

Date: 1-11-16

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Board Present: Ted(President), Jeff(Vice-president), Beverly(Treasurer), and Dylan(Coordinator)

President Report:

The grocery store survey that was created was highly successful, and we gathered a lot of good data. A report has been passed around for everyone to look at. The report will also be presented to the grocery store committee this week. Ted has been going to these meetings for the past two years. Natalya attended a conference where there was a presenter from Price Chopper who explained that the company is committed to buying local. They are still trying to determine (and also studying) how to maximize the space by a potential expansion upward or to the east. The parking situation needs to be discussed, but there are options for the owners of the space to pursue. If this location for some reason does not happen then there are other potential opportunities for a grocery store in or near N. Lawrence. NLIA has been active in supporting the Levee café plan that is located near 3rd and Elm. There is still some work to be done with regards to variances and the planning commission. However, it is the belief of NLIA that this will be a valuable addition to the community.

Treasurers Report:

We collected \$5,300 in holiday donations and adopted 4 families. Donations were also given to the VNA and the Ballard Center. The thank you notes are written and ready to be dispensed. The NLIA Chili Feed will be February 8th 5:30 – 8:00pm.

Matt Bond (City of Lawrence Stormwater Engineer) Report:

The Levee will be closed until late February. 6th and Locust may be open around January 22nd, but he will know more later this week. Entire project will be done July 1st if it stays on schedule.

Public Comments:

Community Village has had a trial period and was rated as satisfactory. They have started the program recently, and expect they will need more volunteers soon. The purpose of the program is to foster a community/neighborly environment, and help those that are older stay in their homes as long as possible.

Changes at Pinwheel Farm will be forthcoming. She is looking for offers to purchase/lease/partner with the farm. More detailed information can be on the farm website, but the offers will be evaluated near the end of February.

The Champs program would be a nice addition to the grocery store that will serve the N. Lawrence if possible.