

**East Lawrence Improvement Association
General Meeting
Minutes, February 18, 1991**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President Jo Andersen at New York School, 946 New York, Lawrence, Kansas.

The minutes were read from the December 10, 1990 meeting and approved.

Jon Nepstad gave the treasurers report.

John Swift announced his resignation from the Board of Directors and the office of Secretary. Carman Crouse was nominated and elected.

Mayor Shirley Martin-Smith was the guest for the meeting and the following issues were discussed:

1. Green Space Acquired for a Nature Trail.
2. The Riverfront Plaza.
3. Stone Barn, 1200 Penn.
4. English Lutheran Church.
5. Problems with the 'bar' areas.
6. Animal control.
7. Increase of crime in area where Salvation Army Shelter House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nanette Roubideaux

Nanette Roubideaux
Coordinator

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General Membership Meeting, April 8, 1991 Minutes

The meeting of the East Lawrence Improvement Association General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Jo Andersen at 7:30 p.m after a social hour with meeting attendees.

President Andersen had the following announcements:

1. The organization is in need of a secretary once again, as Carmen Crouse has taken extra employment and no longer has the time to devote to the position. President Andersen stated that she had rough drafts of the previous General Membership meeting and of last's months Board meeting. In the interim, Nanette would take the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Jon Nepstad, Treasurer was attending a Traffic Safety meeting, so President Andersen gave the treasurers report in his absence. There is \$3800 in the Omega account for use to assist in the plan for the "Green Space," and \$950. in the general account at Community Mercantile.

As per discussion from the last month's Board meeting, President Andersen gave a report on Board activities. Discussion was aheld centered around the following topics:

1. The Shelter House - its current status and just where does the organization go from this point to insure neighborhood safety should the Shelter House continue in its present form or a modified statement of mission.
2. Plan Horizon 20-20 and the upcoming survey. There is a meeting, date yet not determined, with Linda Finger of the City Planning Department.
3. The Green Space: Nanette gave a brief report on research on the eagles and maintainence of the area where the roosting trees are. There was considerable discussion about possible ideas, and the need to present a balance viewpoint.
4. CBDG Funds: President Andersen reported that the preliminary CDBG Board findings are to fund the projects which were submitted. The Board's recommendation will go to the City Commission for the next round.
5. Neighborhood Clean-Up: There was an announcement that the June 10 meeting would be to do planning for the Clean Up Day which was scheduled for June 22, 1991.
6. Meetings and Organization: There was discussion and general agreement that ELIA has the need to be more positive in their approach to the organization, the East Lawrence Community, and the future.
6. Survey: Jim Schneider gave the results of the survey which he has passed around to attendees of the meeting. (Copy attached)

The meeting was adiourned at 9:35 p.m.

**East Lawrence Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
June 10, 1991**

President Andersen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1245 Conn.

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the April General Meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurers Report: Jon Nepstad gave the treasurers report. After duplicating costs for the Eagle Report the Omega fund is at approximately \$3,700. The general fund was reported to be \$896.00.

Neighborhood Clean-up: The neighborhood clean up is scheduled for June 22, 1991, with a rain date of June 29, 1991. There was concern expressed about the monies in the clean-up account. Nanette will call Margene Swarts to see how much money is in the account. Kathly Businger reported that crew and trucks are rented but would like to know if enough money for chippers.

Eagle Report: Jo Andersen reported the Eagle Habitat report was well received by the City. Mike Wilgen and Fred Devictor have sent letters supporting the project. The report addresses restoration and preservation of the Riverfront area east of the Mall, and specifically addresses plantings, erosion control and topsoil preservation.

President Andersen also reminded the membership there will be a public meeting on June 24, 1991 at 7:00 p.m, probably in the City Commission chambers to unveil the Engineering/Route study for the Eastern Parkway. If the routes do not intrude on the area to be preserved, cleanup is tentatively slated to begin in September with planting occurring in October and November. The Boy Scouts, city employees, ELIA, the Lawrence Green Party and Audubon Society expressed interest in helping. Jo distributed copies of the report for the general membership. Additionally, the report was requested by the Lawrence Public Library to be placed on file due to requests for access to the report.

