Suzanne Perry added there is not enough money left in this year's CD account for a Spring Clean-Up. More money will become available August 1 and plans can begin for a Fall Clean-Up.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the inclination of the PNA to consider redefining its western boundary (i.e. establish Maine St. as the dividing line). Sandra Brandt gave reasons for the possible need to study this issue further. She pointed out the low attendance by residents from the West end at recent neighborhood meetings (1 came to the Dec. 7, 1987 meeting and 9 out of 52 at tonight's meeting lived west of Michigan). Rhonda Neugebaur suggested low attendance might be in part due to an imperfect mailing list which does not always reach people early enough for them to plan to attend. also mentioned that the re-evaluation of income levels during the 1990 federal census will determine whether Pinckney remains eligible for CD money. It could therefore be to the benefit of both halves of the neighborhood to reflect a lower income. Sandra stressed that she is not advocating one side of this issue or the other but feels that it needs further examination since the neighborhood is quite diverse with brand new housing in the West end and older housing in the East end and perhaps each group might have very different interests. Terry Summers said he would like to see those present fill out the "position paper" regarding this issue and pass it on to new officers. Merle Jackson, seconded by Carol Renzulli, moved that this issue be deferred for deliberation by the new officers. Sandra Brandt, seconded by Suzanne Perry, amended the motion to add that a poll by letter of all Pinckney residents be taken on this issue. Motion passed unanimously 46-0.

Terry announced that anyone wishing to submit addresses of blighted structures in Pinckney Neighborhood give them to the new President who will forward them to the CD office and request that owners of the properties be notified that CD money is available for demolition.

Tollie Smith, seconded by Kendall Simmons, moved that the new President write to the City about repairing the stone retaining wall at 5th St. and Tennessee and also ask that signs be put up to prevent future collisions. Motion passed 46-0.

Suzanne Perry, seconded by Arvilla Vickers, moved that a committee be formed to determine the advisability of rejecting or retaining the Executive Board. In the ensuing discussion Steve Smith mentioned that in the past very few if any of the 5 Directors on the Executive Board would attend the officers' meetings. Meanwhile, the Directors are empowered by the By-Laws to speak for the neighborhood on issues and in the past have done so without consulting any of the officers. He suggested that Director positions be retained but become advisory in nature and that the 4 elected officers be the only ones authorized to handle neighborhood business. Motion passed 33-3 with one abstention. Terry ruled that this motion was new business and it will be taken care of by new officers.

Sue Hewitt gave the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$64.60 which reflects dues paid at the December meeting. She asked that those present pay their 1989 dues which are \$1 per person and \$2 per household. Other money available to the PNA comes from the 1986 CD account, with balances being: \$267.00 for administration, \$348 for clean-up. No CD money was requested for 1987. 1988 CD funding will be available August 1988.

Terry Summers reported that 2 years ago when he was Treasurer he and Merle Jackson opened an account at Columbia Savings with a balance of \$498.00. He stated that that account had been decimated with his name remaining on the account. Finally,



## MINUTES General Membership Meeting September 21, 1988



The meeting convened in the Pinckney School gymnasium at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1.
The minutes of the May 25, 1988 meeting were read and approved.

Agenda Item No. 2 Susanne Perry, PNA President, advised that Susanf Hewitt, Treasurer, would be unable to attend the meeting due to illness. In her absence, Ms. Perry reported that there is \$119.30 in the PNA treasury. She stated that during the last three months there were some expenditures for xeroxing for the Burcham Park Task Force and By-Laws Committees in the amount of \$15.00, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was received: \$1,300 for administration; \$1,200 for 2 clean-ups; Burcham Park Gate and for landscaping of the park in the amount of \$2,540. Ms. Berry also stated that the renewal for our Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) membership is due soon in the amount of \$25.00. There was a concensus those dues should be paid as soon as possible. Ms.Berry ghen gave a brief description of the function of LAN. Some discussion ensued. Ms. Perry also asked that is anyone had not paid their PNA dues it would be appreciated if they would do so after the meeting which would mean paid membership until the annual meeting in May '89 - \$1 for an individual membership, \$2 for a household.

#### Agenda Item No. 3 Announcements -

- 1. Ms. Berry received a letter from Fred DeVictor of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Lawrence regarding the Burcham Park gate installation at the end of October 1988. The letter stated that fences would also be installed by each side of the gate so that persons could not drive around it. The letter also said the City Commission had approved slightly different hours for the park: close - 10:30 p.m., open - 5:00 a.m.
- 2. City Commission approved signs to be installed by the recently repaired wall at the curve of 5th and Tenn. -"Sharpe Turn" - "20 MPH" - and a sign designating the angle of the turn. Some discussion ensued.
- Merle Jackson of PNA was appointed tof the CDBG Grant Review Board.
- 4. Letter to PNA from The Salvation Army asking for volunteers to help at their agency so that their shelter for the homeless could continue to opperate.

into afterburners as it rose steeply above Burcham Park.

There was a concensus that the next PNA meeting would take place on November 30, 1988.

Meeting adjourned.

ratified 9-21-88

#### THE PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

The residents and property owners within the area of the City of Lawrence known as the Pinckney area and defined as the area bounded by Sixth Street on the South, West Interchange Road of Turnpike on the west, the Kansas Turnpike and the Kansas River on the north and Massachusetts Street on the east; have formed an organization to be known as the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

#### ARTICLE I

#### Name

Section 1. <u>Name</u>. The name of this association shall be the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

## ARTICLE II

## Purpose

Section 1. <u>Furpose</u>. The purpose of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association shall be to promote understanding with the City of Lawrence; to improve property, living conditions, and to improve communication within the Pinckney Neighborhood; and to promote good public relaqtions with the businesses within the neighborhood.

# ARTICLE III

# Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who resides or owns property in the Pinckney Neighborhood or who subscribes to the purposes of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association shall be eligible for membership in the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

Section 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the Pinckney

annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Powers and Duties. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Executive Board to organize the business before the Association to insure maximum participation of Association members and to insure maximum utilization of Association business.

Towards these objectives the Officers may assign projects, designate committee, make preliminary decisions on Association business, provided, however, that all final decisions on Association business be made by the membership at large.

Section 6. Meetings. There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Executive Board and shall call a special meeting upon the request of any member of the Board. At any meeting any business may be transacted whether notice of the purpose of the meeting was given or not, or whether the item of business in question was referred to or not.

Section 7. Quorum. A majority (three) of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section. 8. <u>Disqualifications</u>. Any officer missing three consecutive meetings may be asked to resign.

#### ARTICLE V

## Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. They shall be elected in even numbered

#### ARTICLE VI

# The Advisory Council

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Advisory Council shall be to advise and assist the officers in their duties. (See Article IV, Section 5.).

Section 2. Number and Term of Office. The Advisory Council shall consist of five members of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

The five members shall be appointed for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. All appointments shall be made at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Qualifications. No person shall be appointed or shall continue to serve as an Advisory Council member of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association unless he/she is a voting member of the Association.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy in the Advisory Council by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 5. <u>Duties</u>. The duties of the Advisory Coucil shall be to advise and assist the officers in their duties. (See Article IV, Section 5.) Advisory Council members shall be present at meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 6. Meetings. See Article IV, Section 6.

#### ARTICLE VII

## Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. The number of general membership meetings to be held during the year shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Board, but shall be no fewer than one per calendar

of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Election. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each position, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

#### ARTICLE IX

### Committees

Section 1. Appointment. The president of the Pinckney

Neighborhood Association shall be entitled to appoint the membership

to such committees as the Board deems necessary. Such committees

shall be established and appointed to carry out the purposes enumerated
by the Board.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Action

Section 1. Executive Board Action. The Executive Board may make public statements and take any other actions that it deems necessary in the performance of its duties. Decisions made by the Executive Board are subject to membership review.

Section 2. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the Finckney Neighborhood Association only when authorized to do so by the property Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a



#### Minutes

PNA Meeting - November 30, 1988

The minutes of the September 21, 1988 meeting were read by Suzanne Perry and approved as written.

Sue Hewitt, Treasurer, reported that \$102.30 was in the treasury. President Suzanne Perry noted that dues are still being accepted.

Suzanne Perry reported that she had received an answer to PNA's letter to the Independence Days committee regarding the B1 Bomber incident last July. The response indicated that they appreciated the input and that plans for 1989 included the involvement of the directly related neighborhood associations. Ms. Perry stated that this was the first time there'd been any contact with the neighborhood association in any way regarding the celebration and that perhaps it would be a good beginning of communication with the groups that has been holding the celebration in our neighborhood for five years.

Suzanne Perry demonstrated a sample of the PNA tee shirts which could be now ordered. She stated that as noted in the newsletter, any size was \$7.00 and they came in Tropical Pink and White and that interested parties could submit their order at the end of the meeting.

Suzanne Perry announced that PNA had obtained \$6,500 in contingency CD funds. \$2,000 for boulders to be placed beside the new gate at Burcham Park and \$4,500 for the re-grading of the drainage ditch at 5th and Indiana. She also stated that three members of the neighborhood association, Sandra Brandt, Mike Nelson and Sue Hewitt had volunteered to form a liaison committee regarding the beautification of Burcham Park. It was stated by one of the committee members that Mike Nelson would put the general plans in writing, that upon meeting with a "city official" about the plans that there was resistence to planting anything that would require maintenance,

that the park was to be kept "natural." There was also an indication that doing anything would not be appreciated because people in the PN did not take care of their own houses. Marguerite Risley reminded the members of the time when concerned persons in the neighborhood rejuvinated the Pinckney Schood landscaping and volunteers kept the plantings alive through a very harsh summer and that they exist today. She stated perhaps this information might be given to the city official as a reminder that there are, in fact, persons in the neighborhood who care about such things. It was also stated by Sandra Brandt that even though there was the resistance on the part of the city, that the Independence Days celebration brings thousands of citizens to the park and if for no other reason, the park should be beautiful whether the style was natural or not. Some other brief ediscussion ensued.

Suzanne Perry reported that the demolition requests submitted last May (about 10 addresses) were finally acted upon by the City in August 1988. The owners of the properties were given citations. The approach was different than the neighborhood had thought it would be and it was discovered that there had been a staffing change plus a delay in demolition monies being made available. Ultimately, the outcome was that if the owners do not do something about their properties, the City will pursue demolition. Perry pointed out that it would be helpful if members of the neighborhood would track these goings on and appear at the commission meeting involved to add their testimoney as to the state of the property, how long it had been that way, etc. If she knew of such meeting dates, Perry said she would notify neighbors and others.

Tolly Smith began the discussion regarding proposed CD requests. It was agreed by those present that they would be submitted in the following order of preference:

1.	Pinckney Tunnel Lighting	\$	2,300
2.	Drainage Ditch Beautification		4,000
3.	Clinton Park Landscaping		3,100
4.	Burcham Park Play Equipment		4,500
5.	Paving of 3-400 Block Indiana		14.000
_		\$.	27.900

Suzanne Perry stated that there would also be the regular qrequest for operating costs (two clean-ups) and the newsletter which would bring the total request of \$30,700.

Next, the LAN noise ordinance was discussed. Suzanne Perry read it and proceeded to explain certain aspects. She stated that LAN wanted all the neighborhood associations to vote on the proposed ordinance, forward the results to them and if it passed, LAN would take it to the City Commission. Merle Jackson moved to pass the proposed ordinance. There was a second to the motion and it passed with 10 yes, 1 abstention.

The meeting then adjourned.

Submitted by: Arvilla B. Vickers, Secretary

Pinokney Neighborhood Association





# MINUTES OF PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING December 7, 1988

The meeting was held in the Pinckney Grade School Library and was attended by 20 people. \$18 in association dues were collected by the Treasurer, Sue Hewitt.

