

Pinkney Neighborhood Association Meeting Outcomes

Meeting: Hybrid- Zoom and In-Person at LMH Room D, January 20, 2024 Called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Meeting participants: Kim Heck, Shane Heiman, Pat Miller, Paul Jefferson, Lori Lange, Peggi and Phil Englehart, Rachel and Dustin Stumblingbear, Bart Littlejohn, Eleanor Gardner, Vanecia Hazel, Dana Ortiz, Wendy Wheler, Leticia Cole, Joe Reitz, Brenda Wave, Jenna Viscomi, William McGuiness, Heather Zebrowski, Takisha Derit, Mikala Lisher, Monique Mercurio, Alison Vance Moore, Konnie Lefler, Jenna Muscovy, Aaron Thacker, Gianna Hochstetler, Anne Shaw, Tim Mock, Eugene Cowper, A. Boumazaf

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Outcomes

A motion was made to accept the Agenda with the additions of Pinckney School usage and upcoming PNA elections; and approval of the Nov. outcomes. *Motion by P. Miller, 2nd by D. Stumblingbear. Voice/hand-raise vote. Motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report – new – PNA is now on a Calendar year

- **Account balances.** Checking \$859.13; Savings \$224.00; Petty cash \$155.65.
- **Grant funds.** Next allocation of \$2500 will be in April.

Business Items

- **Community Connections at Pinckney School.** It offers Community Transition or C-Tran programs for young adults ages 18-21 and secondary therapeutic classrooms, as well as the suspension alternative program (SAP). One of its goals is to give work experience to students; one way they do so is through management of the District Clothing and Shoe Closet (has more than 700 pairs) where students take donations, sort, organize and manage the closet. The school has a new commercial washer and dryer; they are starting many programs such as a dog walking service; received a grant to start a coffee shop; and are seeking employment opportunities from the community for their students to gain work experience and wages. Many committees also engage the students; some volunteers are needed to assist with specialized committees, such as cooking and sewing. There will be a resource fair at the school on April 11. To find out more contact Jenna Viscomi, jviscomi@usd497.org. S. Heiman will investigate the potential for the school to change its name to Pinkney (without the "c").
- **Family Promise.** It is a national organization that has had a chapter in Lawrence for 15 years with an overall mission to empower families to acquire stabilization in housing. During its Lawrence operation, it has operated in congregational buildings (although they are not a faith-based organization) and has a stellar track record of doing so. The organization has many programs to ensure success including human services. They have a contract on a former childcare center at 200 Mt. Hope Ct., pending City Commission approval of a special use permit. With this purchase they will be able to house 6 families. The typical stay is 2 months. Many questions were asked; notably around safety, background checks, children's needs, staffing, parking, visitor policy, volunteer opportunities, traffic flow, etc. Answers were acceptable to PNA, and it is very supportive of their joining the neighborhood. It was discussed that sidewalks there need to be improved and that Family Promise needs to add to its operation plan the contingency for parking if it overflows the 12 designated spaces.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator.** E. Gardner was recognized for her commitment and good work on behalf of PNA. Dec. 31 was her last day of employment. The position is open and will be posted in the newsletter. PNA desires the coordinator to live in Pinkney but it is not required. E. Gardner agreed to help train the new employee as necessary.
- **Adopt-a-Family.** PNA collected \$400 in gift cards and items for Deerfield to distribute. Next year we will start this program's planning in November.

Reports

- **President's Report.** S. Heiman received notice re: Family Promise's intent to locate a facility at 200 Mt. Hope Ct.
- **LAN Report.** 1) Holli Joyce has been elected President. 2) LAN has authored letter(s) to the city re: funding position(s) in the new budget to enforce code compliance. 3) PNA Co-Rep D. Stumblingbear has been placed on the Downtown Transit Committee.

Announcements

- **Elections will be held during the Feb. 17 meeting.** Vice President and Secretary offices are up for election.
- **Lawrence Loop.** There is a link to a survey that PNA will distribute. The answers will help that committee develop the last link from Amtrak Station to Constant Park.

- **Land Development Code.** Residents are encouraged to review it; there are many implications for neighborhoods including street parking and traffic safety.

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Englehart; 2nd by D. Stumblingbear. Online participants are to leave Zoom to vote; in-person to say 'aye'. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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