

**ELIA Board Meeting**  
**28 October 1997**  
**New York School, 7:30 p.m.**

**Attending the meeting:**

Board members Fadra Andrews; Jim McCrary, Shannon Murphy, Bill Wachspres, John Swift, Jim and Dana Hurlburt; general members marci francisco, Lori Hinrichsen; visitors Mark Caplan, Tammy Nunn (City Hall intern)

**Agenda items:**

General discussion centered around organizational difficulties due to recent resignations of neighborhood coordinator and Board members, and the need to revitalize the organization to apply for CDBG funds for the coming funding cycle.

**General Neighborhood Meeting:** Discussed need for a general meeting. It is at this time of year we have traditionally held elections of officers. Discussed how to publicize the meeting, which must be held as soon as possible and without a newsletter in which to publish the date. **Mon., Nov. 10 at 7:30 at New York School** proposed as meeting date and time. Approved by all present. Discussed agenda items for meeting: Election of officers, CDBG projects, future of the organization. These items to be mentioned on flyer we will send out to members to publicize the meeting. Lori volunteered to make the flyer, with contributions from John. Fadra will call Kansas Key Press to arrange for mailing.

**CDBG proposals for next funding cycle:** With information provided by Tammy and marci, discussed changes in CDBG application (projects must be site specific; needs assessment must also be completed- ours hasn't been updated for 10 years). Discussed need to get new people involved, with new project ideas. For the organization to be able to continue operating, we need to secure funding for a coordinator and newsletter, at least. **Approved date for another board meeting Tues., Nov. 4,** at Bill and Lori's (1205 Penn) to brainstorm ideas for projects, prepare a draft of needs assessment and CDBG proposals. Discussed getting organizational materials- archives, neighborhood survey, past proposals- from Bob Kennedy and other past ELIA officials so we can complete these tasks at the board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
1997-1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Jean Ann Pike	President	1137 CN	
Tony Backus	Vice President	1144 RI	841-0973
Christy Dahl	Secretary	1402 NY	842-9945
Shannon Murphy	Treasurer	404 E 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	832-5220
John Swift	At-Large	818 NY	843-0123
Bill Wachspress	At-Large	1205 PN	865-1404
Lori Hinrichson	At-Large	1205 PN	865-1404
Jim Hurlburt	At-Large	1140 NJ	749-7843
Barry Shalinsky	At-Large	633 CN	842-1953
KT Walsh	At-Large	732 RI	749-2260
Ardys Ramberg	At-Large	812 NY	841-8994
Janice Smith	At-Large	1022 NJ	841-6317
Nelson Schlater	At-Large	938 RI	
Reuben Wade	At-Large	1022 NJ	841-6317
Maryrose Larkin	At-Large	1203 NJ	865-1309
Kevin Jurotich	At-Large	627 CN #4	832-9222
Julian Dahl	At-Large	1402 NY	842-9945

Elected 11-10-97

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene K. Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File

**From:** Christy Dahl (842-9945)  
Secretary - East Lawrence Improvement Association

**Date:** 11/12/97

**Re:** Minutes for November 10, 1997 General Meeting

---

## Introductions and attendance record

### Needs Assessment

- What should be included
- Formed a committee to evaluate and organize
- Committee meeting to be November 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m. at Lori Hinrichson's house, 1205 Pennsylvania

## New Members paid dues

### Board Members

- Explanation of job duties for both officers and non-officers
- Next board meeting to be on December 8, 1997, 7:30 p.m. at New York Elementary
- Elected 1997-1998 officers
  - President: Jean Ann Pike
  - Vice President: Tony Backus
  - Treasurer: Shannon Murphy
  - Secretary: Christy Dahl

### Elected 1997-1998 board members at-large

- Reuben Wade
- Janice Smith
- Nelson Schlater
- Ardys Ramberg
- KT Walsh
- Maryrose Larkin
- Julian Dahl
- Bill Wachspress
- John Swift
- Barry Shalinsky

November 12, 1997

- Jim Hurlburt
- Lori Hinrichson
- Kevin Jurotich

New Business in process and to be discussed at next general meeting, January 12, 1998, 7:30 p.m. at New York Elementary

- Rehabilitation of house at 832 Connecticut
- Specifics of tower that Sprint PCS has requested to build by police station
- Election of representative to Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
- Election of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) representative(s)

General Information

- Community roto-tiller available from 1205 Pennsylvania for \$5/half day

**ELIA GENERAL MEETING**  
**11-10-97**

**Agenda**

- I. Introduction
- II. Authorize Neighborhood Coordinator position to be advertised
- III. Needs Assessment
  - Matching what we need-vs-what we ask for
  - Due 12-1-97
  - Last one developed: 1987
  - Share ideas, generate more
- IV. CDBG
  - Due 12-1-97
  - Share ideas, generate more
- V. Election of Officers
- VI. Dues and Memberships
- VII. Other business

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File  
Lori Hinrichsen  
Shannon Murphy

**From:** Christy Dahl (842-9945)  
Secretary - East Lawrence Improvement Association

**Date:** 11/25/97

**Re:** Minutes for November 18, 1997 Needs Assessment/Grant Proposal Committee Meeting

---

#### Announcement of meeting with Sprint to discuss tower

- Time & Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 24
- Location: Jean Ann Pike, ELIA President, to communicate
- Chair: Fred Sherman

#### Information to be included with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requests

- Documentation of financial assessment
- Site specific
- Neighborhood canvassing documentation