Susan Pogany presented a petition opposing the School Board's proposal of school pairing which she planned to give to Valerie Murphy. Many of those present signed the petition.

President Terry Summers summarized a letter he and other officers and concerned residents had written in November to the City Commissioners regarding the car-train accident at the entrance of Burcham Park that month. The letter requested more surveillance of the park by police and the installation by Santa Fe Railroad of a crossgate at the railroad crossing. He also read responses from Buford Watson (for the City) and Ron Olin (for the police dept.) to the neighborhood's requests. Mr. Watson wrote that Mike Wildgen had sent a letter on behalf of the City expressing concern about the dangerous crossing and requesting action. Police Chief Olin assured the neighborhood that enforcement was adquate. It was decided by those present to have Terry Summers and Marguerite Risley write another letter on behalf of the neighborhood to Olin and Fre DeVictor about the park.

A concerned resident asked what the neighborhood could do about removing an abandoned bus from property on the east side of Clinton Park below Pinckney Grade School. She said it was unsightly and a hazard to children. Since it was determined that the bus is probably privately owned and parked on private property, it seems little can be done to demand its removal.

President Terry Summers requested suggestions for CDBG requests for the coming year. The following items were mentioned:

- 1. Lockable bar and pole gate for entrance of Burcham Park to close park daily to vehicular traffic during hours of closing (11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.).
- 2. Additional plantings of trees and shrubs in Burcham Park
- 3. Rechipping of trails in Burcham Park
- 4. Environmental Impact Study of Erosion along Kansas River Banks in Burcham Park
- 5. Gravel access road in Burcham Park

Secretary Suzanne Perry agreed to discuss these items with Fred DeVictor and then submit those deemed appropriate to the CDBF office.

Terry Summers and Pete Whitenight, ambassadors from DIC, concluded the meeting with a debate/discussion of the Downtown Improvement Committee's proposal for development of the downtown retail district.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.





Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Annuel Meeting May 25, 1989



Fresent: Chris Haber

Sue Hewitt, Tresurer

Joe Hewitt David Morgan

Suzanne Perry, President

Robert Irving

Susan Pogany

Marguerite Risley Eleanor Symons

Arvilla B. Vickers, Secretary

Andrea Welborn

Guests: Dean Burger

Steve Hanna Linda Hixon

Patricia Marvin

Sandy Frager Judy Wright

Minutes of the March 30, 1989 meeting were read and approved.

Sue Hewitt reported a PNA treasury balance of \$83.64.

Susan Pogany and Kendall Simmons were nominated for PNA Vice President. Susan Pogny was unanimously elected, replacing Carol Renzuli.

Joe Hewitt volunteered to sit on the Advisory Council. Four more members are needed.

Any change in the FNA western bound by was deferred until the results of the 1990 census. A change will be considered at that time if said results indicates that CDBG funding for FNA would be lost.

Judy Wright and Sandy Prager spoke regarding the plans to decorate certain streets along the parade route for the Independence Days celebration. A limited supply of bunting will be available free of charge along with flags, at a very reasonable price. Discussion ensued regarding forms of housing decorations, etc.

Linda Hixon spoke regarding Model Block and a left a sample petition for same. It was unanimously approved to put out a FNA mailing in August about model block and how to apply. Discussion ensued.

Steve Hanna and Dean Burger from KPS spoke about the upcoming gas line replacements in Lawrence and approximately when and how it would be accommplished in Finckney neighborhood. Discussion ensued.

Patricla Maryin spoke about recycling and distributed handouts. Discussion ensued.

A basic policy for bands that wish to play in Burcham Park was discussed and set. It was stipulated that the applicant would have to sign a request form and would be screened by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City, they would have to adhere to existing noise ordinance and only acoustic instruments would be allowed.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Arvilla B. Vickers, Secretary Pinckney Neighborhood Association



# MINUTES Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting

September 25, 1989

Present: Mark Creamer, Cristi Hansen, Kris Vervaecke Hayden, Joe Hewitt, Sue Hewitt, Robert Irving, Suzanne Perry, Susan Pogany, Marguerite Risley, Suzanne Stroup Eleanor S.

Speakers: Daniel Bledorn, Fred DeVictor, Patricia Marvin

Meeting convened at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of May 25, 1989 meeting were read and approved.

Daniel Bledorn of Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Kansas, spoke about service project by their group to assist Pinchney neighborhood with yard clean up and house maintenance.

The Model Block petitions were discussed. Though not represented at the meeting, it was noted that the 500 Block Tennessee, the 400 Block Illinois and the 500 Block Louisiana were interested. Each petition must have signatures representing approximatly 80% of the block and it was unknown if there will be more than one block chosen this year. The deadline for CDBG requests is December 1, 1989.

Patricia Marvin spoke about having a "chipper party" instead of the convention fall cleanup. A machine will be available to turn fallen limbs, etc. into wood chips and then neighbors may take quantities for use in their gardens, etc. It was decided unanimously to set the date as 10/21/89 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with 10/28/89 as a raindate. There would also be a picnic after the chipping. It was also noted \$30.00 had been earned from re-cycling.

Treasurer, Susan Hewitt reported that the PNA treasury contained \$113.88.

Suzanne Stroup, Mark Creamer and Joe Hewitt volunteered to serve as members of the PNA Executive Board.

Fred DeVictor, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Lawrence spoke about the Burcham Park play equipment being considered. The current equipment is outdated and the City is concerned about liability. Discussion followed. The City will augment the PNA CDBG allotment with some additional funds. A committee made up of Mark Creamer, Susan Pogany and Kris Hayden



# MINUTES Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting

November 29, 1989



Present: M. Creamer, K. Erb, R. Irving, K. Hayden, S. Hewitt,

S. Perry, S. Pogany, D. Morgan, M. Risley, A. Vickers,

A. Welborn.

Meeting convened at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of May 25, 1989 meeting were read and approved.

Suzanne Perry updated some items mentioned in the minutes:

1) The landscaping proposal was to improve the entrance to Burcham
Park on both sides of the entrance. There IS a water source and
in the Spring the City will set in \$2,000 worth of low maintenance
plants including native grasses.

- 2)Bids are still being taken on the Clinton Park masonry job something less than \$9,200 is being sought.
- 3) Play equipment for Burcham Park-the arch swing set has been ordered and bids are going out on the arch climber and component unit.

6th Street Traffic Problems - Sherry Kay from the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association and Pinckney Crossing Guard, and Bill Baker, president of the Pinckney PTO were in attendance to report and participate in the discussion on this subject. Extensive discussion took place and suggestions to achieve a slowing of traffic and greater safety included traffic lights, barriers, stop signs, school zone signs with flashing lights, lowering speed limit, middle turn lane, no left turn signs. Various examples of personally viewed severely dangerous situations were recounted, the fact'additional traffic will be caused by the riverfront mall opening soon were mentioned and discussed. It was decided that the options discussed will appear in the next newsletter be part of the agenda at the next meeting so that, hopefully, the PNA members will attend and give additional ideas to help solve the problem. It was mentioned that the City must ask the Kansas Department of Transportation to do a study on the problem and until that happens nothing can actually be done.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Requests- It was decided the CDBG requests would be prioritized as follows. Some comment/inform- ation was given as each item was considered.

- # 1,425 FNA Operating Expense
- ≢ 1,200 Two Cleanups

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$ 28,000 - Model Block Project (500 blk. Tennessee)
$ 25,000 - Tennis Court - Clinton Park
$ 2,325 - Two drinking fountains for Bircham Park
$ 5,980 - Toddler Play Equipment for Clinton Park
$ 18,750 - Soccer Field for Clinton Park
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A children's neighborhood task force was discussed. Possible activities mentioned included recycling, cleanups, Adopt a Grandmother. Changes in recycling companies also were talked about during this discussion.

Treasury Deficit — It was stated that there was only \$55 in the PNA treasury. A \$500 legal fee is still owed and \$25 LAN dues must be paid to continue membership in that neighborhood association coalition. Suzanne Perry stated that there are \$115 in pledges for donations toward the legal fee and that she was going to pay the difference of \$385 until more funds could be raised. Some discussion/explanation of LAN ensued. It was then decided to renew the PNA membership in LAN and Kelly Hayden volunteered to be the new PNA representative to LAN.

It was then decided to have a yard sale sometime in April 1990 to raise funds for the PNA treasury. It was also decided that after the LAN dues were paid, the small treasury balance would go to S. Perry to help pay back the legal fee paid for PNA. It was asked that everyone start getting together donations for the yard sale.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.B. Vickers

Arvilla B. Vickers Secretary Pinckney Neighborhood Association Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Meeting - Sept. 24, 1992 (meeting at 7 p.m., Pinckney School teacher's room)

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Hewitt. It was explained that future meetings may be attended by some architectural students from KU who may make recommendations to our association concerning environmental, historical, and recreational aspects of the neighborhood.

Next, election of new officers was held. The name of Joe Hewitt was nominated and seconded for the office of president. Mr. Hewitt explained his reasons for wishing to become president, and a vote was held which resulted in his being named new president. Similarly, the names of Steve Smith for vice president, Susan Pogany for secretary, and Carol Klinknett for treasurer were nominated, seconded, and voted upon. All were elected. Elected to the Advisory Board were Madeline Finch, Sue Hewitt, Steve Hamburg, and David Morgan.

Dues from PNA membership were collected and recorded.

The upcoming Fall Clean-up was discussed. PNA may investigate asking KU fraternities to participate as part of community service projects. Whether or not a city truck should be used was discussed. If money were saved (using KU students and non-city truck), perhaps this savings could be used toward bigger Spring Clean-up. Date for Fall Clean-up is still to be named.

Representatives to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) were named. They are Carol Jones, David Morgan, and Madeline Finch.

David Morgan agreed to represent PNA on the CDBG Advisory Board if no one else can take this position. Our other representative on this board is Allen Reed, who explained he is serving as chairman of the board this year.

Susan Pogany reported on progress toward the selection of playground equipment funded thru CD funds for Clinton Park. She said the PNA has been told this \$3,000 allotment from last year's requests cannot

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be held over and combined with next year's hoped-for playground allotment. She has been to the Park Dept., has spoken with director Fred DeVictor, and is working with him to spend the money on equipment suitable for older children. (The most recent equipment installed was for toddlers.) DeVictor is leaning toward installation of a large slide.

Possible projects that may be requested thru CDBG include:

- --Researching the possibility of having Pinckney Neighborhood declared a historical district (similar to Old West Lawrence). Funds would be necessary for such research. It was mentioned that perhaps the architectural students mentioned at the beginning of the meeting might be asked to look into this. Coordinator Tolly Smith said she would see if Karen Erb is interested in overseeing such a project.
- --Sidewalks on Michigan Street. Joe Hewitt said he will look into this.
  - -- Seed money for a Pinckney historic homes tour.
- --Resurfacing/asphalting the alley between Ohio St. and Louisiana St., since the present uneven surface is dangerous for children.
- --Funding of some project (to be determined) relating to the ongoing KPL/5th Street powerline controversy.

Susan Pogany volunteered to explore the possibility of renaming Clinton  $Par\mathbf{K}$ . Those present thought Langston Hughes Park would be a more appropriate name.

Tolly Smith and Steve Smith gave an update on PNA activities to re-locate the proposed 5th Street power line project to the alternate railroad route. PNA has received letters of support from Oread Neighborhood Association and LAN. A study session concerning PNA's proposed ordinance (dealing with power line siting and the need for public input) was held with Lawrence City Commissioners Sept. 21. The commission is having the city attorney investigate whether or not the city can legally regulate a utility such as KPL. Commissioners agreed to write letters on PNA's behelf to the Kansas Corporation Commission, and KPL CEO John Hayes. Tolly, Steve, Susan Pogany, and

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Steve Hamburg have met twice with KPL administrators in recent weeks (and have another meeting scheduled Oct. 1) to discuss the PNA's proposed railroad route for the planned 115,000 volt power line. Jim Von Rohr, an electrical engineer formerly with KPL, is orking closely with PNA. Efforts are focusing on finding ways to reduce the cost of the proposed railroad route.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, SWAM Pagamy Susan Pagany

PNA Secretary

Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Meeting - November 19, 1992 (meeting at 7 p.m., Pinckney School teachers' room)

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Smith (in absence due to surgery/illness of President). A short discussion of the proposed KPL power line and how to fight the line most effectively followed.

