

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OUTCOMES

Meeting April 17, 2021

Zoom meeting

Called to Order at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Bart Littlejohn, Pat Miller, Kate Kuzmyak, Nick Kuzmyak, Eleanor Gardner, Josh Spence, Jen & David Unekis, Glen & Kristen Walker, Shane Heiman, Kim Heck, Melinda Lavon, Njeri Shomari, Lori Lange, Paul Liechti, Anne Shaw

Call to Order/Approval of Meeting Outcomes

- Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Bart
- Bart asked members to review previous meeting minutes
- Pat moved to approve the agenda and meeting outcomes from March 2021, Josh seconded and motion carries.

Meeting Business, Neighborhood Updates, Etc.

- 1:50 timestamp on Zoom recording -- Pat suggested that everyone in the meeting introduce themselves. All 17 meeting participants did so.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT**
4:31 timestamp -- Pat provided Treasurer's Report:
 - \$1495.96 in checking
 - \$223.46 in savings
 - \$169.29 in petty cash
 - TOTAL: \$1888.71 (this includes all expenses/fees through March)
 - Upcoming expenses: coordinator fees for April, May, June; \$18 domain name reg; \$185 Zoom cost; possible newsletter or postcard at cost of \$600-1000
 - If we opt not to do a newsletter, remaining expenses this year would total around \$743
 - CDBG Grant Update: PNA was allotted \$2889 and as of March 2021 all grant monies are used
- 6:44 timestamp -- Pat reported on next year's grant funding situation
 - City proposing that neighborhood associations receive NO CDBG monies. City staff feel that neighborhoods do not fit well into CDBG categories for funding anyway.
 - Planning & Development staff proposing alternative funding from City budget for neighborhood associations instead. They are proposing that PNA receive \$1204 for remainder of grant year (Aug - Dec 2021)
 - Staff also recommending that the 4 current NA's receive City funding in 2022, and in 2023 all low/mod neighborhoods would receive some funding (for equity sake)
 - Pat Miller to attend upcoming City Commission meeting to speak about why neighborhoods are important to fund
 - Pat is okay with neighborhoods not receiving CDBG funds as she agrees the categories don't fit well and it puts us in competition with other agencies that we would benefit from developing partnerships with
 - 14:34 timestamp -- Bart stated that he agrees with Pat's assessment re: future funding
 - 16:39 timestamp -- Eleanor recalled that Jen Unekis had developed a relationship with LMH for free printing of newsletters and postcards, which would relieve financial pressures in future as well

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- 17:27 timestamp -- Pat stated that PNA should become a 501(c)-registered entity for tax purposes. This could help with receiving more donations of goods and services. However, Kim Heck pointed out that PNA would not constitute a 501(c)3 CHARITY, but maybe a 501(c)4 tax-exempt organization.

● SECOND ATTEMPT AT PNA OFFICER ELECTIONS

- 22:32 timestamp -- Bart opened up call for nominations for open PNA officer positions
 - Josh Spence nominated himself for Vice President
 - Shane Heiman nominated himself for any open position
 - Kim Heck nominated herself to serve in an interim capacity in the Secretary role
 - 26:33 timestamp -- Pat noted the terms on these positions:
 - President = 2 years
 - VP = 1 year due to Nick K. leaving mid-term
 - Secretary = 1 year due to Kate K. leaving mid-term
 - 27:46 timestamp -- Bart closed the nominations
 - At 28:38 timestamp, all those present voted “aye” for Shane Heiman to become President. Shane Heiman elected new PNA President.
 - At 30:12 timestamp, all those present voted “aye” for Josh Spence to become Vice President. Josh Spence elected new PNA Vice President.
 - At 30:58 timestamp, all those present voted “aye” for Kim Heck to temporarily become Secretary. Kim Heck elected new PNA Secretary (Interim).
 - Note: Pat Miller previously elected PNA Treasurer at the February elections.
 - 33:50 timestamp -- Pat recommended that new officers gather in-person (socially distant) to discuss transition details

● NEIGHBORHOOD RENAMING EFFORT UPDATE

- 34:28 timestamp -- Eleanor provided an update on the Neighborhood Renaming Effort.
 - Voting ballot postcards were distributed to all residents. First round of voting open April 1- May 1. Current vote tally at 200. Currently there are 12 name options which will be whittled down to 4 finalists. A final round of voting will take us from 4 name options to ultimate selection of new neighborhood name. Final vote to take place later this spring.
 - 36:25 timestamp -- David Unekis listed top 4 current names: Pinkney, Riverbend, Woody Park, Burcham Park. But voting still open through May 1, so this will likely change.
 - 38:54 timestamp -- Lori Lange asked where elementary school stands on renaming issue. Bart responded that they are following neighborhood’s progress but not addressing name issue due to COVID focus. They plan to address it at a later time.

● OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

- 40:36 timestamp -- Bart gave a recap on the homeless encampment at Woody Park.
 - Camp ran from mid-October to March 31. 33 homeless people were provided tent housing, 11 of which were placed in permanent housing. Overall went smoothly, but City will not host any future homeless camps at Woody Park.
 - 45:39 timestamp -- Melinda Lavon said that City should have goal of a HOUSING solution in future, instead of temporary camping. She suggested that residents vote for people committed to housing the homeless (e.g., tiny homes) at the next City Commission election.

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- 46:15 timestamp -- Josh Spence asked about any future clean-up's planned for abandoned homeless camps in the woods in our neighborhood. Bart said he did not know of any, but would reach out to Derek Rogers at P&R to inquire. Jen Unekis asked that Bart also inquire about the City leaving large dumpsters in the parks so that homeless campers could clean up after themselves.
- 50:09 timestamp -- Bart provided an update regarding construction planned for Maine St. north of 2nd along the Crisis Center. Construction to begin April 19 and run through end of October. Access to Sandra Shaw Park will be temporarily closed for a week or two (PNA will receive a heads up before this occurs). Construction to be done in sections that so that people who live in trailer park can access their homes.
- 55:40 timestamp -- Lori Lange provided an update about the Supporting Staff of Douglas County Schools ribbon campaign. Runs May 2-8. Any color ribbons to show support. Eleanor to share info on PNA social media.
- 57:40 timestamp -- Bart stated that City inviting public to listening sessions re: Multimodal Transportation Facility on April 21 at either 12-1:30pm or 6-8pm.
- Shane and Josh to attend next LAN meeting, and Nick to rotate off as the PNA rep.
- 1:00:08 timestamp -- Kristen Walker asked whether City will be doing anything to address portion of Burcham Park trail that is falling into the river. Nobody knew about any efforts. Bart will ask Derek Rogers at P&R.
- **END OF MEETING**
1:06:55 timestamp -- David Unekis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul Liechti seconded.

Meeting adjourned by agreement at 11:15am.