

Minutes
Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 19, 2014, 10:00 am
Lawrence Memorial Hospital meeting room

Participants: Paul Liechti, Norma Pierce, Melinda Toumi (chair), Paul Jefferson.

Call to Order: Vice President Melinda Toumi called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Agenda: Provided by Pat Miller and approved with the addition of two new business items (see below).

Minutes: Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Provided in the agenda: PNA bank balance of \$2,320, petty cash \$93 including cash donations of \$37.57 at the picnic, and \$1,255.65 remaining of the current Community Development Block Grant, useable up to July 31.

CDBG 2014/2015 Award: \$7,541 available Aug 1, 2014. Toumi will ask for email confirmation of receipt of funds prior to hiring coordinator.

Lawrence Area Neighborhoods Report: Toumi will request email report for the record.

Business

Newsletter. Pat Miller intends to mail newsletter prior to July 31, in order to use 2013-2014 grant funds for postage of approximately \$1,000. Toumi volunteered for the following content: picnic recap, JustFoods donation recap, requesting back-to-school info from Pinckney PTA president and principal, and fundraising/advertising opportunities.

Coordinator position. A brief review of last year's solicitation of applicants document included these concerns: need to state more forcefully the attractive elements of the job, such as gaining experience in marketable fields; the ambiguity of the phrase "living hourly wage"; a need to emphasize fundraising organization as a duty; and (small edit) inserting "complete" before "position description" in the fourth paragraph. Pierce was tasked with editing the document and sending it to Miller for the newsletter by the morning of July 21.

2013-2014 CDBG funds remaining: The group prioritized spending as 1) newsletter postage, 2) coordinator position advertising, 3) any remaining funds to be spend on postage stamps, paper and other office supplies needed by the coordinator.

PNA Fundraising 2013-2014. Toumi said the campaign did not happen, and the contributions for the picnic were in-kind from Bill Anderson (popcorn machine) and Fastlane (ice). She has the records of these.

New Business

Sidewalks: Paul Jefferson requested assistance with the poor condition of sidewalks near the intersection of Fourth and Maine streets, as being dangerous to himself and others walking to the bus stop. Because the property owner, in this case the Medical Arts Building, is responsible for the condition of the sidewalks by city regulation, it was decided that a PNA request for upkeep should be made to the building owner. Paul Liechti volunteered to find out the identity of a suitable person in the organization and then to make contact. This item led to a discussion of sidewalks in general. It was noted that many sidewalks in the neighborhood are non-existent or in poor condition, and the property owner's responsibility is the reason the current Sidewalk Coalition campaign is controversial.

Emergency Assistance to Vulnerable Residents in Catastrophic Situations: Toumi reported from her requests for information from Emergency Management and from the public housing authority. There appears to be no public plan for special attention to vulnerable people, and the reason probably is governmental privacy concerns about proactively identifying people as vulnerable in a public record. Nevertheless, there are vulnerable people in Pinckney who very much want to be identified thus. It was decided by unanimous vote to pursue a PNA system of recording information about vulnerable people who wish to be included and making it readily available to those who can help in emergencies.

Possible Impact of New Police Headquarters on Pinckney Elementary School: The article "School board discusses how potential new police headquarters has implications for district land use" in the July 14, 2014, issue of the *Lawrence Journal-World* raised concerns about the future ownership of Clinton Park and the Pinckney school property. Now city-owned and long-term leased to the school district, the property could end up district-owned in a complicated swap outlined at a recent school board meeting. It was decided that Toumi will draft a letter requesting complete information and clarification of these plans and expressing concern that such a swap could facilitate school closings in future. {URL: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/jul/14/potential-new-police-headquarters-could-pave-way-s/>}

Next meeting: August 16, 2014

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Pierce