Allen Press Property: Jo Andersen reviewed the history of the county owned lots in the 1100 block of Rhode Island, and also the county's use of the street parking along Rhode Island. Jo also reviewed the Allen Property - what properties were involved and how the property is proposed to be divided up. Jo stated that Allen would like public support of this transaction. Nanette gave details about juvenile detention centers - that it is federally mandated, that it would house serious juvenile offenders and that it must be located in Douglas County. After considerable discussion centering on issues such as the feasibility of a jail next to retail shopping, the possible attraction of undesirable persons around the jail area, and possible negative impact on Page

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drainage due to paying of parking lots on Rhode Island, downtown and East Lawrence, the following motion was made by Brian Prophit:

It was moved by Brian Prophit, seconded by Jon Nepsted that the E.L.I.A. make a statement to the county expressing concern about a placement of a Juvenile Detention Center in the 11th and New Hampshire location in the Allen Press Building. The motion passed 12-0.

Although we have gone on record many times in the past in support of preserving the church, no further motions on this issue were made.

City Commission Issues Update: Jo informed the membership that the Horvath rezoning request for 1101 Pa. would be on the City Commission Agenda June 11, and that interested parties should attend and/or comment. A brief history of the issue was discussed.

Jo also informed the membership that the Transportation Pilot Project was removed from the Commission's agenda. Interested persons should attend the public meeting on 6/19 at 7:00 p.m. in the public library.

More Clean-Up: Kathly Businger gave a report on the Clean-up. Judith Prophit invites everyone to bring food to the Potluck. Jo and Kathly are coordinating orange juice, coffee and donuts at 7:30 a.m. at Hobbs Park Shelter. Shelly Miller suggested via Kathly that we go with 2 truck and crews, starting at 8:00, and a wood chipper obtained from a private tree service rather than 3 trucks including a flat bed, and the city's tempermental wood chipper. Shelly will coordinate volunteers. John Nepsted will check on a newspaper ad, and Shelly Miller will contact "clean-up members" only. People are reminded to have stuff out by 8:00 p.m.

Bank Speakers: These representatives were present to present information and answer questions: Virginia Wilson and Brad Johnson from Lawrence National Bank; Doug Geiston and Terri Pipert from 1st National Bank and Bonnie Augestine and Lauri Hansen from the Saving Bank of Lawrence.

There was heated discussion and "horror stories" were related by several members. Terri discussed a program her bank is working on with assistance from Lynn Goodell of City Staff to target East Lawrence from home inprovement loans. This program, still in the planning stages, would be available to homewoners or landlords. The Community Development programs administereed by the City were discussed, as was the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, which is also in preliminary stages. Bank terminology was discussed, such balloon payment, functional obsolesence, qualified buyers, secondary market, in-house loans, banks as money retailers, escrow

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accounts for home improvement loans. Frustration was expressed at bankers' inability to explain terminology in plain English to patrons within the walls of their own institutions, and the availability of easy money to folks who already have money or other property as collateral. The buying of East Lawrence by a few slumlords who seem to have fast access to mortgages, and who do not appropriately maintain rental units was discussed. Brad said his bank will use utility bills or local merchants credit accounts for credit references. The Savings Bank is the only locally owned bank of the three on the panel. Shelly suggested contacting the Mercantile Credit Union for loans under \$25,000. She also recommended a U.S. Government publication from Pueblo, Colorado for home-buying definitions and information in laymen's terms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. for one-on-one questioning by interested parties with the Bankers.

Minutes Taken By: Dietre Weilmiller, Secretary, E.L.I.A.
Typed By: N. Roubideaux, Coordinator.

**East Lawrence Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
September 9, 1991**

The September meeting of the General Membership of the East Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by President Jo Andersen at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Second Christian Church, 1245 Conn.

President Andersen opened the meeting by introducing the guests for the meeting: Mike Amyx, County Commissioner; Bob Schumm, City Commissioner; and Craig Stancliffe. The guests were at the meeting to present their views and give an update on the purchase of the Allen Property and the possible placement of a Juvenile Detention Center at the location at the old Allen Press Building.