#### Needs Assessment Review & Revision

- Approved Needs Assessment draft items
- Add under "Public Facilities and Services"
  - Water sampling due to concern with service lines
- Add under "Housing"
  - Enforcement of existing code for public safety and to eliminate blight

Add to Coordinator job description "to educate community on low income grants available for home improvement"

Shannon Murphy to distribute copies of the Neighborhood Plan to board members

Lori Hinrichsen to distribute copies of the Neighborhood Survey Results to board members

#### Note for follow up:

- Check on zoning at 8<sup>th</sup> and New Jersey
- Research business desiring the above location
- Review process of asphalt removal to uncover brick
- Obtain list of streets in East Lawrence converted to brick

November 25, 1997

Grant Applications

- Elected CDBG Neighborhood Representatives
  - Brenda Nunez
  - Bill Wachspress
  - Nelson Schlater - Alternate
- Read and completed Portion A of the applications
- Prioritized proposals – the Portion B of each application - assigned to appropriate committee member
  - Neighborhood Coordinator – Shannon Murphy
  - Operating Expenses – Shannon Murphy
    - Operating expenses to include canvassing and surveying
  - Neighborhood Clean-up -Jean Ann Pike
    - To be done quarterly
  - Brick Streets - Lori Hinrichsen
    - Maintenance is necessary on current brick streets
    - Will not remove asphalt from other streets at this time – would like to assess maintenance issues and canvass neighborhood
  - Light sensitive fixtures to light walks and porches - Bill Wachspress
  - Survey neighborhood residents' water complaints to properly prioritize the request for water testing - Nelson Schlater
- All assessments and proposals are to be returned to Shannon Murphy by Saturday, November 29
- Shannon Murphy will distribute copies of completed grant applications to board members

Attendees:

Pike, Jean Ann – President  
Murphy, Shannon – Treasurer  
Dahl, Christy – Secretary  
Dahl, Julian  
Hinrichsen, Lori  
Jurotich, Kevin  
Schlater, Nelson  
Wachspress, Bill  
Wade, Reuben

Guest:

Marcie Francisco

# Memorandum

**To:** Margene Swarts  
Community Development Manager

**CC:** File  
Lori Hinrichsen  
Shannon Murphy

**From:** Christy Dahl (842-9945)  
Secretary - East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA)

**Date:** 12/16/97

**Re:** Minutes for December 8, 1997 East Lawrence Improvement Association (ELIA) board meeting

---

## General announcements

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requests submitted December 1, 1997
- The next general ELIA meeting will be moved from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM on January 12, 1998. Jean Ann Pike will advise the previous general meeting attendees
- Robert Baker is organizing an East Lawrence home tour
- Preservation Alliance is researching the possibility of a tax freeze or other tools to encourage the rehabilitation of East Lawrence homes
- Homes at 740 and 806 Rhode Island are not being destroyed
- Jean Ann Pike will obtain a P.O. Box for the ELIA
- Bill Wachspress must receive any information to be included in the next ELIA newsletter by December 28, 1997
  - Jean Ann Pike will forward information on New York Elementary School's Martin Luther King Jr. Day neighborhood function
  - Bill Wachspress will research adding historical vignettes from Jim McCrary's book to the newsletter

## Overview of meeting with Sprint PCS

- Douglas County will have a tower in current location at 11<sup>th</sup> St. and New Hampshire whether or not it is built by Sprint PCS
- Current tower is old and needs to be replaced; Douglas County requested the new tower height be 190'
- Per Sprint PCS study, Sprint PCS cannot piggy-back onto Southwestern Bell tower at approximately 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Vermont
- Sprint PCS tower would be freestanding but not lighted and one would be able to see freely into the fence-enclosed area surrounding it
- Sprint PCS will next appear before the Planning Commission on December 17, 1997, 6:30 PM at City Hall



December 16, 1997

- Ardys Ramberg will attend this meeting to state that the ELIA does not object to Sprint PCS building this tower at this location

CDBG Neighborhood Representatives

- Michelle Bird will send a letter of resignation
- Names to be submitted as new representatives:
  - Brenda Nunez
  - Bill Wachspress
  - Nelson Schlater – Alternate
- Next CDBG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at 4:00 PM at City Hall

Coordinator Opening

- KT Walsh to run advertisement for the opening of ELIA Coordinator position in Lawrence Journal World December 14-20, 1997
- Volunteer hiring committee
  - Jean Ann Pike
  - Julian Dahl
  - Bill Wachspress
  - KT Walsh
- Interviews to be scheduled on Wednesday, January 7, 1997

Items to cover at next general ELIA meeting, January 12, 1998

- Will vote on a Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods representative
- Jean Ann Pike to invite Gloria Wilbert to discuss opening neighborhood safehouse(s)
  - Get requirements for safehouses from the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth
- Tony Backus will invite James Hilliard and Austin Turney from the Lawrence school board to discuss plans under discussion for East Lawrence elementary schools – follow up on article “School district study session to examine space problems” in Sunday, December 7, 1997 Lawrence Journal World and the possibility of a “mega-school”
- Bill Wachspress to report on the water testing means available: a) kit from Walmart b) through Douglas County Health
- Discuss reducing the number of ELIA board members
- Announcement of the new Lawrence Journal World Coordinator

Attendees:

Pike, Jean Ann – President  
Backus, Tony – Vice President  
Dahl, Christy – Secretary  
Dahl, Julian  
Jurotich, Kevin  
Wachspress, Bill  
Walsh, KT