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Steve Smith discussed the following possible projects for which the neighborhood might request CDBG funds:

- 1) Pave alley between La. and Ohio Streets.
- 2) Sidewalks.
- 3) Historic district designation.
- 4) Clinton Park playground equipment.
- 5) KPL capital improvement asset money.

As regards possible CDBG fund application of the above projects, the following discussion took place:

SIDEWALKS: Various sidewalk problems were mentioned. Bill March said Pinckney School should be notified about the drainage problem on the sidewalk on the school side of Miss. St. (a low spot on the sidewalk). He felt a drain is needed in the parking lot. Members mentioned the is no sidewalk on 4th St. from Illinois St. to Maine St. on the south side. Another possible area of need is Indiana St. Detween 5th and 4th on the west side. It was mentioned that the existing sidewalk on 4th St. has missing parts. Steve Hamburg said he will make a list of other needed areas.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION: Karen Erb said that fewer than 40% of houses would qualify for historic district designation according to a study done by David Benjamin. 40% are needed in order to qualify. There was a discussion of how and which homes qualify. It was mentioned that Paul Caveness charges \$400 to research houses and prepare nominations. Katie Armitage also provides this service. Members discussed how having homes on the National Historic Register could help in the fight against the 5th Street power line. Steve Hamburg discussed the problem of "open lots" in Pinckney; felt historic designation would give neighborhood more control over these buildable lots. Those present felt that CD money could be used to hire someone to research whether or not it's worthwhile to try to get Pinckney designated historic. Karen Erb will consult Old West Lawrence Assn. on the amount of money necessary for such research.

HOME TOUR SEED MONEY: After short discussion, members decided a fund request was not appropriate.

KPL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ASSET MONEY: Members discussed requesting CD money for easement beautification, cutting and clearing of trees, demolition, purchase of property in the woods along possible route of power line. Members decided it is not feasible to ask for government money to buy land for use by a public utility.

CLINTON PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Susan Pogany has been in contact with Fred DeVictor, director of Parks, concerning the expenditure of \$3,000 which PNA was allotted last year in CD funds for Clinton Park equipment. She said PNA could either spend this money on a new slide which would be attached to the existing equipment or could spend the money on the first phase of a three or four-phase project totalling \$12,257. Phase one would be the slide. Karen Erb said she would prefer an open slide as compared to an enclosed slide. Pogany will look into this. Hamburg motioned that PNA buy a slide now as part of the multi-phase project. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following additional possible CDBG fund requests/projects were discussed:

PNA OPERATING EXPENSES: Last year's submission was \$1,650.

<u>PNA COORDINATOR</u>: Last year PNA asked for \$4,780 for coordinator's job and was granted \$3,410. It was motioned, seconded, and passed that PNA ask this year for a "reasonable amount" for coordinator.

CLEAN-UPS: Members decided not to apply for clean-up funds this year because existing and new city clean-up programs are taking care of this need. It was suggested that PNA ask the city to clean up the area between the entrance to Burcham Park and the Shaw house, also known as the Castle on the Kaw. Steve Smith suggested that PNA should continue clean up funding of some kind.

Coordinator Tolly Smith suggested housing rehabilitation as another possible CDBG funding request. She suggested that the neighborhood apply for funds to be spent as needed by the elderly for painting or other housing rehab. During discussion, members said the CD Board probably wouldn't allow PNA funds to spend on unspecified addresses. Instead, it was suggested that PNA apply for extra funds for the coordinator so the coordinator could go door to door notifying residents of CD money available for rehab or help residents with forms necessary to apply.

Steve Smith asked treasurer Carol Klinknett to find out from Margene Schwartz about what CDBG money was granted last year and what amount has been allocated and spent.

The subject of PNA's non-profit status was discussed. Steve Hamburg asked Tolly Smith if PNA has 501C3 non-profit status. He stated that PNA needs such status in order for contributions to be tax deductible. This question will be explored.

Final topic of the meeting was an update on the effort to have KPL re-route the proposed 5th Street power line:

Tolly Smith explained that questions which PNA had put before KPL the previous week will delay the Kansas Corporation Commission's final decision. It is hoped that the Legislature will have hearings on the topic of power line siting/

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EMFs in January. The KCC staff will make its recommendations to the Commissioners within a short time, but it is unknown how long after this the Commission itself will make its decision as to where the line is to built.

Legal options were discussed. The role which the City of Lawrence could play was said to be uncertain. Members agreed to have a vote on whether or not to retain a lawyer to represent PNA in the power line siting issue.

Carol Klinknett said four people had sent in extra contributions for membership recently. All said their primary concern was that the neighborhood association should support the power line fight.

Steve Smith asked if PNA should ask members making extra contributions if they want this money to go to PNA generally or if they want to specify that it go to a PNA bank account set up specially for the PNA fight against the 5th St. power line.

Carol said she felt this should be a neighborhood decision.

Steve Smith motioned that PNA establish a bank account for the purpose of funding the fight against the 5th St. power line. The motion was seconded and passed.

Steve Hamburg motioned that PNA engage a lawyer to explore legal avenues beyond those which C.U.R.B. can handle. The motion was seconded and passed.

Shellie Bender suggested raising money by sending a letter to all Pinckney residents requesting funds. The Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association could be asked to put an item in their newsletter concerning PNA's need for contributions.

Hamburg motioned to call PNA's new bank account the Pinckney Neighborhood Defense Fund for use for any KPLfight-related expenses. The motion was discussed, senconded and passed. The four names on the account will be Susan Pogany, Secretary; Steve Smith, Vice President; Carol Klinknett, Treasurer; and Tolly Smith, PNA Coordinator.

Fund raising was discussed. Steve Hamburg reiterated his assertion that PNA must be certain whether it has 501C3 non-profit status.

The meeting adjourned about 9:15 p.m.

# PNA Attendees 11-19-92

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Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Meeting-February 3, 1993 Meeting at 7 p.m., Pinckney School

Meeting was convened, and minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1992, were read and accepted with one correction. Steve Smith said it had been decided that PNA <u>would</u> ask for CDBG funding for a clean-up.

The treasurer's report was given by Carol Klinknett: As of December 10, 1992, CDBG operating funds totaled \$1245.38. After paying Kinko's bill of \$171.49, \$1073.89 remained. Of this, \$226 will go to pay for the recent newsletter, leaving \$847.89. As of December 10, 1992, remaining coordinator's funds were \$1737.50. Of this, \$210 will be paid to coordinator for January, leaving \$1317.50. Unspent clean-up funds total \$700. Unspent sidewalk funds total \$10,800. (This project for sidewalks on Tenn. St. has already been bid out by the city.) Still available for play equipment is \$3,000. The grand total in PNA's checking account is \$274. The amount in The Pinckney Defense Fund was \$40 today, with \$63.13 being added tonight from additional contributions, for an estimated total of \$103.13.

It was agreed that any dues sent to PNA must be deposited in the checking account, not in the Defense Fund. Guidelines for dues for CDBG-funded neighborhoods are \$1 per person maximum.

Joe Hewitt questioned who the statement from Douglas County Bank/Pinckney Defense Fund will go to. He directed Tolly Smith to find out and have statements sent to Carol Klinknett, who should keep a tally on this. Carol will handle making all deposits to the Defense Fund.

Carol reported on the question of 501C3 non-profit status for PNA. It would cost \$300 for PNA to apply to the federal government for such status. She is concerned about PNA's responsibilities for paying FICA for our coordinator. Dave Morgan motioned that PNA set up an appointment with an accountant to get an answer to this question, with the \$50 charge to be paid from PNA's CDBG account. Allen Reed seconded the motion, and it passed. Carol and Tolly and other interested members will attend this appointment. Steve Smith will set up this appointment.

Tolly Smith reported on what happened at the recent Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) meeting. She also explained that PNA had not paid last year's \$30 dues and that we also now owe this year's dues (\$25 plus \$5 for our attendee at the meetings.) Dave Morgan stressed that this is a very worthwhile expenditure and motioned that we pay our LAN dues and that it be paid, if possible, out of our CDBG account, not the PNA checking account. Susan Pogany seconded the motion, and it passed. Tolly is to submit this cost to Margene Swarts.

As regards LAN news, Tolly reported that Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association and all neighborhoods can get a chance to look over their neighborhood plans with City Planner Dean Palos and Neighborhood Activist Barbara Waggoner the morning of Saturday, Feb. 13 at the City Library. It was advised that these plans be brought up to date and be made part of Horizon 2020.

Tolly said that Barbara Waggoner will have a coffee Sunday, Feb. 7, from 4-6 p.m. for City Commission Candidate Jolene Anderson. This could give PNA a chance to air our concerns.

There will be a forum Feb. 25 at the City Library from 7-8:30 for all Commission candidates set up by LAN to discuss campaign issues.

Tolly reported on the concerns which had been noted by neighborhood residents who had responded to PNA's recent newsletter. Concerns included crime, parking by discourteous neighbors, and traffic. A Mr. Wagley is concerned about zoning of an empty lot at 3rd and Michigan and about work being done to fill in this land. Tolly will follow up on these concerns by contacting these neighbors and reporting back to the membership. Susan Pogany was asked to respond to the comment of resident Clark Coan that Clinton Park should be renamed Langston Hughes Park.

Tolly reported on preliminary plans for a neighborhood bazaar/garage sale. May 1 was selected for the date.

Steve Smith asked Tolly to get a copy of PNA newsletter mailing list to see which residents have P.O. boxes. These people are not receiving the newsletter. Dave Morgan will review it and add street addresses.

Tolly will put other neighborhoods on mailing list for our newsletter and will ask them to put PNA on their mailing lists.

It was decided that Tolly will be PNA's LAN representative with alternates being Dave Morgan, Carol Jones, and Madeline Finch.

Joe and Sue Hewitt agreed to look into getting a speaker from Lawrence Memorial Hospital who will address the topic of LMH's real estate expansion goals and also explain what the hospital burns in its new incinerator. They will try to get this speaker for the March 31 meeting.

PNA has received a letter from Horizon 2020 asking "What conerns do you have for your Neighborhood?." Dave Morgan suggested that our concerns are the expansion of downtown, traffic corridors, and parks.

Richard Peyton, 255 Michigan and City Commission cadidate, said he is on the Horizon 2020 Transportation Taskforce Committee, which meets every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the KPL building. Next meeting is Feb 16. Tolly Smith is on the Horizon 2020 Neighborhood Committee.

Tolly is exploring other fund-raising ideas. Joe Hewitt asked her to get details on whether or not Pinckney could be part of Old West Lawrence Home Tour.

Joe reported that he and Steve Smith recently explained PNA's CDBG project funding requests before the CDBG Advisory Board. Steve sent a follow-up letter answering additional questions posed by board members.

Dave Morgan, who has been sitting in on the CDBG meetings for PNA, said priority is given to projects which benefit low-income persons, and that PNA's CDBG requests should address this point in detail. Dave agreed to turn in his "suggestions" for how PNA could design future funding submissions more wisely.

Joe said the city is asking for input for its Capital Improvement Plan for Lawrence. PNA could submit project proposals, e.g., land acquisition for parks, or public water lines and sewers. Tolly said the new sewer along the railraod tracks should help solve some of Pinckney's drainage problems.

Joe said interested persons could attend the Developers' Information Forum Feb.17 from 3-6 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Steve Smith said the Advisory Council for PNA has only 4 members and needs one more. Allen Reed volunteered to serve.