Commission Amyx stated that the County Commission had met extensively to discuss the purchase of the property and also to consider other properties. There are five properties now being considered. Although there is a plan for a 15 bed facility, expansion to a 21 bed facility would cost \$110,000. more. As this facility would be serving a 17 county area, there is a feeling among the commissioners that they do not want to be hemmed in by the size of the site i.e. if the detention center needs to expand, what are the possibilities for expansion at the least cost.

At this point, the purchase of the Allen property by the county/city is not set by any means. The price tag for the Allen Property is \$1.6 million. All the property being considered now is within the city limits.

Commissioner Schumm commented that the purchase is really a county agenda, with the city participating only in the proposed Allen Property. Additionally, Commissioner Schumm gave a recap of the legal process of the Old English Church. The Court of Appeals has heard the case and the City Commission will hear the results in about two weeks.

The county has until January 1, 1993 to have the detention center in operation but could get an extention if in the construction stages.

Other Business: Nanette Roubideaux gave a brief recap of the new services available for East Lawrence Residents. There was discussion about how to handle the lawn mower and rototiller process of use. A motion was made by Brian Proffit and seconded by Pat Slick that a minimum age of 18 be established for use of the equipment, that a waiver of libility must be signed, and collateral of \$50.00 value be left, a limited of use of twice a month for 24 hours be established and that the equipment be stored in a central location in East Lawrence that is secure and that the equipment be purchased and the opportunity to store be listed in the November newsletter. Motion passed.

Coors Riverfront Clean-Up: Pat Slick stated he personally had problems with the Coors sponsorship of the Riverfront Clean-Up and the East Lawrence Improvement Association's participation. Pat Slick wants the organization to disassociate with Coors and make a political statement. Pat Slick made a motion that the organization to disassociate with Coors and to make a strong statement that the organization can not condone the political views of Coors. The motion died for lack of a second after much discussion. Pat was encouraged to write a letter that would be placed in the November newsletter.

Eagle Project: Nanette Roubideaux expressed concern that the Citizen's Task Force part of the project submitted to the City has not yet been started. She stated that she felt the Citizen's Group was an essential part of the project. A discussion ensued about what city ordinances were in place to protect the project and whether or not there was even any No Parking signs. Jo and Nanette to follow up with the city to see just what has been done on the project and the formation of the Citizen's Group.

November Elections: Jo announced that the elections would be held at the November meeting for the officers and members of the board.

Meeting adjourned.

East Lawrence Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 1991

Members present: Mary Gray, Jim Schneider, Jo Andersen, John Nepsted, Deitre Weismiller, Carman Crouse, and Nanette Roubideaux.

Guests: Captain Windham and Brad Parker

Meeting called to order by President Andersen at 1402 New York.

Minutes passed around and approved.

Treasurers Report: Business membership forms will be distributed by Newsletter in January. Rototiller purchased for use by ELIA residents subject to ELIA use rules: over 18, \$50. deposit or like value, EL resident, insurance waiver form. There was an explanation of funding shifts to pay for rototiller.

New Services: New services funded by CBDG; listed in news letter.

Grant Proposals for 92-93: Official date is 12-01-91. Grants for next year are administration, coordinator, sidewalk, house numbers and clean-up. Jim Schneider made motion, seconded by Jon Nepsted to approve grants as Nanette wrote them. Motion carried.

Salvation Army Discussion: Jo gave background to her participation. Shirley Martin-Smith called her to say was on agenda so Jo went to commission meeting. Next day, Goodell called Jo. Captain and Jo met to discuss. Jo hand delivered letters to 100 surrounding neighborhood from Salvation Army.

There was considerable discussion revolving around the Shelter House which included lack of supervision and screening of residents, increased crime and fire reports.

Captain Windham responded by giving background of grant application process. He had been informed of grant possibilities on tight schedule. Purpose of grant was to hold the money until needed because of tight deadline. Shelter would be run differently. The emergency shelter is different than the drop in one. Job Counselor would be funded through grant. Men in shelter would have job club for those who can work. There will no use of alley by Salvation Army. Windham stated can't control folks on street, it is not illegal to be drunk. There are 10-12 liquor sources nearby Shelter. Shelter does not accept intoxicated persons.

Suggestion was made to have neighborhood appoint person to Salvation Army advisory board.

Salvation Army must have United Way funding to go forth.

Windham stated 87% of Shelter people have Lawrence ties.

