

## Minutes

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 17, 2014, 10:00 am

Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Room D North

**Participants:** Pat Miller, Linda Bush, Paul Liechti, Steve Braswell, Norma Pierce, Melinda Toumi, Kim Heck, Maureen Anderson, Brad Anderson, Paul Jefferson.

President Pat Miller called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The agenda was approved with the addition of "Announcements."

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Bush reported a PNA bank balance of \$2,321.50, petty cash \$100, and \$1,919.29 remaining of the current Community Development Block Grant. The CDBG fiscal year extends to July 31, and the funds will be used for a newsletter to be printed and mailed in late May/early June, an "Every Door Direct Mailing," and other communication expenses.

CDBG 2014/2015 Award: Our grant proposal was approved less 2 percent because of a shortfall of funding. The award of \$7,541 will be available Aug 1, 2014. The funds provide for communication expenses and salary for a coordinator.

**Lawrence Area Neighborhoods Report:** Steve Braswell, secretary of LAN, provided the following highlights from the last meeting:

- New city rental regulations will be applied first to single-family zoned-rentals, beginning July 1.
- The city solid-waste facility has received a \$200,000 grant for its move to Kresge Road in North Lawrence.
- A proposal to change the organization of city Economic Development efforts and funding was presented and discussed.
- The Voter Education Coalition made a presentation.
- The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition made a presentation.

Linda Bush, LAN chair, added that the meeting including presentations on bicycling, and she noted that people with concerns about the city budget should email city commissioners before the vote on Tuesday, May 20.

### Business Items

- Curbside Bulk Brush Pickup: Arranged by Steve Braswell, this event will take place June 2 and the following few days. This will be included on the Every Door postcard. Braswell noted that residents should put out brush on Sunday or early Monday (June 2) to ensure pickup. A Parks and Rec chipper truck will make the rounds of the neighborhood. It is possible to keep the chips from one's own brush if the resident makes the request of the driver at the time of the pickup.
- Rezoning Variance, Medical Arts Parking Lot: Pat Miller attended the meeting and reported that the developer's plan for razing a house and expanding parking was altered to meet the concerns of a business neighbor.
- Annual Potluck Picnic & Food Drive: Set for June 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clinton Park. Music by John Lomas and Bill Crahan has been gifted by an anonymous donor. There will be a meeting of volunteers at a date TBD, to nail down traditional arrangements including bounce house, water jug popcorn machine, and grilling equipment. A proposal to purchase new yard signs to advertise PNA's two annual events, spring picnic and fall Trunk or Treat, passed unanimously.
- PNA Fundraising 2014: The committee announced a goal of \$1,300 to make up the difference between the requested CDBG award and the amount needed to continue operations as in the past. Also, the committee hopes to raise funds and in-kind donations to pay for picnic expenses. To keep track of solicitations, the group has considered using Google forms, but it was determined to be too time consuming.
- Publicity: Every Door Delivery Postcard, May (before brush pickup and picnic), will be produced by Pat Miller based on previous years' documents. The co-secretaries were assigned to find out how to submit events to the Lawrence Journal World calendar of events.

**Announcements:**

**Pat Miller:** Public information meetings regarding the new rental licensing regulations are set for June 3, 10 a.m.-noon, Douglas County Fairgrounds Dreher Building, 2110 Harper St.; and June 18, 6-8 p.m. Lawrence Free State High School commons, 4700 Overland Drive. Additional information: [www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing)

**Melinda Toumi:** Replacement playground equipment for Burcham Park may be already budgeted. She is tracking this down.

**Paul Liechti:** A new water line will be installed along the west side of Mississippi Street. According to information provided at a public information meeting, the work will be done using "directional boring" every two blocks and should cause a minimum of disruption. The work will begin this summer between Fifth and Seventh streets.

**Norma Pierce:** A Garden Group meeting is planned for the afternoon May 25 at 1526 W Second Terrace, but additional information is needed from the group's chair, Cole Cottin.

**Norma Pierce:** An update and reprinting of the Pinckney Historical Walking Tour brochure. She has scanned a copy, but for good reproduction the original photographs are needed. Paul Liechti offered to get in touch with the original coordinator of the brochure, Sara Taliaferro. At the suggestion of several, Pierce will contact Katie Armitage, who provided guidance and some of the photos for the original brochure.

**Next meeting:** July 19, 2014 with the following possibly agenda items:

- Pedestrian Coalition / Sidewalks (unable to get speaker for May)
- Emergency Planning / Checking on Neighbors & Vulnerable Populations
- Hiring PNA Coordinator

**Adjournment:** 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Pierce