The question of who will serve as PNA's CDBG Advisory Board representative was discussed. Dave Morgan has been attending for PNA until a representative is formally designated. Two persons, Brett McFadden and (Arvilla Vickers) who had phoned to express an interst in serving in this capacity and who had been invited to attend this evening's meeting, did not attend. Steve Smith will phone them to see if they are still interested. If they are not, Susan Pogany, secretary, will be asked to draft a letter to Margene Swarts, recommending that Dave Morgan be designated our representative.

Power line battle report:

Steve Smith said we needed to decide whether we wanted to ask our legislators to assist us by introducing legislation or a moratorium. After discussion, members decided it was best not to complicate the action being taken by the City Commission.

Merle Jackson said it would be helpful if a form letter of sorts could be drafted that people could submit to City Commisssioners to encourage them to draft and pass an ordinance concerning power lines. Susan Pogany will do this.

City Commissioners' addresses will be included in the next PNA newsletter with suggestions of what powerline-related subjects might be addressed in letters. The coordinator will send information about the Pinckney Defense Fund to other neighborhood

association newsletter in hopes of attracting contributions.

Merle Jackson explained that he is chairman of the CDBG Grant Review Board, which allocates up to \$17,000 per home for rehabilitation projects designed to bring homes up to code. Homes must be owner-occupied, and there are income restrictions. He was asked to furnish information and guidelines on this program for inclusion in the next PNA newsletter. He also said there are grants available for up to \$7,000 for rehabilitation of rental properties to be rented by Section 8 tenants. These grants are used to match the owner's money.

Richard Peyton, City Commission candidate, discussed his positions on campaign and neighborhood issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pogany, Secretary

Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the meeting of March 31, 1993

Speaker for this evening's meeting was Robert Owens, director of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, who addressed expansion plans for LMH over the next 10-12 years. Mr. Owens said that "campus expansion" between now and 1995 will include a new medical office building as part of the LMH complex, as well as a Western Expansion of the complex. In 1995-96, there will be major renovation of the existing structure.

Construction will be completed by the end of this summer on a new parking lot on 4th St. between Missouri and Arkansas Streets. This will include 100 physician parking spaces and patient parking. There are presently 123 doctors on the medical staff, and Mr. Owens expects there to be an additional 5 physicians per year.

Paving could begin as early as 1995 on a new parking lot encompassing the block between Maine and Alabama Streets and 2nd and 3rd Streets.

LMH owns the ball park north of the hospital. Mr. Owens feels that drainage problems make this land unsuitable for construction.

PNA member Sue Hewitt voiced concern that the new parking lot on 4th Street was not designed with sufficient green space and foliage. Mr. Owens said too much foliage might make it too easy for criminals to conceal themselves at night. Sue Hewitt also was concerned about bright lights being on in the parking lot all night and shining into neighbors' windows.

Mr. Owens said the problem of too many cars parked in front of neighbors' homes is in the hands of the City Commission. He believes the agencies close to the hospital, such as the health center and the Visiting Nurses' Assn., are responsible for this street parking. A City-County workshop will deal with this problem.

Mr. Owens said the hospital would be interested in purchasing land on the west side of Arkansas Street. Some of the land is presently vacant, but most of the land has homes on it. He said the hospital would buy the homes as they come up for sale and maintain them as rentals. He said he sees this area as having value mainly as green space. The hospital board has discussed this, and purchasing of the land could begin at any time—or later.

(The above notes are respectfully submitted by Secretary Susan Pogany. Pogany had to leave before the end of the meeting. Remainder of the minutes were taken by Coordinator Tolly Smith. These notes appear on the following page[s]:)

We discussed the hospital's impact on the neighborhood and felt we needed to study the impact of traffic and parking on neighborhood.

Joe Hewitt agreed to call the city to get PNA invited and informed of next workshops on hospital issue. Landscaping even would help conceal parking lot impact, etc.

We took several business votes on various issues: I

Authorized payment to Steve mith and Susy Pogany of their expenses on power line issue from Pinckney Defense fund (Susy (\$81.65) and Steve Smith \$148.20) That payment leaves a balance of \$26.48. We discussed need to raise more money, made tentative plans for a garage sale.

Agreed to pay taxes for coordinator
Treasurer will deduct 6.2% from paycheck monthly (social security payment) and 1.45%
for medicare. A total of 7.65% deducted monthly; PNA matches that amount. All
voted unanimously to pay these taxes in April 1993

Voted unanimously to incorporate PNA.

Voted to have a 50/50 share of garage sale 50% to PNA, 50% to Pinckney Defense Fund, but all agreed that power line issue could use PNA funds and have access to those as well.

Treasurer, Carol Klinknett gave her report: Balance in PNA Account \$299.21 There was a motion and agreement to get a new SSN # from the IRS.

Meeting adjourned,

Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the meeting August 16, 1993

Joe Hewitt, President, opened the meeting.

Steve Smith gave an update on the power line battle. He said neighbors were needed to deliver flyers about the public hearing August 24. He discussed what may happen at the public hearing. He provided an update on recent meetings between PNA representatives and KPL officials.

Merle Jackson told the group that his county property valuation was recently lowered by 12 per cent when he told appraisers his home was by the proposed power line.

Joe Hewitt discussed the new parking lot to be built by Lawrence Memorial Hospital at the northeast corner of 4th and Arkansas. LMH has decided not to construct a parking garage opposite the parking lot. PNA would prefer that the garage be built. This would help with area parking problems. The proposed lot containing 50 spaces will be too small to make a dent in the parking problem in the neighborhood around LMH. Members discussed various approaches to solving the LMH parking problem.

At the City Commission meeting August 17, parking at LMH will be discussed. Joe Hewitt will represent PNA at the meeting. PNA members decided that PNA should:

- 1) encourage better screening and green space for the lot at 4th and Ark.
- 2) encourage use of poorly utilized spaces at the northwest corner of LMH campus.
- 3) encourage eliminating parking on streets on perimeter of LMH campus.
- 4) oppose development on Arkansas St. west of Hospital grounds. Because of its concern about hospital encroachment into the neighborhood, PNA believes the hospital should develop on nearby land to the east.
- 5) express concern about traffic flow onto Arkansas St.
- 6) express concern that flagstones removed for new lot were carried off by private persons unknown. Will LMH replace these sidewalks?

7) encourage city to build a lot to handle parking for ancillary services.

8) oppose LMH's effort to get Use Permitted Upon Review in connection with their 5-year expansion plan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Meeting November 11, 1993

President Joe Hewitt called the meeting to order.

Coordinator Tolly Smith introduced guests addressing the subject of Northwest Relief Sanitary Sewer Project which runs by Pinckney along the Santa Fe Railroad.

Guests were Debbie VanSaun, assistant director of utilities; Phil Spitzer, Black and Veatch, principle engineer for the project; and Chad Lovett, of local firm EBH, which co-engineered the project with Black and Veatch. They were invited to the meeting because some neighbors have been concerned about digging in front of their homes.

Ms. VanSaun said the project is designed to provide relief to the sanitary sewer system during significant rain storm events, to prevent overflow in other areas. She said Pinckney neighbors won't have their service disconnected during construction. She described the project as beginning at 6th and Kentucky Streets and going in a northwesterly direction to Peterson and Kasold.

Residents commented on the bad smell at 5th and Tennessee Streets. This resulted from the renovation of the Lift Station nearby, which was the first phase of the present project. Evidently, the City has not installed the smell-control equipment necessary to control the stink, Ms. VanSaun said. Neighbors complained about the smell and asked VanSaun to relay their concerns to the city.

Mr. Spitzer said the new 30" pipeline should relieve <u>some</u> of the excess water problems in Pinckney by diverting storm water in distant areas that would eventually have come into Pinckney.

The project, which began October 15, should take about 9 months.

Ms. VanSaun said she would notify PNA if rock from the old wall at the end of 4th and Ohio Streets can be saved to reface the new retaining wall.

Community Development Block Grants were discussed:

1) Clinton Park playground equipment.

- 2) Sidewalks on the south side of 5th St. between Michigan and Wisconsin Streets.
- 3) Funds to replace missing or deteriorated segments of existing sidewalks.
- 4) Lighting for Constant Park. This project will be proposed jointly by PNA and the Parks Dept.

The area in Pinckney which is east of Indiana is now considered "too rich" to be in the CDBG benefit district.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Carol Klinknett. PNA has \$228.60 in the Credit Union and \$103.49 in the Pinckney Defense Fund (power line battle). The Defense Fund will be kept open in case funds are needed to fight future aspects of KPL tariff.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Pogany, PNA Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 6, 1994

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Smith at 7:00 pm.

The meeting began with an attendance sheet passed around and a discussion of future meetings. It was decided that future meetings held after the December would be scheduled for Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm.

A reminder to everyone in attendance that a CDBG advisory board position was available to anyone in Pinckney who wished to be nominated. At that point, Linda Anderson expressed her interest in filling the position. Her name is now being forwarded to the city for approval.

An announcement was made to all interested persons that a CDBG meeting would be held on October 13 at Lawrence City Hall. The meeting starts at 7:00pm and would address issues regarding the application process of CDBG funding.

Steve Smith reminded everyone that the current President and Treasures terms would expire soon and that nominations for replacements had not been found at the time. Additionally, the Vice President and Secretary positions were currently vacant and needed to be filled as well.

CDBG funding was discussed and ideas for the use of the funding were suggested. The ideas included were better lighting, street and curb repair, possible picnic, and continuation of administration of PNA. Other sources of suggestion were also discussed. It was then decided by Steve Smith that the current coordinator should mail out informational cards requesting input from the individuals who participated in the canvassing survey.

The next order of business was a proposal by the current Treasurer, Carol Klinknett, that the next PNA newsletter incorporate several changes. These changes were to be more specific information given about the neighborhood crime watch, a message to the neighborhood about the benefits of lighting in deterring crime, and final approval of the draft copy of the newsletter be given by several members before it is printed.

Specific ideas on which projects should be applied for to receive CDBG funds were discussed. A motion on the floor by Merle Jackson was brought up to approve the applications of funding for three ideas. These ideas were cost administration (newsletter, copy and material fees, coordinator salary, etc.), lighting for streets and parks, and general infrastructure repair. Which areas of the infrastructure to repair would be decided by the information provided by the canvassing project and request by Pinckney residents. The motion was seconded by David Morgan and approved at 8:05 October 6, 1994.

During the meeting it was also decided that David Morgan would head up the neighborhood crime watch program.

Minutes submitted by John L. Peppperdine, PNA Coordinator June 29, 1995

Pinckney Neighborhood Assoc. meeting of Executive Board and Advisory Council

Carol Klinknett, Treasurer Attending:

George Osborne, Vice-President Merle Jackson, Advisory Board

Gayle Chausee

Tolly Smith Wildcat, Advisory Council

Those attending decided:

Tolly would be the coordinator

A newsletter would be composed by Tolly (or she could ask Brett McCabe)

The newsletter would contain:

- 1. CDBG availability of funds to inform membership
- Possible clean up by City (Tolly will call City) 2.
- Pinckney Neighborhood gararge sale August 12, 1995 3. (Tolly will write article)
- General Meeting- think of possibilities and pick a datedecide on something and put in newsletter.
- 5. Board and Advisory Board names and phone numbers
- 6. LAN report Tolly
- 7. No required membership fees 1995 agreed on by those present,
- Article on need for President ?
- 9. Possible Crime Watch Article ?
- 10. CDBG 95-96 Grant amounts and items

11. UPdate on powerline - Tolly
12. other suggested articles.
A meeting will be called July 10th, Monday, 7:00 pm, 500 Indiana, to review newsletter.

Tolly will call Brett and ask about writing newsletter.

