guests: Eugene Jarrett; Richard Kershenbaum; James Dewey.

Agenda Items:

Discussion was held on agenda items. S. Miller proposed to follow the agenda mailed to Board. M. Gray brought up an additional agenda item - E. Parkway/Working Group. She stated she had given S. Miller and a majority of other Board members written notice of this change in the night's agenda at least five days in advance. Verbal agreement of Board to have Parkway/Working Group placed on agenda. M. Gray made motion to discuss Parkway/Working Group as the first item of business. No second was offered.

Eugene Jarrett and Nanette Roubideaux brought up that they would like to speak to the Board and that they had requested to be placed on the agenda but were refused. S. Miller asked if anyone would make a motion in order for their presentation to occur. M. Gray expressed her opinion that Nanette and Eugene's important concerns could have and should have been addressed by the ELIA President at an earlier date and been resolved. She wondered why this had not happened. B. Nunez made motion to have Eugene and Nanette speak to Board, seconded by M. Gray. Vote: In favor: 6; Opposed: 1. Motion passes.

Nanette Roubideaux spoke to the Board about the problems she had incurred during the past year under the tenure of the President and the problems about grant credibility of the organization for not following the grant guidelines.

Eugene spoke to the Board about the problems he had incurred during the past year also. In the past five years he had worked for ELIA relaying sidewalks, this was the first time he had problems. He stated that he took pride in the work that he had done and that the work was in accordance with the City's code guidelines.

Minutes:

J. Swift made motion, seconded by M. Gray that the minutes of the Board of Directors and General Membership meetings of February 8, February 15, March 8, April 22, June 14, July 14, July 27, August

2, and August 9, 1993 be approved. S. Miller made motion to amend motion to approve a revised version of the August 9 meeting minutes. John stated he saw nothing wrong with the original version of the August 9 minutes but would accept the amendment so as to get the minutes approved. Motion passed.

Homeowners-Out-Of-Tenants, Inc.

Jack Hope made motion, seconded by B. Willits, that J. Swift be the ELIA representative to Homeowners-Out-Of-Tenants, Inc. (HOUT, Inc.). Motion passed.

Eastern Parkway:

Discussion was held on the possibility of convening a "Working Group" to meet with public officials to continue negotiations and implementation of the 18 Point Criteria/Resolution of August 2, 1993. J. Swift made motion, seconded by M. Gray that such a "Working Group" be formed.

Membership of the "Working Group" would be comprised of those ELIA members who signed up at the August 2, 1993 meeting. The Working Group members would meet and select among themselves five or six representatives who would be directly responsible for channeling communications between the City and ELIA. The Working Group would serve as a negotiating team and meet with public officials on a systematic and continuing basis through most of the coming year.

Discussion was held on the office of the ELIA President in regards to the "Working Group" and the forthcoming negotiating process with the City. The general view was that no one person would speak exclusively. It was emphasized that the Working Group would collectively represent the official ELIA position on the issues. Text of the official motion reads as follows:

J. Swift made motion, seconded by M. Gray, that a working group be formed, comprised of the names of which were submitted at the August 2, 1993 Special General Membership Meeting, meet and chose among themselves four or five representatives to discuss with the Major the implementation of the August 2, 1993 General Membership Resolution/18 Point Criteria. Motion passed: Vote: In favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Mary Gray.
Minutes typed by Nanette Roubideaux
Status: Not approved.

East Lawrence Improvement Association
Minutes for Meeting October 11, 1993

Call to order by Shelly Miller, President. Approximately 25 members in attendance. Voting on new board members and organization officers was postponed to later in the meeting to accommodate last minute business from the previous year.

Topic: Trash Racks Project Aug.-Oct. 1993.

Built with CDBG funds, the trash racks will be given out to low income, the elderly, those who helped build them and, then, to others. Volunteers still needed.

Topic: ELIA Representation to Community Service and Local Groups.

New York School: School Management and Planning Team, members will include the principal, Sharon Steele, teachers and staff, consultants and other interested parties. Call Sharon Steele, 832 5780, for more information.

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods: ELIA has sent two representatives to LAN in the past. Call ELIA president for information. At large memberships to LAN cost \$5.

Haskel Corridor Group: Social Service League groups and projects, i.e. Health Care Access. Call Shelly Miller for information.

Lawrence Police Dept.: Questionnaire for neighborhood perusal. Call Shelly Miller for information.

Topic: CDBG Funded Project 1993-4.

Ideas needed for spending money this year.

-Community gardens. Seeds, tools, and, perhaps salary for organizer of volunteers.

-Lighting for New York Schoolyard.

-Employment for East Lawrence youth.

Topic: Neighborhood Plan.

City is willing to update and create a new neighborhood plan. Call Shelly Miller for information to get involved.

Topic: 1041 New York.

Outrage voiced by membership over destruction of the property by the city.