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Windham stated Shelter would have a 'bed criteria.'

Various and heated discussions ensued. There was a great concern about crimes, drunkenness, and providing an attractive nusience.

Neighborhood Survey: Jo wants survey done. Discussion about how to go about survey, and expense and problems with collating data.

Carman moved, and Jim seconded that three person committee be formed of Jo, Carman, and Jon to examine the survey form that Nanette had done and form a plan of action to implement survey.

Nomination for CDBG Board Bernie Norwood has resigned. Lynn Goodell want publicity before choosing rep. Also he wants a minority if possible.

Riverfront Clean-Up: Very successful. Planting of Greenspace planned via Nanette and George Osborn. Native grasses will be done in Spring as optimum time, but city should start trees and bushes soon which will be paid for by ELIA out of Omega funds.

Discussion held on Citizens Group. Jo stated that City won't appoint and she bases this on her experience with the city. Dee asked if city accepted report. Jo stated very well received. Nanette stated she felt essential to maintaining area. Has to be community effort to keep area and Group is from community. General consensus was to approach city and if they refuse, take issue to General Membership.

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Meeting for November: Carman made motion, seconded by Jim that November Election meeting be held at New York School at 7:00 with back up of Church.

Newletter deadline: October 18, at midnight.

Announcements: Drug Program: Jo announced DECA has money to do street counseling.

1045 Rhode Island: Non conforming use issue. Suggested that Jo talk to him about suggestions to curtail density.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken by Dee Weismiller and typed by Nanette.

Minutes, ELIA General Meeting
Monday, November 11, 1992
7:00 pm, New York School

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Introductions were conducted, as several new people were in attendance.

Old Business update:

Neighborhood survey -- explanations of history, etc., and soliciting volunteers.

Greenspace update and history; Jo will present check to city 11/12/91 for \$2,000 from Coors fund. Caution to keep watch over area to make sure city maintains agreement.

Citizens Task Force on Greenspace -- city has not yet done it; Jo suggested task force could be independent, not city appointed.

New community development block grant services; rototiller delayed, but should be here soon, stored at Shelley's, not Nanette's.

Newsletter update; mailing is expensive, should consider options.

Kinko's bill still coming; no one knows why.

New Business:

Election of Officers

President: Nominations of Jo Anderson and Dee Weismiller; tied twice. Travis Crandell moved to vote 3rd time; second by Judith Prophett. Dee victorious 3rd vote.

Vice President: Nominations of Jack Hope and Travis Crandell; Travis victorious.

Secretary: Nominations of Carmen Crouse; won.

Treasurer: Jon Nepstad

At this point, Mary Gray made a statement concerning her being elected as treasurer last year, but made to feel unwanted, so resigned, at which time Jon Nepstad was elected. She wanted everyone to know how bitter she feels about that occurrence.

Board Members: Mary Gray (by Ron Turner)

Jim Schneider (by Bryan Prophett)

Jack Hope (by Bryan Prophett)

Tracy Hutcheson (by Travis Crandell)

Dennis Miller (by Carmen Crouse)

Shelley Miller (by Carmen Crouse)

Brad Parker (by Travis Crandell)

Craig Stancliffe (by Jim Schneider)

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Present: Shelly Miller, Jim Schneider, Dennis Miller, Tracy Hutcheson, Jack Hope, Travis Crandell, Jon Nepsted, Jo Andersen, Nanette Roubideaux, and Detrie Weismiller.

Absent: Carmen Crouse, Craig Stancliff, Mary Gray and Brad Parker.

Travis Crandell announced that Brad Parker could not be on board due to personal and family commitments.

Minutes from October Board Meeting read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Jon Nepsted gave treasurers report.
\$689.71 in General Funds; \$1,602.05 in Omega Fund.

Travis asked about the Omega Funds and how they have been spent. It was his understanding this was to acquire land. Jo responded by saying the monies used for Green Space and gave a history of the Omega Funds and how they were to be used. The remainder of Omega monies is to be spent on ordering native grass seeds from the Buffalo Seed Company for planting in the Spring of 1992.

Meeting Dates: There was discussion on when to meet. Second Monday of month was set at New York School with possible meeting at Second Christian Church as alternative place.

Greenspace: Jo gave brief report that first plantings were in.