Carol will call Linda Anderson and try to find the postage stamp for newsletter and the box of PNA stuff that Steve Smith gave to Linda Anderson. Carol will go to CDBG office for 95-96 grant amounts and CDBG funding for individuals and call Brett about P.O. Box and Newsletter Mailing List. Submitted by Carol Klinknett and given to CDBG and officers and advisors.

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Storm water concerns 3rd & Michigan area of Pinckney - 3rd & Arkansas

3rd & Michigan, southwest corner (vacant lot) considerable filling in of natural drainage ditch has been done/allowed here. Neighbors have over the years expressed concern that this occured, and that homes might be built here.

This is especially in need of consideration since the city i now purchasing land directly across the street from this to re-create the drainage ditch that once occured there. That will be the location of the large pipes, home there at 3rd & Michigan (on north east corner) will be purchase by city to re-create what once was the natural drainage channel.

It seems appropriate at this time to also look across the street (3rd&Michigan, southwest corner) and re-open that part of channel, or ensure that no development occur there because it is on top of anatural drainage ditch.

Building on top of natural drainage streams is what caused the homes to be in trouble in this area in the beginning. Hopefully we won't let that problem re-occur.

Also Pinckney Neighborhood Association would like to once again re-iterate our concerns that the land adjacent to the stream that handles the entire storm water drainage for the entire Country Club drainage basin (at 3rd & Arkansas to the river) is being used as a landfill. Whole streets or sidewalks or parking lots of concrete are regularly being dumped here.

Is a landfill allowed in this location?

This extensive filling in of landfill and building trailers on flood land, and since this stream is in flood plain, seems bad planning that will only result in future flooding problems for the trailers built on it, for the Pinckney residents who will have slower drainage of their water out of their area because of this extensive landfill that restricts the stream passage to the river.

It seems odd that the city would spend over a million dollars on this area to improve storm water drainage, and then not care about the size or nature of stream that this water exits to get out of neighborhood into river.

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## WELL WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE HOSPITAL HAS IN MIND FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

MAKE 2ND STREET WIDER?

HOW IS IT GOING TO EFFECT YOU?

MEETING AT THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH GOULD EVANS -- ARCHITECTS

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THURSDAY JULY 25, 1996

7:00 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!!!

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## Minutes of the Pinckney Neighborhood Assoction Saturday, February 14, 1998

The meeting was called to order in Suite G of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital at 3:15 p.m. 23 present (see back)

After everyone had introduced themselves, Tolly Smith Wildcat gave a brief description of duties of officers, as election of officers was on the agenda. Carol Klinknett also voiced the need to follow the association's bylaws and for those serving as officers to follow through on the commitment to that office or to notify the Board if they are unable to do so.

A very interesting presentation was given by Katie Armitage on the rich history of our neighborhood and the fact that so many of the first homes and businesses in Lawrence were located here. Diversity has always been a characteristic of the area, and there are existing homes and businesses and remains of such that are noteworthy. She concluded with a suggestion for the PNA to complete a project that has been in process for about 1½ years that of installing signage noting the historicity of the area. We have been given a grant from the city for this. Contact has been made with a Cincinnati company for aluminum printed signs as well as a local company for installing the posts for displaying them. Her suggestion is to place one large sign including our portion of Holland Wheeler's early Lawrence map with individual sites perhaps designated in a brochure or with smaller signs posted on the right-of-way near them. Shellie Bender suggested a committee to oversee this project be formed. Charles Jones moved Katie Armitage be given clear authority to proceed and complete this project, drawing in any other interested members to assist her. The motion was seconded and passed. Tolly moved retention of existing contracts for the signs and posts. It was seconded and carried.

Charles suggested trying to broaden the representation on the neighborhood beyond the streets of Ohio, Louisiana, Tennessee and Indiana. Given the addresses of those at this meeting, that may be difficult. He asked about the possibility of an office shared by a couple. Carol said it seemed the bylaws would allow that.

Nominations were made as follows:

President

William Tienken

Vice-President

Andrea Knickerbocker

Secretary

Madeline Finch

Treasurer

Karen Noll

Eleanor Symons moved the vote be taken as a total ticket. The officers were elected unanimously.

Merle Jackson moved we un-incorporate. Motion was seconded and carried.

Tolly mentioned the skate boarding area at Burcham Park. As the city seems to be pursuing locating more permanent equipment for that activity in either Centennial or Broken Arrow Park, PNA will wait for their action before making any decision on our part.

The President-elect announced a meeting of the Executive Board on Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. in Suite G of LMH. He invited past officers to attend.

There was motion for adjournment. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Lori Lange secretary, pro-tem

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 1, 1998

Present: William Tienken, President; Andrea Knickerbocker, V.P.; Karen Noll,

Treasurer, Madeline Finch, Secretary; Tolly Smith Wildcat, Coordinator,

Steve Smith, former officer

The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. at Madeline Finch's house, 520 Louisiana. An agenda was handed out; introductions were made. Andrea read a report submitted by Charles Benjamin that discussed his understanding of the current status of CDBG funds and grants. Status and priorities of current grants were discussed in general, and then Tolly addressed the board with her understanding of the status of current grants and projects.

Steve Smith commented on the advisory board's role in smoothing the way for the incoming board. He suggested ways to help projects toward completion, accessing the history box for understanding PNA, and shared ideas for increasing membership.

A meeting of the executive board was scheduled for April 13 to discuss the following items:

1. CDBG monies (after getting precise info from Marjene);

2. discussing the possibility of establishing board contacts for current projects;

3. newsletter plans (i.e., junk pick-up Saturday, social general meeting at Park, trash clean-up);

4. General Meeting plans.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 13, 1998

Present: William Tienken, President; Andrea Knickerbocker, V.P.; Karen Noll,

Treasurer, Madeline Finch, Secretary

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andrea Knickerbocker, 408 Indiana Street.

The board discussed asking Tolly to submit a job description and to sign a contract. A tentative date of May 4 was set to meet with Tolly on these matters. Madeline agreed to contact Tolly.

The CDBG Historical Marker Project was discussed. William suggested that it would be a good idea to meet with Katie Armitage and ask her to summarize for the board the work that she has done to date on the project, as well as to get her recommendations for how to proceed with the rest of the project. William indicated that he would contact Katie to set up a meeting. William likewise indicated that he would be willing to work with Katie as a board liaison/contact person for this project.

It was agreed that, for the present time, plans for a General Meeting as well as for the newsletter would be put on hold until current matters of a job description and contract for the coordinator had been settled, and progress had been made on the Historical Markers Project.

To: Margene Swarts, Community Development Manager

FROM: Madeline Finch, Pinckney Neighborhood Association Secretary Madeline

RE: Minutes

DATE: May 4, 1998

Enclosed are minutes from two recent meetings held by the PNA Board of Directors. You can reach me by phone at 843-1350 or e-mail at madfinch@sunflower.com if you have questions. Thank you!

## <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association—Board Meeting Minutes</u> <u>October 1, 1998</u>

The meeting began at 7:15 PM with William Tienken, Andrea Knickerbocker, Karen Noll, and Sara Taliaferro in attendance.

Andrea brought to our attention that we need to write a Community Development Block Grant(CDGB) and submit it, but she was not sure when. She explained that Pinckney is eligible because it fits a certain demographic profile. She says that block stands for a portion of money. The neighborhood has had two reps to that board, Charles Jones and Phyllis Wolf. William has tried to reach Phyllis Wolf but has never had a reply from her. Andy told us that monies go for a variety of purposes such as benches, grilles, sidewalks, and also for families in emergency, battered women's shelters, soup kitchens—all compete for this money.

Another item of new business is that we need to write up a coordinator job description and advertise for the position. Possible qualifications were discussed, and it was agreed that we would come to the next meeting prepared to write the description. Andrea discussed some of the history of the Pinckney neighborhood and explained how the by-laws have changed to aid against certain conflicts between the board and the coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association—Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 1998

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 PM with William Tienken, Andrea Knickerbocker, Karen Noll, and Sara Taliaferro in attendance.

We discussed the Coordinator position advertising, Andrea wants to work on that. We decided to table it for a brainstorming session later this month. Andrea needs to call Margene Swarts at the city because she thinks we have to turn in the CDBG grant, maybe in January. Sara asked if the coordinator needs to live in the neighborhood or if they can be from anywhere in Lawrence. Andy said that one of the coordinators covers two areas and does not live in both, so she thinks it does not matter. A neighbor would be preferred.

We need to update our mailing list. Andrea says there are about 1,005 addresses on the list, but there are probably a lot of places being missed, especially in the apartment complexes. We want to be more comprehensive. We can get the water bill list from the city and cross reference it with our mailing list. Andrea wonders if we should send out a mailing asking for ideas and needs in the neighborhood? Karen thought perhaps wait until we get the coordinator hired and work that out.

Tolly Smith-Wildcat submitted a bill for her hours. William will take the bill to Margene. Andrea wondered whether or not there would be a problem submitting the bill. If there is a problem, we will pay Tolly out of petty cash just to have things settled.

Andrea wondered whether we should set a monthly meeting time. It was agreed to wait because we will have extra meetings while we figure out hiring and grants.

We have some items of correspondance from the city. Andrea read the following and submitted them for records.

- (1) The old brewery will not be torn down after all. It is a stone barnlike structure, a bit decrepit.
- (2) Minutes from Law Board of Zoning Appeals. Want to tear down the Medical Building.
- (3) There is a meeting on the needs of Centennial Park.
- (4) Demolition permit for residence on Elm—a garage. In our neighborhood?
- (5) Community Health Improvement Project is holding a public forum on alcohol during pregnancy, discussing interventions.
- (6) Bicycle advisory meeting—6<sup>th</sup> street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association—Board Meeting Minutes</u> November 16, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Andrea Knickerbocker, Karen Noll, and Sara Taliaferro present.

Andrea informed us that she tried to get in contact with Rosalie McMaster who was elected Treasurer in September. She has not yet reached her or heard back, but if she does reach her, she will tell Rosalie about our meeting December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Andrea talked to Margene Swarts about the Community Development Block Grant and hiring a coordinator. Margene explained the subgranting process for us to employ a coordinator. We should contact in-town agencies and organizations so that they can advertise the position. Margene supplied us with a list. The ad ran Saturday and will run Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. As for the grant, we have the form, and a representative needs to deliver the form by the first of December. We reviewed the form. Andrea explained that technically we do not have to verify the income of the beneficiaries.

We discussed the grant. We feel that this next year or granting period will be a reorganization year, so our goals should be to improve the mailing list, get newsletters out and just get active again. It was agreed that Andrea will formalize our ideas and give a copy to everyone to review, and then Sara will type up the form and get it ready to submit. Sara can use word at work after hours. Andrea will get a copy of the grant on disc for Sara to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

## <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association—Board Meeting Minutes</u> December 1, 1998

The meeting was called to order a 7:10 PM with William Tienken, Andrea Knickerbocker, Karen Noll, Rosalie McMaster, and Sara Taliaferro in attendance.

We received the following correspondence:

- (1) a memorandum from Margene stating that all reimbursements needed to be turned in by December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) The Metropolitan Planning Commission Agenda from Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

We received a response from someone wanting to apply for the coordinator's position. Andrea thinks we need more applicants. Sara announced that after some soulsearching, she would like to apply for the position. Andrea thought that Sara should resign as secretary if she wants to apply, and we all agreed. Andrea thought that we should shorten the ad and rerun it. Rosalie suggested that we put it in two locations in the paper because she never reads the classified ads in help wanted but looks for estate sales. It was agreed that the two locations may increase visibility since some applicants may take the job for its service aspects and not really the income. Andrea will send the one applicant a letter thanking her for her interest and send her an application to fill out. We will extend the search to Dec. 31. We will let the one applicant know that we will call her after that date to schedule interviews. Karen thought that the candidate should get an interview and all agreed. Rosalie asked if we should send out postcards to the neighborhood, and we decided against the expense. Karen suggested we put a line in the shortened ad that says 'call for full job description' so that no one is misled into thinking our full requirements are listed. Everyone agreed. Everyone will meet on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the applicants.

