

PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OUTCOMES

Meeting Zoom July 15, 2023 Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS: Kim Heck, Pat Miller, Josh Spence, Eleanor Gardner, Lori Lange, Anne Shaw, Paul Liechti, Felice Lavergne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA + PREVIOUS MEETING OUTCOMES

A motion was made to accept the Agenda with flexibility and one noted addition, Pinckney School Tunnel upkeep and the June Outcomes. *Motion by P. Miller, 2nd by K. Heck. Voice vote. Motion carries.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Account balances.** Checking \$344.64; Savings \$223.82; Petty cash \$155.65
- **Upcoming expenses.** Coordinator fees: May, June, July; plus, reimbursements due to P. Miller for expenses personally paid and future communications costs for a newsletter or postcard.
- **Grant funds.** All neighborhood associations funding from the city has been delayed until mid-July. PNA has not yet received it.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- **Felice Lavergne, Lawrence Public Transit:** She provided an update on the new route design which will be complete by Jan. 2, 2024 and includes two new routes; a poet laureate program; building delays in construction on the new central hub, which is at Bob Billings and Crestline; the free ride program for 2023 (which hopefully will extend beyond); interlining; training available on using the bus and its services; and pick-up on demand services similar to Uber or Lyft. All information is online at www.lawrencetransit.org

REPORTS

- **President's Report.** An email trail between S. Heiman and Hannah Ballard, city coordinator, Pallet Village project was reviewed. In it, President Heiman expressed his displeasure at the continued lack of communication to PNA about the village's progress. He has requested that she/another representative attend each PNA meeting in the future.
- **LAN Report.** The proposed decriminalization of parking fines by the city was reported. There is a study session on Aug. 7 of the multi-modal group. LAN would like to have an additional PNA rep at its meetings. No one volunteered for it full time; however, P. Miller and K. Heck said that they could attend occasionally. S. Heiman needs to be queried about his wishes.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Pallet Village Update.** There is no official report. PNA became aware of asbestos in one or more of the Veritas buildings, which is causing a delay to remove; tree trimming has commenced.
- **Pancake Brunch Debrief:** An estimated 50 people attended. \$293.00 was collected from participants, which more than covered the \$111.56 in expenses. 59.5 pounds of food was donated for Just Foods and \$110 was directly donated to PNA for the food bank. There were in-kind donations, too. Thanks to S. Heiman who paid for the rental of the griddle and utensils. The shopping list was updated and will be helpful next year. Also, for next year, it is suggested that a sign-in sheet be actively used to capture emails of those who attended and a presentation given on how neighborhood patrons can get involved in PNA.
- **Neighborhood Signage:** K. Heck, chair of the signage committee, will pull together research and craft potential sign copy for review by the Committee and Watkins Museum director Steve Nowak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lori Lange volunteered to be Pinkney's representative on the Lawrence Loop Steering Committee.
- Everygy is proposing rate hikes that will average an increase of \$14.24 per household. Residents should have received a letter. There are feedback forums on July 11 (Washburn), July 13 (KU Edwards campus), July 27 (Wichita).
- C-Tran is hiring for positions to open in the fall (will locate in the Pinckney school building)
- Pinckney School Tunnel has a team in place for its artwork maintenance/projects (approx. \$1400). The team asked PNA to hold these funds. PNA declined.
- Van Go has a Go Fund me page for two benches to locate at Hillcrest and Deerfield to recognize and welcome the Pinckney students going there.
- Community Garden at 3rd and Alabama needs volunteers. Their work days are Sat. 10 a.m. Reminder: do not spread the compost on the gardens and place any suitable items you wish to compost in the correct bins.

- Kevin Elliott is gathering items for a backpack give-away to the houseless. PNA residents are asked to donate. If PNA has excess funds, it could donate cash.

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Miller; 2nd by J. Spence. A Yes Vote is indicated by leaving the Zoom. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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