

**Minutes: Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting
March 21, 2015, Lawrence Memorial Hospital Meeting Room**

Participants: Pat Miller, presiding; Melinda Toumi, Tanya Spacek, Emily Matteson, Steve Braswell, Paul Liechti, Lynette Littlejohn, Nathan Littlejohn, Lori Lange, Paul Jefferson, Norma Pierce.

Guests: Jacob S. Dorman, KU faculty of history, and Dave Lowenstein, artist.

Call to Order: 10:09 a.m. **Agenda:** Approved unanimously. **Minutes:** Approved unanimously.

Regarding posting minutes to the website: Pat said the procedure to post documents to our WordPress website has changed, and she will try to learn it and start making the approved minutes available. Meanwhile, those in attendance who provide email to the secretary will be sent draft minutes ahead of the next meeting.

Treasury Report

\$2,471.00	bank account (approx.)
\$200.00	petty cash (approx.)
\$4,720.00	2014-2015 CDBG (approx.)

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Pinckney's representative, Linda Bush, has resigned from her position as an officer; and Steve Braswell, who was elected PNA's alternate in February, will resume representing PNA at LAN meetings.

Emergency Preparedness Resources for Vulnerable Populations

Emily reported on her research, which includes an emergency plan in place by Douglas County Housing recording special needs of residents, and Smart911 implemented by Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The latter was proposed as an information booth topic at the annual picnic and a possible meeting topic in May.

Status of Property Development at 345 Florida St.

The developer's plan of high-density apartments, which would have required a zoning change, has been changed to six duplexes. The only variances required are changes to the easements, and these will be on the consent agenda at the March 24 City Commission meeting. Lynette, Lori, Tanya and Lori plan to attend and speak to PNA's support of development that preserves trees and provides off-street parking.

Upcoming City Events (Announcements)

KU Big Event volunteer day, KDOT open house on K-10 plan, Lawrence Public Works compost and woodchip openings, yard waste collections, Safe Routes to Schools meeting.

Guest Presentation

Jacob Dorman described his group's grant proposal for marking Lawrence sites associated with Langston Hughes's childhood here. His eight-year research has identified 34 sites, one of which is Pinckney School. Murals designed by Lawrence artist Dave Lowenstein will honor the poet. In addition, the project will include a digital component and the training of tour guides. The project already has a number of prominent partners, including the Lawrence Public Library. The PNA offered a letter of support, and Dorman will provide addresses to Pat.

Future PNA Meetings and Events

- April 18, 10 a.m., new location 225 Maine St.: Focus on neighborhood plan revision. Pat will provide an outline.
- May 16, 10 am: Possible speaker from Tenants to Homeowners organization.
- June 13: Annual potluck picnic. Previously scheduled for June 20, with park and other reservations made. Melinda was asked to research possibility of changing the reservations to June 13. JustFood will be the beneficiary of donations, according to unanimous vote.
- Park clean up scheduled tentatively for Oct 3, 2015.
- Trunk or Treat set for Oct 24, 2015.
- Lynette's attempts to schedule a neighborhood Bulk Brush Pick-up with Public Works have been unsuccessful. Steve offered to help.

Request for volunteer

Pat asked for a member to design a MailChimp template to improve the appearance of the PNA e-newsletter, and Lori agreed to the assignment.

Adjournment: 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Norma Pierce