

The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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Co-Chairs Elected

After four years of dedicated service, Avery Schwer stepped down from his post as AEPNA president. He presented a slate of officers that included the current officers for Secretary (Tim Potter), Treasurer (Eileen Slane), Membership & Bylaws Director (Scott Swanson), Community Service/



Beautification Director (Katie Blesener), Social Director, (Lois Ourada), Media Director (Mike Kresnik), Communication Director (Therese McGrath), and in a twist, Co-Chairs (Leah Meyer and Julie Dierberger) in the place of President. The slate was accepted as presented by acclamation.

Leah works at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) in Military and Veteran Services. She is pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration. Julie works at the UNO Service Learning Academy. She is completing her PhD in Educational Leadership. They will bring great energy to our organization!

Letter from the Co-Chairs

We want to thank Avery and the board for the many wonderful accomplishments over the past four years – from the most recent playground equipment in Schroeder/Vogel Park to the many social events that gave all neighbors a chance to get to know each other. We're looking forward to continuing that momentum!

We are excited to represent AEPNA and work with neighbors on your ideas to advance the neighborhood as well as support residents through any concerns.

Both of us would love to hear your ideas, thoughts, or just to hear from you to say 'hello!' Feel free to write to us at any time directly or email the AEPNA board at AEPNA1@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to working with you!

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Next Meeting
Thurs. Mar. 17
6:30 PM
St. Matthews Church
1725 S. 60th

Candidate Forum
meet local
candidates and
representatives

Bring a friend or
two!

Meeting Schedule:
3rd Thursday, every
other month

Campus Developments

Several speakers from UNO's development office presented on the status of two campus developments.

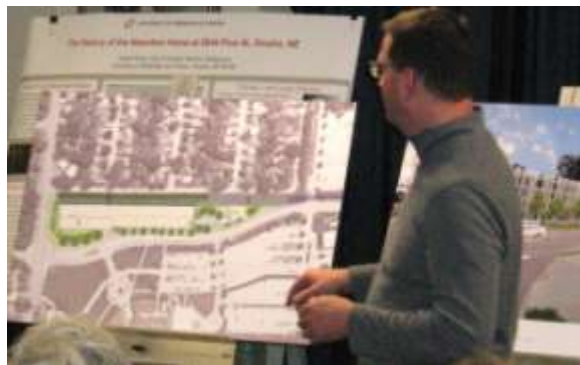
Housing

The student residence at 67th & Pine Streets will have 134 units with 425 beds for student housing and an academic center with amenities on the first floor. Due to be completed by April of 2017, the residence will have an interior quadrangle-type green space for recreation, and lots of greenery around the building.



Parking

Presenters also shared the plans for the 1,200 stall parking structure that will be cut into the hill running south from 64th & Pacific. (see green on map below)



Since it will be earth-bound on one side, the designers wanted to make it as light and airy as possible, so they came up with a facing that will evoke a bed of reeds. They will use 6-inch panels of concrete as the "skin" and glass stairwells to admit natural light.

This structure is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2017. It should help allay neighborhood concerns about student parking on the side streets.

AEPNA Business Members

What businesses in the neighborhood are missing from this list?

Encourage nearby businesses to actively support the neighborhood association by becoming business members. Use the membership form on page 4 or send them to AEPNA's Facebook page.

A Couple Things
Anderson Industrial Engines Co.
Bluestone Development
Canvas and Cabernet, Aksarben Village
Cars R'Us Auto Body
Clouty Tree Massage
Courtyard by Marriott/Aksarben Village
Elmwood Pharmacy
Elmwood Tower
Gold Coast Real Estate
Gotta Be Me
Hertz Equipment Rental
Hy-Vee
Kids DIY Studio
Learning Headquarters
Life Gate Church
LIV Lounge
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Noddle Companies
Olsson Associates
Pinhook Flats
Pruitt Outdoor Power
Residence Inn by Marriott/Aksarben Village
Sandra Turner Real Estate
Security National Bank /Aksarben Village
Shurson Publishing
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Tasty Pastry
The Gourmet Granola
Tracks
UNO College of Business, Pacific Campus
UNO Board of Regents

Please patronize our business members and encourage other businesses not listed here to join. A vibrant business community supports a vibrant residential community and keeps our neighborhood walkable!

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January Business Meeting - Record Turnout!

Nearly 80 neighbors and guests attended the January business meeting. Some the first-time attendees had lived in the neighborhood as long as 40, 24 and 20 years, and one couple had moved in just 2 days before!

All of the attendees enjoyed looking at the neighborhood historical research project pieces which were pinned on walls and propped on easels around the room. The posters had been presented publicly by students in the University of Omaha Honors colloquium at a UNO event last month, and AEPNA invited the students to share them again at the meeting. Josiah, (below) who researched a home, was on hand to talk about the project.



Many attendees just enjoyed the great food and fellowship that are hallmarks of our meetings.



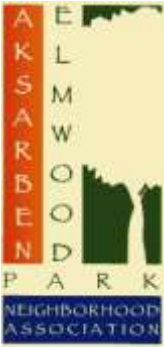
Chris and Barb Stratman attended the January meeting. Chris will contribute articles on environmental issues and sustainability to the newsletter. Watch for his articles here.



(Above) John Ashley's family has owned the land at 60th & Woolworth since 1924. He read the article about the Crestwood Store in last month's newsletter and attended the meeting with some artifacts from the family businesses that have operated there.



Attendees browse the posters of homes.



Time to renew your AEPNA membership!

Membership runs calendar year

Use this form or sign up & pay online by
using the PayPal link on our Facebook page

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please include me in the neighborhood roster Yes No

Household - \$10/1 year; \$20/2 years; \$25/3 years

Business - \$20/1 year; \$40/2 years; \$50/3 years

New Renewal Gift (a great for your thoughtful neighbor!)

Please make check payable to Aksarben-Elmwood Park NA

Mail to: 1302 S. 56 St. Omaha, NE 68106



Dates to remember:

March 4-5, 2016 – Restore Omaha Conference

Fort Omaha campus of Metropolitan Community College



The 11th Restore Omaha Conference will feature 15 breakout sessions with topics ranging from researching the history of your home, maintaining historic landscapes, adhering to infill design guidelines, maintaining wood floors and old windows, as well as the latest on the restored Burlington Station. About 30 exhibitors, including craftsmen, history organizations and business and community groups, will be on hand to answer questions and share information.

Our 2016 Conference Keynote is Scott Sidler, author of "The Craftsman Blog." Sidler owns Austin Home Restorations, is author of "Living in the Past," contributing writer to "Fine Home Building" magazine and The National Trust for Historic Preservation. Sidler has been featured in "This Old House" magazine. His popular weekly blog offers practical tips to address old-home problems. Register before February 25 and be entered into a drawing for a free home consultation with Scott Sidler the morning of March 4.

Cost to attend the reception and conference is \$70 (Saturday Conference \$50, Friday evening Reception: \$25) Attend the Friday Pre-Conference session for an additional fee of \$50. Restoration Exchange members receive a discount. For more information and to register call (402) 679-5854.

For complete details and video of past conferences, go to www.restoreomaha.org.

March 17, 2016 – AEPNA Business Meeting – candidate forum 6:30 – 8:30 St. Matthew's Church 1725 S. 60th St.