

Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Resolution to Change the Name of Pinckney Neighborhood to Pinkney Neighborhood

WHEREAS, the neighborhood located in Lawrence, Kansas north of 6th Street and bounded on the east by the Kansas River and the west by Iowa Street/McDonald Drive has long been known by the name “Pinckney Neighborhood”;

WHEREAS, from approximately 1912, the name “Pinckney” has been associated with Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, who was a Revolutionary War general and a pro-slavery plantation owner from South Carolina and one of the most ardent defenders of slavery at the Constitutional Convention, arguing that South Carolina and other southern states would not ratify the Constitution if there were a move toward the emancipation of slaves, or even if the slave trade were abolished; and celebrated the inclusion of the Fugitive Slave Clause that had been written by his cousin, Charles Pinckney;

WHEREAS, recent historical research has indicated that the original name for what is now known as 6th Street was “Pinkney Street”, as shown in the original 1854 map of Lawrence, Kansas, as well as the only other surviving pre-Quantrill’s raid map of the town from 1857, created by the abolitionist founders of the city in honor of William Pinkney, the author of an influential anti-slavery document;

WHEREAS, residents of the Pinckney Neighborhood and the Pinckney Neighborhood Association determined it was appropriate to reconsider the name of the neighborhood because of the connection of that name with a prominent proponent of slavery;

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Name Committee was formed by neighborhood volunteers in June 2020, including both active members of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association and other residents of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Neighborhood Name Committee was to consider the name of the neighborhood in light of current events, to conduct research on the neighborhood’s history, to engage the community with the information gathered and to survey community desire to change the neighborhood name or not;

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Name Committee, in coordination with the Pinckney Neighborhood Association, executed a stepwise process to engage all residents of the neighborhood to 1) vote on whether to change the neighborhood name, the result being affirmative, 2) solicit options for a new name for the neighborhood, 3) vote on narrowing the neighborhood name options from the twelve most commonly submitted names to the four top choices, the results being “Cameron’s Woods”, “Pinkney”, “Riverbend” and “Woody Park”, and 4) participate in a final vote on the new neighborhood name between the four top name choices, the result being “Pinkney”; and

WHEREAS, research regarding the history of the neighborhood name and the names Pinkney and Pinckney with respect to Lawrence, Kansas, information about the Neighborhood Name Committee, and information about the neighborhood engagement and voting process, and results of all voting regarding the neighborhood name change have been and are now posted on the Pinckney Neighborhood Association’s website; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that:

1. The neighborhood in Lawrence, Kansas north of 6th Street and bounded by the Kansas River on the east and Iowa Street/McDonald Drive on the west shall henceforth be known as "PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD";
2. All information relevant to the neighborhood shall be changed from Pinckney to Pinkney as soon as practicable;
3. The neighborhood association for the neighborhood shall henceforth be known as the "PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION"; and
4. All information associated with the neighborhood association and all correspondence from the neighborhood association shall be changed from Pinckney Neighborhood Association to Pinkney Neighborhood Association" as soon as practicable.

Resolution Offer by: David Unekis

Resolution Seconded by: Kristen Walker

Affirmed after a voice vote in favor of this Resolution:

For the organization:

Shane Heiman

Shane Heiman, President
Pinckney/Pinkney Neighborhood Association

Date: July 17, 2021