

NLIA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 05-09-16

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Board Present: Ted (President), Jeff (VP), Beverly (Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)

President Report:

Most of Sandrat memorial is now located on the southwest corner of the property. There are currently 46 empty bricks left to be engraved. The final piece of the memorial is a 3ft bronze Sandrat statue. Tom and Linda Lee, as well as the Sandrat committee are the ones involved with this project. The Sandrat Reunion (June 4th 9am to Noon) will be back at Woodlawn Elementary School this year. So the residents will be able to see the 2 million dollars in new renovations that happened to the school. The school now has a shelter for emergency weather that will hold all the occupants of the building. The city will have a 20th anniversary ceremony for the Union Pacific Depot, June 4th at 1 to 3 pm. The U.P. Depot was saved from demolition/relocation. It now serves multiple functions and is a staple of N. Lawrence. The speed hump has been installed at Elm Street, and Ted is happy to report that it is currently working to slow them down. The next one will be on North Street, and the location has already been selected by the city/association. We may ask for more capital improvement projects in the next CDBG application. There is currently a request about rezoning a property in North Lawrence so it can be used as a music venue. NLIA wrote a letter stating that they do not want there to be an issue with overflow traffic. Ted has seen a rendering for the grocery store at the former Border's building. The proposed plan would be to demolish the building except for the North wall (Because it is a historical wall from the original building).

Public/Speakers Comments:

Logan Isaman – Works for AmeriCorp Vista and Lawrence Public Library. She is coordinating a community needs assessment to try to identify the gaps and how the Library can help to fulfill those needs. There will be a survey distributed June 1st to the residents of Lawrence through various media to try and assess this. If the survey is completed you will receive a coupon for 50% off the late fees.

Matt Bond (City Stormwater Engineer) – Still on schedule to be completed by July 1st. The majority of the pipe has been completed at this point. There have not been any major change orders so far. The pump station is 91% complete. The levee is also almost complete, but they still need to pour some concrete. They should be done and the levee will open by the end of May. The ditches will be addressed, in house by the city, on a need basis once the pump station is completed. The property owner is responsible for the general maintenance of the ditches, but the city will clear silt or repair damaged drainage tubes.

Jeff (VP) – The BIG event hosted by KU and it happens every April. The students come out and assess what needs to be done and then completes it. They can't use power tools or get on ladders due to safety concerns.

Resident expressed desire to have a speed hump located on North 5th street (North – South Street) just south of Lake Street.