Motion:

Submitted by B. Shalinsky Seconded by R. Kershenbaum
ELIA expresses its outrage over the demolition at 1041 New York, and demands that there be consistent, attainable criteria so that people reasonably able to qualify for similar properties be able to do so in the future; that the City encourage the preservation of houses over their destruction with the emphasis on owner occupancy rather than low income status. ELIA expects that the house replacing the one at 1041 New York be of similar

architectural style, even preferring the relocation and moving of an older house into the lot.

Vote: 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Topic: The Downtown Development Plan.

700 block of Rhode Island.

Motion:

Submitted by Shalinsky and Schachter Seconded by J. Dewey.

ELIA moves that the City Commission should not consider C-3 zoning proposed in the Downtown Development Study, and that other zoning possibilities could be considered in conjunction with the Downtown Development Plan and the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan.

Passed unanimously.

Shelly Miller said that she spoke with Wint Winter who represents the owners of the land in question and that he is proposing a change in zoning to C-3. She urged people concerned to go to the Planning Commission Meeting.

Topic: 1100 Rhode Island

County wants a Parking lot there. ELIA members expressed their disapproval of the idea and would like the city to have control over projects within city boundaries.

Motion:

Submitted by Schacter and Shalinsky Seconded by more than one.

ELIA expresses to the County Commission our opposition to construction of any County parking in a residentially zoned area within the East Lawrence neighborhood. Elia also expresses to the City Commission that it expects the City to exercise its jurisdiction over zoning and land use within the ELIA neighborhood vis-a-vis all other entities including the County and School District (excepting KU and the neighborhood surrounding it).

Passed unanimously.

Topic: Letter from Mayor Nalbandian re: the Eastern Parkway resolution.

Topic: Parkway Working Group.

Meeting with the mayor will occur Oct. 24, 1993.

Topic: Elia and Simply Equal.

Elia voted unanimously to endorse Simply Equal's request to change the City Human Rights Ordinance to forbid discrimination because of sexual preference.

Topic: New Officers and Board members.

President: John Swift 818 New York 843-0123

Vice President: Shelly Miller 936 Penn. 841-7518

Secretary: James Dewey 1111 New Jersey 842-2769

Treasurer: Shelle Rosenfeld 1008 Conn. 749-4165

Board Members:

Richard Kershenbaum 704 New York 841-5371
Nellie Habegger 1042 Rhode Island 841-8844
Barbara Willits 1205 Delaware 842-2713
Jim McCrary 927 Rhode Island 841-8370
K. T. Walsh 732 Rhode Island 749-2549
Barry Shalinsky 645 Conn. 842-1953
Bill Wachpress 3025 W. 7th 749-2751

Members of the Eastern Parkway Working Group:

James Dewey, Chairman
Richard Kershenbaum, Vice Chairman
Mary Lisa Pike
John Ralston

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

ELIA Board Meeting November 8, 1993

Minutes:

Called to order by John Swift, President.

Present were nine members of the Board and one non-member.

One member of the Board arrived late.

Topic: Horizon 2020

Shelly Miller informed the Board that on Wednesday, November 10, 1993 there will be a meeting of the Horizon 2020 Task Forces with the public. Shelly urged all the members of the Board to attend if at all possible. She also urged the Board to inform anyone else who may be interested to attend the meeting. It will be at Lawrence High School at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: CDBG

Applications for Community Development Block Grants are due on December 1, 1993. The Board voted for Trash Racks, Brick Sidewalks, ELIA Coordinator, Administration funding, Youth Jobs, Garden Project at Hobbes Field, Sidewalk Construction on 14th between Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Topic: Coordinator Job Description

Shelle R. and Barbara W. volunteered to work with John on this.

Topic: Historical Group

Richard K. stated that three nominations were ready this week, and there is a possibility of four more soon. See Richard for the details and locations. Money for the applications will come from the Lawrence Preservation Alliance.

County Commissioner Mark Buhler wants to build a parking lot

with an entrance from Conn. in the 1100 block of Rhode Island.
Call him and other County Commissioners with your opinion.

Topic: Rezoning request in the 700 block of Rhode Island

See motions of August 2, 1993 and October 11, 1993.

Shelle R., Shelly M. and Barry S. said they would attend the City Commissioners' meeting.

Topic: LAN

Motion nominating Mary Gray and Jim McCrary as ELIA representatives made by Richard K.

Motion seconded by Nellie H.

Unanimous.

Topic: Eastern Parkway Working Group

Jim D. made report on unsuccessful attempts to meet with the Mayor after he initially accepted and then withdrew his acceptance for a private meeting. Motion to dissolve the working group and give its responsibilities over to the four officer of ELIA made by Barry S.

Motion seconded by John S.

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

Motion made by Jim D. that the four officers officially constitute themselves as the Eastern Parkway Working Group.

Motion seconded by John S.

For: 0

Against: 9

Topic: Minutes of October 11, 1993

Motion made to approve by Jim D. and seconded by John S.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Meeting adjourned by John S. seconded by Jim D. Approved by
general consent.