

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OUTCOMES

Meeting April 19, 2014, LMH Room D, South Called to Order at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Pat Miller, Glen Walker, Linda Bush, Lynette Littlejohn, Bart Littlejohn, Paul Liechti, Steve Braswell, Norma Pierce, Don Pierce, Melinda Toumi, Anne Shaw, Kim Heck Maureen Anderson, Brad Anderson, Jeff Burkhead, Matt Hall, Mike Gaughan, Paul Jefferson

Approvals of Meeting Agenda and March 15 Meeting Outcomes

Approved as presented. (Meeting outcomes were approved at the conclusion of the meeting)

Treasurer's Report

PNA has \$2,300 in the bank; approx. \$100 in petty cash, and \$1,900 remaining in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant process was explained, and for the next grant cycle PNA will be increasing its grant request amount to \$7,400. Neighborhood communication and organization are top priorities for CDBG and this amount will help to fund a coordinator for PNA.

LAN Update

LAN (Lawrence Area Neighborhoods) was explained and its goal to promote the value of neighborhoods and issues that can potentially impact them. Pinckney residents are encouraged to attend LAN's meetings, which are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Linda Bush and Steve Braswell are Pinckney's representatives.

Business Items

- **Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park** - the park development is on schedule. Pinckney residents are asked to help with a clean up on Sat., April 26, 2-4 p.m. Meet at 2nd and Illinois. Ribbon cutting will be on Fri., May 2 at 4 p.m. **Action:** Need to add these dates/requests to website/ Facebook.
- **PNA Fundraising** - the goal is \$1,300 in cash; businesses can purchase items for PNA and in-kind donations are appreciated, but cash is desired. A sign-up sheet to assist with fundraising was routed and fundraising committee is to be set by May 1. **Action:** Review/prepare the formal request letter.
- **Potluck Picnic** - Date is set for June 21, pending the availability of the Clinton Park shelter. Executive Committee is empowered to change the date if the shelter is not available. A food drive will be conducted in conjunction with this event. A sign-up sheet to assist with the picnic was routed. **Action:** Need to make signs at the May meeting.
- **Curbside Brush Pick-up** - Steve Braswell to work with the city to set a date post-Memorial Day. Ideal dates are June 3 or 10. Steve to find out about city requirements/restrictions on the materials.
- **Rezoning Medical Arts** - PNA received a notice for rezoning at Medical Arts Pharmacy. More information is needed, but it appears to be a small variance for permeable surface parking.

Announcements

- **Better Blocks Lawrence** - Final Fridays April 26 event will feature information on a sustainable arts district along 9th St.
- **Prescription Drug Take Back Day** - Over the counter and prescription drugs can be dropped off at two locations on April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the short-term parking lot next to the county courthouse and the Lawrence Police Department at 4820 Bob Billings. No questions are asked.
- **Lawrence Comprehensive Plan** - PNA residents are encouraged to attend the process planning meetings to develop the next "horizon 20/20". Next meeting is April 29, 6-8 p.m. at City Hall.
- **PNA Communications** - the next newsletter will be a postcard, which will have information about the brush pick up, picnic and May meeting. It should go out in early May.

May Meeting Agenda & Guests

- Picnic and food drive planning
- Pedestrian Coalition - desired as a guest presenter
- Emergency planning - desired as a guest presenter
- Hold off on Community Village Lawrence - still in formation stage

Meeting was officially adjourned at 11 a.m. Guest speakers David Johnson, CEO, Bert Nash and Officer Trent McKinley, LPD Neighborhood Resource Officer gave short presentations and answered questions.

Safety Presentation - Key Points

LPD

- Statistics do not show any increase in reported crime over the previous several years in the Pinckney Neighborhood. Police encourage neighborhoods to watch for and report anything that makes them feel unsafe.
- Calls to 911 emergency should be clear and specific.
 - Describe in detail what behavior is making you feel unsafe;
 - Describe any physical dangers, whether there is harm occurring or could occur to the person or to yourself.
 - Always say “yes” to the dispatcher’s question about wanting to be contacted by an officer. Officers can call you rather than come to your door, if you feel their presence might compromise your anonymity.
- All officers have mental health training including parking meter officers, animal control, etc. because they come into contact with a large population
- If there are concerns about too many people in a house, unofficial ‘halfway houses’, contact code enforcement, Brian Jimenez.

Bert Nash

- Bert Nash has an aggressive homeless outreach program. They do not believe any Bert Nash patient is staying overnight in Burcham Park to be in close proximity for their appointments.
- Mental health patients typically do not seek to be highly visible; they are 11 times more likely to be a victim of a crime than a perpetrator.
- Bert Nash does not have a halfway house in the Pinckney neighborhood.

The LPD and Bert Nash work closely together to address situations of mental illness. This is not the case with many cities and police departments.

For training, the Police and Sheriff’s departments offer citizens’ academies, and Bert Nash offers a mental health first aid class.