Andrea brought up the idea of a post office box. She has had complaints from former officers because they still get mail from the city and other NA related mail. If we had a post office box, there would be continuity for the neighborhood. Everyone agreed. Andrea will ask Margene if this could be an operating expense.

Karen handed over the books to Rosalie. She explained that there ae two accounts. One is a power line defense fund. The other is the neighborhood association account at Free State Credit Union. Should we create a new account? It was agreed that we would combine the two accounts and announce this move at the next meeting or newsletter.

With all other business discussed, Sara formally handed in her resignation as secretary. Everyone wished her luck, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

<u>Pickney Neighborhood Association</u> <u>Board Meeting</u>

Date: February 13, 1999

## Attendees:

President William Tienken (WT)
Vice President Andrea Knickerbocker (AK)
Treasurer Rosalie McMaster (RM)
Secretary Jody Brown (JB)
Neighborhood Coordinator Sara Taliaferro (ST)

### The following issues were discussed and conclusions reached:

- AK reported that Katie Armitage had contacted her to say she is working on the brochure for the walking tour to be placed at the new Pickney Neighborhood sign.
- RM reported that Nancy Shontz passed away recently. She was a strong advocate for the Pickney neighborhood and her efforts and passion will be greatly missed.
- The fate of the old brewery was discussed briefly. The board is uncertain as to the status of the
  possible demolition of this structure.
- ST suggested writing a letter to Tolly Wildcat (the former Pickney Neighborhood Coordinator) as a means to make amends for the trouble in the past and to assure Tolly that her passions and efforts have been appreciated and we welcome her input in the future. After discussion it was decided that the letter should be a personal letter from ST instead of an official PNA letter at this time. ST to bring a draft copy for the Board to take a look at before it is mailed.
- The L.A.N. meeting will be Wed. 17<sup>th</sup>. JB & ST will attend to show a strong PNA envolvment. PNA still owes it' L.A.N. dues from last year and this year (\$50 total). ST to contact L.A.N. (who?) to confirm how much we owe and how to handle back dues. ST to get check from treasury to take to this Wednesday's meeting.
- ST reported she had gotten the update list of neighborhood addresses. ST to compare this list and the Water Company list to maximize the number of residents that receive the newsletter. The board discussed adding info to the newsletter explaining our attempts to correct the mailing problem. Unknown residents will be referred to as "Pickney Neighbors" and they will be given the opportunity to contact ST to enter their names into our database.
- PNA needs to schedule a general meeting. It was suggested that this take place in the spring possibly in April. AK mentioned that PNA may be required to have quarterly general meetings to qualify for CDBG funding. We need to confirm this.
- ST suggested sending out a letter asking for input from neighbors to help define the PNA agenda for our spring general meeting. This could be included as part of the newsletter in the form of a "what issues are you concerned with" questionnaire
- The board discussed various possible agenda items for the spring general meeting:

Reschedule the Tenants to Home Owner talk that fell through at the last meeting Discussion of the new addition to Pickney Elementary School WT reported that a stone house on Pennsylvania street which dates to 1862 survived Quantrill's raid will be moved to Constant Park soon. Katie Armitage might be able to give a talk about it. ST to talk to Katie Armitage to get more info

The Board discussed goals for the upcoming year. These include:

General reorganization of the PNA board Improved distribution of Newsletter
Get more involvement from neighbors West of Michigan Street and improve the overall sense of belonging to the Pickney Neighborhood Increase neighborhood input and attendance of general meetings
Organization of a Neighborhood clean-up project
Organization of a Social event (picnic, pot-luck, bar-b-que, etc.)
The possibility of coming up with a PNA mission statement was discussed. ST read the mission statement for L.A.N. as an example. This would help to inform the neighbors the value of a neighborhood association. It could include such things as PNA acts as an information resource, referring people to the appropriate city office for their particular concerns.

 Next Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at 3:00pm. ST will call the board members to confirm and to establish where the meeting will happen.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

Pickney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Date: March 7, 1999

3:00pm

#### Attendees:

President William Tienken (WT)
Treasurer Rosalie McMaster (RM)
Secretary Jody Brown (JB)
Neighborhood Coordinator Sara Taliaferro (ST)

## The following issues were discussed and conclusions reached:

- Letter to Tolly Wildcat: ST presented the letter she had drafted to Tolly Wildcat. The letter met with general approval and ST is to send it out ASAP. WT and RM feel PNA should send an official letter to follow up thanking Tolly for her years of service.
- Minutes: Minutes from the last PNA board meeting were reviewed and approved. ST mentioned that we might need to send a copy of the minutes to Margene at CBDG. JB requested that she confirm this and let him know where to send them. JB suggested that future minutes could be emailed and/or snail mailed to the board members for review, so we would not have to wait until the next board meeting to see them.
- Stone house relocation: ST spoke to Katie Armitage about the stone house in East Lawrence which is slated to be moved. The current plan is to relocate it to Hobbs Park not into Constant Park as WT had previously thought. They are currently trying to raise funds which could be as high as \$100,000
- The L.A.N. meeting will be Wed. 17th. JB & ST will attend. PNA has paid the L.A.N. dues.
- Futures Conference: ST and JB briefly reported on the School Board's "Futures Conference" discussion that took place at the last L.A.N. meeting. JB underscored the concept of "Neighborhood" Schools and "Comprehensive" Schools that were strongly advocated by the conference attendees. As seen in this light, Pickney Elementary School should and could be the center of the Pickney Neighborhood. Meeting such as the PNA board meetings and general meetings could take place there. As the Pickney School under goes a renovation, we should analyze the plans to see if they improve the image of the school as the center of our neighborhood.
- Meeting about the proposed LMH parking lot: PNA needs to schedule a general meeting with Robert Tripinski the administrator in charge of the project. ST will set this up for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. ST will announce this meeting in the newsletter. A house on Arkansas will be moved as a result of this lot. JB suggested we try to contact Beau March to see is he would be interested in the house since he has recently moved a house he purchased from Plymouth church into the Pickney Neighborhood. JB will try to get in touch with him.
- Pickney School Community Dance: Mary Beth Bialek has informed PNA that Pickney School will be having a community dance on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The plan is for a dance open to the Neighborhood as well as parents and kids who attend the school. This should be a great event for Pickney. It was agreed that PNA should be involved. We could offer to do a refreshment stand, bake cookies, etc. At the very least we should take the opportunity to hand out our brochures and/or newsletter. ST will talk to Mary Beth to see what she thinks we should do. The dance will be noted in the newsletter.
- Spring Cleanup: PNA needs to set a date for the spring cleanup. It's too late for March or April. RM suggested later in the spring, perhaps June. We will tentatively plan for the cleanup on June 6. ST to add a blurb to the newsletter to get people thinking about it.

- Mailing List and Newsletter: ST has added over 600 names to the database for the newsletter mailing. A rough draft of the first newsletter was reviewed and met with general approval. It could be ready to mail in about a week. ST will mail a proof to the board members for our final review before it's mailed. This first newsletter should be sent out ASAP. ST plans to do 6 newsletters a year. JB suggested that future newsletters contain "useful" information such as a flyer announcing the Pickney School/ Community Dance, a copy of the walking tour brochure, etc. JB also, suggested that we add a plug for people to get out and vote this April. (since the chamber of commerce/ business endorsed candidates finished 1st and 2rd in the primaries and the "neighborhood" candidates are lagging behind) PNA should not endorse any particular candidate but we could do our part to increase voter turn out in Pickney.
- Walking tour brochures: Katie Armitage has said the walking tour brochures will be finished in May.
- Nancy Shontz: RM relayed a suggestion made by Tolly Wildcat to make a donation in Nancy Shontz's memory to the Lawrence Preservation Society. The board unanimously voted to donate \$100. RM is to draft a letter to go along with our donation. JB mentioned that L.A.N. was putting off the publication of their newsletter to allow time to for people to submit memories and praise for Nancy Shontz. It was agreed that PNA should submit an official statement expressing our gratitude for Nancy Shontz's years of service to Lawrence Neighborhoods. RM is to draft a few sentences and give it to JB to email to Steve Lopes (the L.A.N. newsletter editor)
- Mission statement: RM suggested we aim for April to include a mission statement in our newsletter.
- Next meeting: Next board meeting will be after the meeting on the parking lot at Lawrence Memorial Hospital – April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm.

## PNA MEETING MINUTES: MAY 8, 1999

William Tienken, Rosalie McMaster, and Sara Taliaferro were present.

## Neighborhood Survey

Sara talked to Margene Swarts about past surveys. Margene said an intern had interviewed the various neighborhood groups, but she thought Pinckney was not organized at that time and was not really represented. She said that she would provide funds to pay for the return postage on the questionnaire and that we would not have to pay postage. She felt that it was more just in the neighborhood's interest to have the survey.

Sara will send out the survey in the next newsletter.

## Community Dance

PNA is in charge of desserts. Do we want to stick to our original idea of cookies? How many should we make? Should we buy some? Rosalie suggested that we each just make a couple dozen cookies and when they sell out, they sell out.

## Neighborhood Blight

Sara reported that a couple of houses were brought to her attention as abandoned houses that were being neglected. The addresses were 214 Alabama St. and 432 Mississippi. She reported them to Julie Wyatt, the environmental inspector for the city. The owners will be served notice if the houses are in violation, and if the issues are not addressed, there will be a public hearing on the houses. Rosalie mentioned another house that is being rented but is in poor shape. It is owned by Al Hack, Jr., and it is located at 210 Michigan. Bill reported a house at 414 Michigan. It is vacant, and the owner is storing old batteries on the back porch. There is also broken glass, etc. on the ground. Neighborhood kids play there. Sara will report these and keep an eye on them.

## Storm Drain Maintenance

Victor Carr had called Sara to report that the banks along the new storm drain between Michigan and Alabama in 200 block were not being maintained. Rosalie confirmed this and said that the neighbors had agreed to maintain the banks, which technically still belong to the individual homeowners, but that the banks were much steeper than what neighbors had been told in the original meeting. It would be dangerous for neighbors to mow these banks. Sara will call city and follow up on this; Victor Carr was planning to write the city a letter.

## Neighborhood Cleanup

What do we need to do to organize the cleanup? Sara wants to put something in the next newsletter, but wonders how to organize crews in time, etc. Rosalie suggested we just simply organize a cleanup of individual homes/properties and inform neighbors there will be an organized neighborhood cleanup that will include crews of volunteers cleaning parks and other targeted areas. All present agreed.

## Misc. Business

Bill wondered what ordinances govern noise? Sara will check.

We should push idea of block representatives.

Rosalie mentioned an issue coming up concerning adding a fifth lane to  $6^{th}$  street. It would be a turning lane extending east further than current one...to Tennessee? It is a Pinckney and an OWL issue. Will they take more of the land? City Commission vote has been postponed.

