

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OUTCOMES

March 19, 2016

LMH Meeting Room D South

Meeting called to Order at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Steve Braswell, Kim Heck, Paul Liechti, Pat Miller, Lance Fahy, Lynette Littlejohn, Bart Littlejohn, M Balia Thomas, Logan Saman, Dave Barrett, Barbara Sufian, Paul Jefferson. Everyone introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report

PNA has \$2,234.68 left in its CDBG grant; coordinator expenses (\$1500) allow ~ \$734 for communications. PNA has ~ \$2,000 in the bank; \$85 in petty cash. PNA PO Box should have a reimbursement from the city. **(L. Fahy to check)**

LAN Update

Two main issues were discussed: 1) Housing: affordable, rehabbing older houses vs. building new; Lawrence has no regulations regarding affordable housing; 2) Safe routes to school will be an ongoing discussion item.

Pinckney School Site Council Update

Pinckney School will be moving to East Heights for the next school year. Volunteers are needed to help pack at the end of May. The tunnel artwork is being stored and will be retouched. PNA will be notified in advance of when the tunnel will be closed. During move prep, historical information has been found. Watkins and Spencer are preserving it.

New Agenda Items

Lawrence Public Library, Community Health Crisis Center, Bus Route Changes were added to the agenda.

Business/News Items/Announcements

- **Next year's block grant.** Funding will be announced soon and will most likely be split equally among the four participating neighborhoods, which should give PNA approximately \$5,400.
- **Downtown Grocery Store:** Price Chopper is a contender. Checkers has not shown further interest. Parking, lease agreement, approval by neighbors in Hobbs Taylor, and other issues continue to plague its forward movement.
- **PNA Picnic:** June 18 in Clinton Park. A social project needs to be determined. Ideas discussed/assignments made: need water & electricity on **(L. Fahy)**; B. Sufian needs previous fundraising contacts **(K. Heck)**; need more booths, i.e. League of Women voters; consider having a historian talk about PNA (Mrs. Reiter or Katie Armitage); consider renting one item from Andersons, rather than asking for all free; need to secure rentals soon especially the bounce house **(B. Sufian)**; consider snow cones over popcorn or cotton candy; kids love helium balloons, even though they are not too environmentally friendly; publicity is needed, i.e. fliers, postcards, signs, word of mouth.
- **Parks Cleanup.** April 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet at Clinton Park. **(S. Braswell to bring bags and will remind the City of this event)** Parks to be cleaned: Woody, Constant, Clinton, Trail, Sandra Shaw, Burcham. Need communication about this event: PNA **(L Fahy)** Pinckney School **(P. Miller)**
- **Lawrence Public Library Outreach.** LPL is gathering data to help the library better meet neighborhoods' needs.
- **Community Mental Health Crisis Center.** This center is being proposed to be built near the Sandra Shaw Park in our neighborhood. PNA has not been included in discussions. Bert Nash to be contacted for information/May mtg.
- **Bus Route Changes:** Changes to the bus route that serves the hospital will require crossing 6th St. at Maine, which poses great pedestrian safety concerns. **Moved to Action:** *Motion proposed by S. Braswell:* PNA to write a letter outlining the safety concerns and speak at a City Commission or other pertinent meetings, as necessary. *Motion carries* **(P. Miller/L. Fahy to write); (P. Miller to contact OWL)**
- **Mosquitos:** Douglas County Ext. has no plans for community education on mosquito control; the City has no plans for treating public places. Concerned residents are to go to the CDC website. PNA will continue to discuss.
- **Oread Neighborhood Plan Presentation:** March 25 at noon at City Hall. **K. Heck & B. Sufian to attend.**
- **Letter to Support Go 4th** – a letter was written in support of July 4 at Burcham with attention to traffic/parking.
- **Compost/Woodchip Distribution** – March 24-26 at the City's Composting Facility
- **Earth Day** – April 23

Approval of January Minutes - *Motion by S. Braswell to accept the Feb. outcomes as presented. Motion carries.*

Future Meeting Dates - April 16 – Amy Miller, Planning Dept.; **May 21** – Bert Nash/Potluck; **No June Mtg.**; **July 16**- tbd
Meeting adjourned at 11:55