

PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OUTCOMES

Meeting Zoom: Jan. 21, 2023 Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS: Kim Heck; Shane Heiman, Josh Spence, Pat Miller, Lori Lange, Eleanor Gardner, Anne Shaw, Jeff Burkhead, Rich Lockhart, Myrone Grady, Rich Llewellyn, Suzy Green, Peggi Englehart, Ann Lavaty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the Agenda with flexibility (there will not be a presentation by the Lawrence Public Library). *Motion by J. Spence, 2nd by E. Gardner. Voice/hand raise vote. Motion carries.*

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS RICH LOCKHART (POLICE DEPT. CHIEF) AND MYRONE GRADY (POLICE DEPT. LT. - ENGAGEMENT/DIVERSITY)

Although Pinkney is generally safe, concerns were expressed by participants with R. Lockhart responding:

Crime & Personal Safety

- Call 911 if you see something or are a victim of a crime. Crimes often happen in patterns and reporting give a more complete picture to police and helps facilitate results.
- PNA falls into one area of a quad system where the same officers are assigned. Knowing the local officers who patrol the neighborhood builds community and better problem solving. LKPD is re-exploring the defunct Community Resource Officers program, which was in place about 6 years ago.
- LKPD is considering a “foot patrol” in Pinkney similar to the one implemented downtown. It brings more visibility to law enforcement, deters crime and increases feelings of safety. Having walking/biking patrols on park trails is desired.
- A personal safety seminar can be presented to the neighborhood. There is also a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design program that residents can individually request. It covers items that can be improved outside homes using natural surveillance techniques, i.e., vegetation, lighting to make homes less of a target. PNA can promote this program in advance of the KU Big Event so that residents can use KU students to make improvements.
- Motorized vehicles on sidewalks/trails are not allowed. LPRD will be contacted for ideas/solutions on how to deter.

Speeding

- This is a huge problem in PNA, especially on Indiana, which allows parking on both sides of the street.
- Other areas with speeding problems include Michigan, 4th St., and McDonald Drive. PNA has multiple speed limits.
- Offenders are not just residents but KU crew, Lawrence public works workers, hospital employees and police.
- Education is needed for all parties. Calming devices will be explored, i.e., speed trailers.

Lighting

- LKPD can facilitate lighting improvements relative to safety and will coordinate with the correct city department.

Staffing has been an issue; there is optimism that LKPD will be fully staffed by the end of summer – something that has not happened for many years. LKPD is supportive of appearing at community events and its presence was much appreciated at the Trunk-or-Treat.

For additional information or concerns, email rlockhart@LKPD.org.

PRESENTATION BY GUEST RICH LLEWELLYN (FIRE & MEDICAL - CHIEF)

- Lawrence has 5 fire stations; 2 that are EMS only, which are located in Baldwin and Eudora. Pinkney is served by the nearby 7th & Kentucky station.
- The department recently was re-accredited; it also achieved ISO Class 1 rating, which is a highly coveted designation and is looked favorably on by insurance companies as they set rates for Douglas County residents and businesses.
- 2022 was its busiest year providing 16,000 responses.
- Campfires are responded to. The fire department has guidelines to be sure campfires are safe and will not spread; miscellaneous fire-setting, such as weed burning is not allowed and should be reported.
- The Fire Department is supportive of community events and its presence was much appreciated at the Trunk-or-Treat.

Guests were thanked for their presentations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Account balances:** Checking \$2,479.75; Savings \$223.67; Petty cash \$173.21

- **Upcoming expenses:** P O Box rental; coordinator fees for December; newsletter printing and postage.
- **Grant:** A report on grant usage for 2022 will be sent to the City. PNA should receive its first 2023 grant allocation of \$2500 in April.

REPORTS

- **President's Report** – The results of Adopt-a-Family will be provided later during the meeting.
- **LAN Report.** There was no report.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- The Lawrence Public Library will be invited to present at the Feb. meeting.
- **Adopt a Family debrief.** PNA was able to provide almost all of the desired items for the family including 2 new car tires plus nearly \$800 in gift cards. It was a very rewarding experience for all involved; the family was so appreciative. Next year, it would be beneficial to begin communication about the program earlier, possibly in early to mid-November. A challenge is getting the family wish list at that time. Although the neighborhood was very generous, many of the donations came in last-minute, and it was concerning that the gifting would not be robust. School families would benefit from ongoing support from PNA, especially in the summer and at back-to-school. S. Heiman to reach out to Schools Foundation on what we can do for back-to-school and to Pinckney Elementary for ideas on providing support other than at Christmas time.
- **PNA Annual Meeting**
 - Elections for the offices of Treasurer and President are up for election at the February meeting (Feb. 18), which will take place via Zoom. Notification of the elections and open positions were posted in the newsletter and E-News.
 - P. Miller is willing to continue in the office of Treasurer, if there are no candidates.
 - S. Heiman can stay on in the position of President until someone is found (if there are no candidates) but due to work responsibilities he may have to resign. He is interested in staying involved in Trunk or Treat and Adopt a Family.
 - The collection of dues will be facilitated/announced during the annual meeting. Suggested dues are \$1 per person or \$2 per household. A collection box will be available on P. Miller's porch or residents can send to PNA's PO box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044.

MISCELLANEOUS

- S. Heiman will investigate LMH's policy for in-person meetings for PNA for the future, although Zoom is working well for participants.
- Parks & Rec has done an excellent job on Constant Park with landscaping and caring for the rock wall.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Spence; 2nd by P. Miller. A Yes Vote is indicated by leaving the Zoom. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.