We should schedule a Y2K speaker for the July/August general meeting. Rosalie reported on the Chamber of Commerce speaker she had heard and said that he was commonsense and not alarmist. Sara will pursue.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

<u>Pickney Neighborhood Association</u> Board Meeting

Date: June 20, 1999

Attendees:

Secretary Jody Brown (JB)
Neighborhood Coordinator Sara Taliaferro (ST)

The following issues were discussed and conclusions reached:

- ST has received about 69 responses to the PNA questionnaire that was sent out with the last newsletter. She will tally the results and put together a report in the next week to help determine what some major neighborhood concerns are.
- PNA mission statement. ST has reviewed the LAN and Tenants to Home Owners mission statements and would like the board members to come up with some possibilities for a PNA mission statement. The results of the questionnaire should also be used as a guide for this.
- PNA Walking brochure. ST has spoken with Katie Armitage again and has volunteered to take on some of the work in order to get the brochure finished as quickly as possible. JB suggested using the Kansas Collection in the Spencer Library at KU as a resource for any research needed. JB will also look into borrowing a digital camera from work so photo can go directly into the computer. JB suggested that PNA contact all the owners of the houses listed on the walking tour to make sure they want to be on the tour. ST will work up a draft for the board to review and later send it out to the neighborhood for comment.
- ST to check into how often we are required to have a General meeting. General meeting was tentatively set for 7/17/99. ST will reserve a room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Possible topics for discussion include practical preparation for Y2K, Landlord licensing, Big clean-up.
- Since other board members could not attend this meeting, another Board Meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6/26/99 at 11:00am. ST will call the board members to confirm and to establish where the meeting will happen.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

<u>Pickney Neighborhood Association</u> Board Meeting

Date: July 17, 1999

#### Attendees:

Vice President Treasurer Secretary Andrea Knickerbocker (AK) Rosalie McMaster (RM) Jody Brown (JB) Sara Taliaferro (ST)

The following issues were discussed and conclusions reached:

### State of PNA Board:

Neighborhood Coordinator

ST reported that William is having health problems and has expressed concern in his ability to serve as President. AK is willing to serve as acting President until Board terms are up in February. If William wants to officially step down, PNA will need to get a letter for our records. The Board would like to express our appreciation for William's service to the Neighborhood and we wish him well in the future. His efforts will be greatly missed.

### **Budget:**

PNA has used all of the available funds for the fiscal year ending in July 1998. ST has drafted a letter to Margene Swarts to request a transfer of \$820 from the Coordinators Salary fund to the general operating fund. This will be used to cover the upcoming newsletter mailing. ST has provided a breakdown of projected expenses for the upcoming fiscal year ending in 1999 (see attached Agenda). Our CDGB/HOME grant was about \$260 less than we will need. It is costing about \$90 more that expected to send out newsletters due to the addition of almost 600 new mailing addresses. Also, we had planned to send out 6 newsletters next year since we are "getting our act together". ST and RM suggested we send out only 4 or 5 newsletters since we are short on money. PNA is only required to send out quarterly newsletters.

#### Questionnaire Results:

- ST has received 74 responses to the questionnaire sent out with the last newsletter. A summary of these results is included in the attached Agenda. These concerns should be used as a guide for general meeting topics and as a guideline it drafting a PNA mission Statement. ST relayed some of the comments included in the questionnaire results, Such as: concern with drug sales at Clinton Park, Difficulty crossing 6<sup>th</sup> street, concern for abandoned or neglected houses.
- The city has been very responsive to our concern for blighted housing. They have promptly inspected and served notice to the owners of the few homes we have called to their attention. ST is considering drafting letters to the owners of neglected houses to let them know the neighborhood is worried and see if they would consider selling the property to the Tenants to Home Owners Association.

## Pickney Walking Tour Brochure:

ST provided a draft of the walking tour brochure for the board to review. RM suggested contacting Tolly Wildcat for assistance with the historical research. ST said Tolly had expressed interest in this project in the questionnaire she had returned. AK advised approaching Tolly with caution; get her input on the history of the houses on the tour and do not discuss layout, format, or content. ST will send a draft to Tolly for comment. After discussion it was decided it would be acceptable to have a rough draft of the walking brochure available for comment at the general meeting. RM mentioned that it would be a good idea to complete the brochure in time for "Civil War Days" which is in August. This would also, get it finished under this years budget instead of next year's. RM suggested that ST contact Steve Jenson at the Watkins Museum for additional help in her Historical research. Also, JB had suggested she go to the Kansas Collection in the Spencer Library at KU. RM suggested ST "run with" the brochure and print up a small amount, solicit comments, and then print a revision.

## **PNA Mission Statement:**

• RM suggested that the Board all sit down to hash out ideas for our mission statement. JB suggested that the next board meeting be solely dedicated to this topic.

#### Other Business:

- Y2K speaker ST will contact Jerry R. to set up a time in August to have him speak for PNA. Jerry gives a very practical, down-to-earth, talk about preparing for the year 2000.
- The newsletter is at the printer now to notify the neighborhood of the general meeting next weekend. RM expressed concern that people were getting the newsletters after the fact and cited the neighborhood clean-up as an example. ST assures us there were special circumstances then and the printer has stated that this newsletter will be finished and mailed in time for the general meeting. RM suggested that in the future we postpone events to a later date if we cannot guarantee prompt notification.
- Big Clean-up will be discussed at the general meeting.
- LAN has been discussing licensing Landlords. ST will attend the next LAN meeting to keep us informed on this issue.
- OWL has recently opposed a city plan to install asphalt accessible curb cuts in various places. Some of these locations were in Pickney. OWL drafted a letter to the city requesting that these curb cuts be concrete at concrete sidewalks and concrete with brick inlay at brick sidewalk. ST told the OWL representatives that PNA agrees with that position.
- 218 Maine current plans for this house are for the city to buy the lot and HOOT to purchase the house and sell it well below market cost.
- RM shared a letter PNA received from the Lawrence Preservation Alliance thanking PNA for our donation in Nancy Shontz's name.
- RM reported that PNA's efforts regarding the storm drainage maintenance behind
   Arkansas St. has paid off. The city was there with a crew within days of our complaint.

## **Future Meetings:**

- General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 1999 at 2:00 PM at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999 at 10:00am. ST will reserve a conference room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

<u>Pickney Neighborhood Association</u> General Meeting

Date: July 24, 1999

### Attendees:

Vice President
Secretary
Neighborhood Coordinator
Mike Holtz
Victor Carr
Michael Noll
Steve Braswell

Andrea Knickerbocker

Jody Brown Sara Taliaferro

The following issues were discussed and conclusions reached:

Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm

### Y2K Speaker:

**Charles Jones** 

 Jerry Manweiler (Chair of the Douglas County Y2K community compliant preparedness task force) will speak to PNA Sat. Aug. 21 at 11am. Newsletter will announce this to the neighbors and include more information

#### Questionnaire Results:

- Questionnaires were sent to the 1600 neighbors in Pickney. We received 74 responses (1%-5%) which is good compared to other neighborhoods. The top concerns were: 1.
   Traffic, 2. Neighborhood Safety, and 3. Environmental Issues.
- Traffic: concerns included speeding, construction around Memorial Hospital and the Bert Nash Center, Pedestrian safety. Crossing 6<sup>th</sup> street is a major concern. Since 6<sup>th</sup> is a state highway, there are only a few places to cross (Michigan, Maine, the tunnel at Pickney Elementary, and Kentucky). The main crossing point to downtown is Kentucky; there is a problem crossing here because of the number of cars turning right on red. They often do not yield to pedestrians. Also, People "hang out" in the tunnel at Pickney which makes it seem unsafe to pedestrians (especially the children it was constructed to serve). As far as speeding goes, we should have 20mph speed limits in most areas because of the large number of children. How hard would it be to get Children @ play signs installed? We need to pursue more law enforcement because of the high rate of speeding and traffic violations such as running stop signs and not yielding to pedestrians. Unfortunately, city trucks are some of the more irresponsible drivers. This is a problem because of the City works building being located behind Pickney Elementary.

- Neighborhood Safety: PNA has report 4 blighted houses to the City Environmental Officer. She has inspected these houses and written them up, and the owners have responded to her concerns. PNA will put a request in the newsletter for neighbors to report any additional houses they are concerned about.
- Environmental Issues: Victor reported on the storm sewer ditch between Arkansas and Michigan. The city responded quickly to the neighbors maintenance concerns. A crew was sent out the day after we contacted the city. PNA should send a letter to the city thanking them for their prompt attention. The drainage ditch seems to be working properly.

## Spring Cleanup:

Sarah reported on the mix-up with the recent spring clean-up. The date we had selected conflicted with Memorial Day and the weekend when most students move out. This caused some rescheduling. Next year we'll pick another weekend. In spite of the mix-up the clean-up was a success. Steve expressed his appreciation for our efforts on the clean-up and noted that PNA was noticed as a force when he went before the City Commission to express his concerns about brush pick-up. Mike Wildgen went out of his way to make sure Pickney would have brush pick-up. We should make efforts to maintain this influence and foster it. PNA will begin planning for the next clean-up. Andy suggested October since this would allow for leaves and brush pick-up. Andy also suggested we add a list of days for the various city pick-ups and required procedures (such as bundling of twigs, etc.) in the newsletter.

## **Pickney Walking Tour Brochure:**

The Pickney Neighborhood sign is in place at Constant Park. PNA is currently working on a walking tour brochure which will go in the pocket on the sign. A draft was distributed for review and we will include draft in a future newsletter to solicit comments from the neighbors. This brochure will be paid for from funds from PNA's CDBG neighborhood grant.

### Other Business:

- Neighborhood Commission: Charles suggested that Lawrence follow the model of some other cities and establish a "Neighborhood Commission". Currently, neighborhoods are not fully represented by the city staff. The Planning Commission is focused on development, the Historic Resource Commission is focused on preservation of historic properties, and the City Commission's focus varies with each election. Also, Neighborhood Association participation has been dwindling in all NA's (and in Pickney, to be sure). Additionally, CDBG funding has been changing recently to provide more of a focus on the housing market. In short, there is not a permanent branch of the local government which has neighborhood issues as their primary concern. Lawrence needs a unified front that is "neighborhood" oriented in lieu of "development" oriented. (Note: Charles Jones will be presenting these ideas at a future L.A.N. meeting).
- What is a neighborhood coordinator? Many neighborhoods receiving CDBG funding have a coordinator. CDBG funding comes ultimately from HUD funding which is distributed by the city through CDBG to neighborhood associations. 15% of this funding goes towards public service and the rest goes toward housing related issues. PNA qualifies on both accounts. CDBG funding is available for "Targeted Neighborhoods" which are typically well established and often close to downtown. PNA uses this funding to pay for our coordinator who is in charge of the newsletter, scheduling, hoop jumping, and generally keeps PNA humming along.

- CDBG funding: Charles suggested that PNA consider following a model in Texas
  where alliances are encouraged between large corporations and neighborhood
  associations. In PNA, Lawrence Memorial Hospital would be a good choice for such an
  alliance. Also, we might consider using some of our CDBG funding to bring in people
  from other communities to speak about things that have worked for them.
- Future events: Is the Warped Tour coming back next year? We haven't heard anything yet. LMH had a charity run last week which went through Pickney; it would have been nice to know about this so neighbors could sit out on the porch and cheer them on, and contribute to the cause. Sarah will contact the city to get a "Master" calendar of events so we can publish them in the newsletters.
- Neighborhood efforts: Charles warned of putting too much on the shoulders of our coordinator. Efforts should be made to distribute work to willing neighbors as wells as PNA board members. Also, Sarah should refer people to the appropriate city office as often as possible instead of doing all the leg-work herself. There used to be an "advisory committee" in Lawrence for such assistance. PNA should do a better job of letting people know what's going on. Ads should be put in the paper about upcoming events. It would also be helpful to get a list of shut-ins so the neighbors could help them out during things such as the clean-up (Meals-on-wheels may have a list of those people) We should make efforts to appoint "block leaders" to coordinated our efforts through-out the neighborhood.
- E-mails: PNA should look into getting neighbors e-mail addresses as a way to encourage more participation.
- Erosion: Charles Jones reported that the County will be discussing erosion at one of the future County Commissioner meetings. This may impact Burcham Park.