Eastern Parkway: Dee had map from city on Route for Parkway and this was passed around for view. Route # 1 was chosen. There was discussion on the routes and the idea they were to reduce traffic in East Lawrence. Shelly has concern about the traffic study and also felt there was not need to endorse the chosen route. ELIA has stated approved study but has not approved any specific route. Dee stated that public feed back did not have a forum at this point. Consensus that organization should take wait and see attitude.

Sidewalks: Shelly expressed concern about the restoration of the brick sidewalks where they connect with sidewalks not done. There is a small ledge left where concrete does not stay. Nanette will get with Eugene about this and see about correcting problem.

There was discussion about the sidewalks and the manner in which they have been restored. Concerns were expressed about the edging methods. Jo Andersen stated that the sidewalks were up to city code and that Eugene was reliable.

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Shelly stated that it was not mandatory to have your sidewalks done. Everyone has a choice and a resident can write to say they do not want their walks done.

Dee stated that she had had requests for people to have theirs done.

Survey: Jo reported nothing new on survey. Asked for volunteers and gave a history of the survey. Explained was a walk-by type.

Salvation Army: Travis gave an update on the Salvation Army issue. Travis feels Churchhill more receptive to neighborhood, but how long will he be in charge as can be moved. Felt increased crime and traffic. Travis presented views on operation of full-time shelter and stated he and neighbors felt do not wish shelter without full time shelter resident manager/director. Dee stated that more facts need to be presented to Salvation Army about specific incidents which have occurred.

Non-motorized/pedestrian travel: Dee brought up issue about funds from the City for bicycle and pedestrian paths with a deadline to apply for funds on January 31, 1992. Shelly spoke about problems getting around on bicycle and the need for more paths for access to key areas. Shelly will coordinate people interested in seeking funds and will post notices around for people to have input. Also Shelly will do small article for next newsletter to let people know about availability for funds and to solicit information on where priority should be. Article to Nanette by 23rd.

School Beacons: Dee stated there were funds available for school beacons for New York School. Cost is \$800. each with a total of \$1600 as city will pay for only half. She has spoken the New York PTA and they would have a joint fund raising effort for these. There was discussion about the importance of having the beacons as children have difficulty crossing Connecticut. Jo Andersen made motion, seconded by Jon Nepsted to apply to the city for two school beacons with joint fund raising with PTA and seeking school district funds. Passed unanimously.

New York School Problems: Discussion was held on the problems at the school revolving around the extent and type of problems.

Board Size: Dee brought up the fact that at times ELIA Board has met without a quorum. She stated that she felt Board should not meet without appropriate number. She would like to see By-laws changed to reflect lower quorum. Travis made motion to leave By-laws unchanged for the time being. Seconded by Shelly. Passed with Dee stating board will not meet with a quorum.

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Travis then commended Dee for the job she has done. He noted the letter to the city and felt Dee was doing a good job.

Hobbs Park: Dee reported Fred DeVictor had sent letter asking for suggestions on what should be done to improve Hobbs Park and to let him know.

Membership Recruitment: Discussion was held on the recruitment of more active members, especially from the minorities living in East Lawrence. Dee felt thought should be given to how to reach more people. Shelly recommended an article in the newsletter with a mail in sheet of What Are Your Concerns? General agreement that this should be done after fundraising newsletter.

Newsletter: Newsletter in January should contain information about the Martin Luther King activities at New York School and the ELIA participation. There were volunteers for serving and for bring deserts. Also bring up the activities at General Membership meeting for volunteers.

CDBG Board Nomination: Dee gave an update on status of selection of nomination to Board. Shelly stated her willingness to serve.

CDBG Grants: Nanette reported grants were ahead of time and that Clean-Up, Administrative, Coordinator, Sidewalks, and Reflecting House Numbers were applied for. Cut looked for as city has to fund Douglas County Legal Aid.

Voluntary survey on water pressure and quality: Dee asked if newsletter would be appropriate place to put in about water. Consensus was that all concerns should be asked for in newsletter.

East Lawrence Business Directory: Dee asked if Board and/or membership should undertake business directory. Consensus was that maybe some time but not at present.

Shelly Miller made motion seconded by Jack Hope to adjourn.