

# PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OUTCOMES

Meeting January 16, 2021

Zoom meeting

Called to Order at 10:04 a.m.

## **Meeting Participants**

Bart Littlejohn, Pat Miller, Kate Kuzmyak, Nick Kuzmyak, Eleanor Gardner, Paul Jefferson, Dave Loewenstein, Ernest Richardson, Sandra Liehti, Josh Spence, Anne Shaw, Chris & Lara Burger, Paul Liehti, Lori Lange, Lisa Larsen

## **Call to Order/Approval of August Meeting Outcomes**

- Meeting called to order at 10:04 by Bart
- Pat moves to approve the agenda and meeting outcomes from November, Nick seconds and motion carries.

## **Speakers/Presentations (1:24)**

- Dave Loewenstein – Between the rock and a hard place
- Funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- This project is also led by Pauline Sharp – Kaw tribal member – her grandmother was Chief of the Kanza nation when rock was moved 1929
- To find out more information: <https://www.robinsonpark1929.com/>
- This project addresses The Big Red Rock & the situation with Robinson Park as a whole is separate from the Kaw Nation and their relationship with the City – working together, but the two groups are separate
- Letter from Kaw Nation to City is on the website
- Lots of ways to get engaged
  - Get familiar with the park
  - Creating a field guide while exploring the park
- Next steps to move from community engagement phase to actually moving to the Flint Hills outside of Council Grove
  - Looking at grant to help with moving rock
  - Reimagining Robinson Park
  - Rename the park – currently named for Charles Robinson, first mayor of Lawrence – learn more about him on the website
- Robinson is a part of Pinckney neighborhood
- On agenda at next Tuesday's City Commission meeting – discussion of the letter from the Kaw Nation to the City of Lawrence

## **Treasurer's Report (21:04)**

- Checking balance = \$370.59
- Put in request for reimbursement for coordinator fees and newsletter \$1397.18
- Savings balance = \$223.40
- Petty cash = \$154.29
- 2020/2021 grant award was \$2889 and have spent \$2784.89 of that (used funding on coordinator fees and newsletter so far)

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- Thoughts of setting up go fund me page for collection of dues and monies for coordinator fees
- Re-invigorate finance committee? And bring thoughts back to next PNA committee meeting
- Grant will last us through January 2021
- Need to pay for post-office box – Pat is addressing this
- Had a newsletter go out in Fall 2020

### Updates, Reports, Upcoming Events, Future Meetings & Activities: (41:30)

- Pinckney name committee – renaming Pinckney Neighborhood
  - Information shared in LJ World
  - Bart attended NAACP meeting in town and shared information about it there
  - Neighborhood decided to rename neighborhood and is now trying to decide what to rename neighborhood
  - Will do initial vote on names in February to narrow down name options, then vote again
  - Currently have 80 name suggestions – all name suggestions need to be received by February 12 – submit to <http://www.pinckneyneighborhood.org/>
  - Pat suggested consideration of additional changes that need to take place after a new name is decided on for the neighborhood
- CDBG funding will follow the same matrix as last year
  - Grant application is due in the beginning of February 2021
  - Bart is working on draft
  - City is working on the Strategic plan which considers alternative sources of funding for neighborhoods besides CDBG funding
  - Discussed some possible transportation funding opportunities that might benefit bus stops in area
- All board positions will be open for election in February 2021
  - Please apply if interested or reach out if you have questions!
- Update on Woody Park
  - 22 people living there currently
  - Getting quicker at accepting people/finding people more permanent housing situations
  - A couple of concerns raised
  - Have replace heaters
  - Camp space will close at end of March
  - The City has a group working on finding more permanent housing for community members
  - Not accepting additional donations at this time – at capacity
- Pat provided a LMH update
- McCray Lumber is expanding
- Nick may try to transition LAN rep seat to someone else in the near future.

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- Suggestion of participation in a White Ribbon Campaign to show support for healthcare workers – Lori will work with Eleanor to try and get the word out.

*Meeting adjourned by acclimation at 11:48 am.*

*\*Zoom timestamps shown in parenthesis*

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