

PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OUTCOMES

Meeting: Zoom November 18, 2023 Called to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS: Kim Heck, Shane Heiman, Pat Miller, Lori Lange, Peggi Englehart, Rachel and Dustin Stumblingbear, Jen and David Unekis, McKenzie Clark, Cori Wallace, Kristin Demby

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the Agenda, with flexibility, and the addition of the Lawrence Loop plus the deletion of LMH Update. *Motion by P. Miller, 2nd by L. Lange. Voice/hand-raise vote. Motion carries.*

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING OUTCOMES

A motion was made to accept the October Outcomes: *Motion by P. Miller, 2nd by D. Unekis. Voice vote. Motion carries.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Account balances.** Checking \$2681.67; Savings \$223.91; Petty cash \$155.65.
- **Upcoming expenses.** Coordinator fees: Nov. thru Jan.; Newsletter fees.
- **Grant funds.** Received grant funds of \$2,500. Next allocation of \$2500 will be in April.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Lawrence Loop.** First committee meeting was held Nov. 9. During the week after Thanksgiving, a public meeting will be held. A challenge is linking Amtrack to Constant Park and to N. Lawrence. See the full loop map and projected final links at <https://lawrenceks.org/loop/>
- **Pallet Shelter Village.** Communications throughout the community about “The Village” (recognized nomenclature) has been robust including but not limited to Dec. LAN meeting, Dec. Chamber Policy meeting, postcards with detailed information to PNA residents, and upcoming open houses planned for Dec. – Jan. at which the Housing Crisis Plan will be discussed. Of note are the four populations qualified to live there: elderly, veterans, women without children who are fleeing domestic violence and persons with disabilities. Security provisions include background checks, no felons, no overnight guests, no visitors, no pets, no camping outside of the fencing, and each resident must sign an agreement. Many services will be located there including food service, case workers, public transit, Bert Nash, Willow, TRC, etc. It was noted that the KS background checks electronic system is backlogged about 3 months. It was suggested that the Humane Society be engaged to “foster” pets of residents. No operator has been engaged, but there is interest from two vendors (Lawrence Community Shelter is one); construction is to start Nov. 28 and end in early Dec. PNA will continue to be informed and engaged as the program evolves.
- **Planning for Adopt-a-Family.** It is very challenging for PNA officers to publish a list and keep up with donations. PNA prefers that Hillcrest and Deerfield provide a “generic” list of items needed; PNA would promote the need, gather them and deliver to the schools to allocate to the families. S. Heiman to reach out to the schools. Gift cards are very desired, but should have a lower limit, i.e., \$25 so they can easily/equitably be distributed. A Motion was made: *That PNA coordinate as best as possible a drive for generic items and gift cards for the schools to distribute to the families in need. Motion by: L. Lange, 2nd by R. Stumblingbear. Voice-vote/hand-raise. Motion carries.* P. Miller offers her porch for drop off. Community Connections may also need items.

REPORTS

- **President's Report.** 1) S. Heiman attended the Childrens Community Center groundbreaking and tour. The facility is excellent and a great addition to the neighborhood. Kansas Governor Laura Kelly also attended. CCC was funded by a \$4.9 million grant from the state. 2) LMH is renovating its oncology dept., which will impact the west parking lot. Employees are cautioned about not parking on neighborhood streets.
- **LAN Report.** 1) PNA needs a representative to attend LAN's monthly meetings. J. Spence is our rep but he has not attended recent meetings. S. Heiman to reach out to Josh to find out if he is still interested and available. Substitutes were approved: *That D. Stumblingbear and Peggi and Phil Englehart be appointed PNA's substitute representatives if J. Spence is not in attendance. Motion by P. Miller, 2nd by K. Heck. Voice-Vote, Hand-raise. Motion carries.* PNA coordinator will let LAN know of our substitutes. 2) Items discussed include code enforcement (very overloaded dept. due to only 2.5 ppl – a number that has been static since 1991). Neighborhoods are banding together to go to the City Commission to ask for more staff. This is time sensitive due to budget finalization in Feb.

- **Signage Committee.** City has the approved updated sign copy and should be sending a final proof plus information on cost if PNA wants to purchase/secure a grant for additional signs. Placement must be in a park; the location is still under consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parks & Rec.** The City has purchased Actively Play structures for Clinton Park. PNA residents were involved in reviewing the play structure options and making recommendations.
- **No PNA Meeting will be held in December. The January Meeting is Jan. 20.**
- **Elections will be held during the Feb. 17 meeting.** Vice President and Secretary offices are up for election.
- **LMH meetings.** Another officer's computer needs to be adapted for use at LMH in case the President is not in attendance so that hybrid meetings can take place.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Heck; 2nd by L. Lange. Leave Zoom to indicate a YES vote. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.