## **Future Meetings:**

 Next meeting will be Aug 21<sup>st</sup> at the Y2K talk. Time and location to be published in the next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 3:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Jody Brown (PNA Secretary)

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

Pinckney Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting

Date: September 26, 1999

### Attendees:

Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Neighborhood Coordinator
Andrea Knickerbocker
Rosalie McMaster
Jody Brown
Sara Taliaferro

Meeting was called to order at 4:20pm (ish)

## Garage Demolition:

Andy drafted a letter in support of Madeline Finch's request to demolish a garage behind her historic property in Pinckney. The Historic Resource Commission has already approved the plans, and this letter of support from PNA will help bypass the 30 day waiting period to obtain a demolition permit.

## H.A.N.D. Advisory Committee Representative:

Phyliss Wolf's term as the Pinckney representative to H.A.N.D. is about to expire. William has tried to call her a few times and has not gotten a response. Also, she has not been to the last 3 meetings. Sarah will try to get a hold of her again to see if she is interested in another 3 year term. If she isn't, or if she doesn't seem like an appropriate representative (we've heard rumors that she may have been encouraged to serve on the committee by a real estate agency) Sarah will call Charles Jones to see if he could recommend a person to take her place.

### Newsletter:

The Newsletter is still not getting to all addresses. Sarah has given an updated disk to the printer, but it may be that they are still using the old version. Sarah will follow-up to make sure they have the current info.

### 218 Alabama:

Tenants to Homeowners has purchased the house at 218 Alabama. PNA will be organizing a clean-up and landscaping effort on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> all day starting at 9am.

## Fall Clean-up:

 PNA will plan for a fall clean-up on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The clean-up may include organizing a small group of volunteers to do general clean-up at Clinton, Burcham, and Constant Park

## **Tenants to Homeowners:**

 Marguetite Risley is stepping down from the Tenants to Homeowner's Board. Sarah has recommended John Pepperdine to the board. John had expressed an interest in volunteering.

## Tax Return:

Corporations are required to file tax returns; however, the PNA board voted to end our status as a corporation a year and a half ago. PNA May need to file a tax return for 1 or 2 month's of the last tax year that we were incorporated. Rosalie will look into this.

## **Brainstorming session:**

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the goals, focus, and accomplishments of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association. See attached "idea sheet" drafted by Jody and a summary of neighbor responses to questionnaires. The board will be exploring these topics at a future planning meeting.

## **Future Meetings:**

- An end of the year "Neighbor Appreciation" meeting will be scheduled for Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm 3:00pm. Sarah will contact Pinckney Elementary to see if we could use the gym for this meeting which may not be possible because of the pending construction project there. The public library will be our fall back location. This will be the last public meeting of the year. We are required to have 4 general meetings to qualify for our CDBG funding although this will be our third meeting of the year Margene Swartz has indicated that this will not effect our standing with CDBG because this has been a re-organizing year.
- The PNA board will have a "Planning Meeting" Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Andy's house. We will discuss goals for the upcoming year (and pizza will be served!).

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm (ish)

Respectfully submitted, Jody Brown (PNA Secretary)

## General issues for:

## Pickney Neighborhood Association (PNA)

Pickney is one of Lawrence's "established" neighborhoods receiving CDBG funding. As such, issues confronting Pickney involve the community at large. For example:

Transportation – 6<sup>th</sup> Street runs along the edge of Pickney. This is a major arterial road feeding downtown as well as a road serving Pickney. This street should be evaluated in terms of how it serves downtown as wells as Pickney. We need to safely cross the street, yet we do not want to be separated from the rest of the community. Kentucky should be designed as an "entry" to downtown. Since downtown has a strong pedestrian character, the pedestrian nature of this crossing should be enhanced.

Storm Water - Storm water runoff increases with each parking lot built on lowa St.; this water ultimately ends up at the river which means it goes through Pickney. PNA must closes monitor development throughout the community to regulate its effect on Pickney.

Rivers and Parks - The Kaw river should be one of the focus points for the city. Instead, it is neglected and polluted. (not to mention prone to flooding). We should make efforts to encourage community-wide events at Burcham Park. The river should be strengthened as a destination spot for recreation and public gathering. Additionally, the city parks in Pickney should be cared for, used, and protected. General PNA meetings and neighborhood gatherings should be held at Clinton Park, Burcham Park, or Constants Park. Clean-up efforts should be put in place to care for these public parks if city services are not adequate.

Pickney Elementary – With the recent "futures conference" undertaken by Lawrence to define the role of our schools in the community, PNA should look into using the resources at Pickney Elementary to full advantage. The neighborhood dance was an excellent example of the schools potential to be a focal point for the neighborhood. We should try to use the facilities at the Elementary School for our PNA meetings. Pickney Elementary School also serves to connect us with OWL and other neighborhoods who send their children to the school.

Housing - Current zoning regulations, impact fees, property taxes, etc. Make it difficult to develop property in our established neighborhoods. Set-back regulations were written for suburban sites. When these are applied to Pickney sites the buildable area is so small as to make it unusable. Impact fees are applied to developers regardless of where they chose to build. Why should Pickney require an impact fee? We have an established school, existing fire service, police service, existing utilities (storm sewer, water, gas, phone). These impact fees discourage development in our neighborhood. Current regulations encourage a continual growth away from downtown. This causes blight, neglected properties, increased crime, lowered school enrollment, neighborhood decline, etc. in Pickney.

Diversity – Pickney is one of the most diverse neighborhoods with people of varying age, economic standing, race, etc. The neighborhood reflects this. Property values range from beautiful historic mansions to cost efficient mobile housing. We have a wide range of rental property as well as Home owners. PNA should encourage this diversity and embrace all neighbors. Pickney is a microcosm of Lawrence as a whole.

A walkable Neighborhood – As an established neighborhood, our sidewalks are a vital part of our transportation network. Our kids walk to school on them, we use them to walk the dog, visit our neighbors, and access downtown and other neighborhoods. Why are the individual property owners responsible for the care and upkeep of the sidewalk in front of our property? We are also, liable for any accidents neighbors may have while passing by our house. Shouldn't sidewalks be recognized as a vital part of our transportation network? Didn't the city just spend a heck of a lot of money installing handicap curb cuts throughout Pickney (and OWL)? Who is responsible for the maintenance of these curb cuts? Aren't curb cuts pointless if the sidewalks are not maintained as a consistent part of a pedestrian transportation network.

Historic Resources – As an established neighborhood, Pickney has a wealth of historic properties which enhance the character of the community as a whole. PNA should advocate the support of and encourage restoration and renovation of these cultural resources. PNA should consider the policy of preserving and restoring brick streets carefully.

Downtown Development – Pickney is one of the neighborhoods surrounding the Downtown area. As such, the fate of downtown directly affects the state of Pickney. We should be proactive to encourage the continued community wide focus on "downtown" as the heart of Lawrence. Every development on Wakarusa or lowa threatens the continued health of downtown as the cultural and retail center of our community. Pickney (and all CDBG funded neighborhoods) should become more vocal and active in guiding the development and preservation of the downtown district.

Collection of Concerned Citizens – Pickney is made up of a diverse population; we are a cross section of Lawrence. Our concerned citizens should be given every opportunity to organize and express their opinions as representatives of the community as a whole. PNA should openly recognize that what effects Lawrence as a community, directly effects Pickney as a neighborhood and vice versa.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Fall General Meeting November 7, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM with Andrea Knickerbocker (vice president and acting president), Rosalie McMaster (treasurer), John Pepperdine, Shelley Barnhill, Katie Armitage, Charles Jones, Michael Holtz, and Sara Taliaferro (coordinator) present.

Sara opened by thanking everyone present for helping with the neighborhood association for the last year. She summarized our accomplishments. First, we cohosted a Community Dance at Pinckney School with OWL and LMH. Pinckney School feels it was successful and is planning a second event. Second, after working with Chad Vogt, it is set up so the city will maintain the storm ditch in 200 block, between Michigan and Arkansas Streets (cut weeds, etc.). Third, our spring neighborhood cleanup was successful; the next cleanup is November 13<sup>th</sup>. We could use volunteers to walk the parks and also need volunteers for a second cleanup of the 218 Alabama St. house on that day. Andrea wonders if we should approach Bert Nash about volunteers. John Pepperdine volunteers to hand out flyers if Sara gets them made. Fourth, we have supported Tenants To Homeowners with the project at 218 Alabama Street. It was a home that was fairly run down and is now getting rehabilitated. Fifth, people are reporting neighborhood blight, and we are working with Julie Wyatt to take action on these. Katie Armitage mentions that the house at 534 Ohio Street is in horrible shape and that drug dealers may be operating out of there. Sixth, we have a walking tour brochure. Sara passed around an example. Katie Armitage did the historic work for the brochure, and Sara put it together. Sara is making corrections and creating a map for the brochure, but it is nearly complete.

Andrea states that we want to extend a thank you to Marguerite Risley for working so hard as our representative on the Tenants To Homeowners (HOOT) board. She mentions that she and Sara sent out thank you letters to people who helped us over the course of the year, and Marguerite was included. Andrea introduces John Pepperdine as our new HOOT representative. She says we also owe a thank you to Phyllis Wolf, our HAND representative. Sara introduces Shelley Watts Barnhill as our new representative. Sara mentions that she had a good talk with Phyllis Wolf who gave a lot of information about the neighborhood. Phyllis may be hard to get in touch with but would answer questions if Shelley needs her to. Charles Jones says he will be happy to tell her about the board as well.

As for new business, Sara mentions that the traffic committee has given her a report, and we will figure out how to use that information.

Andrea reminds everyone that elections will be held in February for the positions of President and Secretary.

Katie Armitage informs the group that there are trees along the riverfront walk that are debarked and wondered why. Sara says that she will try to find out about it.

Sara reports on a letter from Mike Wildgen informing us about a utility department project that will probably start in 2000. It is a lagoon system to prevent lime softening residuals form being dumped in the Kaw. Rosalie asked if these were sewage lagoons. Mike said they were not. He works for a contractor and has been involved with treatment plants. He says this would be a settling pond. Charles says that he thinks this is

a good thing the neighborhood should support, and he was involved in discussions on this. He asked if anyone noticed the runoff in the creek under the footbridge along the river walk. Everyone had. He said that the cloudy whitish residue in there is what we are talking about. Consensus was that the neighborhood acknowledges and supports the project. Sara shows the map that Mr. Wildgen included with his letter. Rosalie asks if we could plan some event with Friends of the Kaw—such as a canoe trip—to celebrate when the lagoon is constructed. Others agreed that they liked the idea, and we will discuss it again when lagoon construction is underway.

Sara asks everyone to think about how we can continue to improve outreach to neighbors. Should we start an E-mail list? An E-mail signup was passed around. Rosalie mentions that she does not have E-mail, and she thinks E-mail would exclude some of the people we would be targeting. There was discussion on how to include more people who traditionally had not been very involved such as lower income or renters. The newsletter does seem to be getting response. Everyone agreed to think about this and bring ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting / Planning Meeting

Date: November 12, 1999

#### Attendees:

Vice President

Andrea Knickerbocker

Secretary

Jody Brown

Neighborhood Coordinator

Sara Taliaferro

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

## William Tienken:

Andy read a letter she drafted to William thanking him for his contributions to Pinckney and wishing him improved health.

## **Upcoming Elections:**

Andy will be stepping down at the end her term and William has officially stepped down due to continued health problems. Therefore, PNA will be holding elections for President and Vice President at the next general meeting. It would be an advantage to stagger the terms of the board members so that PNA can maintain consistent representation instead of having a complete turn-over every two years.

### Newsletter:

There is still concern about the mailing list for the Newsletter. Andy suggested adding "or Pinckney Neighbor" to the letter in case they are going to incorrect addresses. Also, we could added a blurb to the newsletter stating to give us a call if you know of someone who" not receiving the newsletter or if your name and address is shown incorrectly. Sara will check with the printer once again to make sure they are using the current mailing list.

## Goals for upcoming year:

PNA's primary goal for the upcoming year will be to increase neighbor participation through an "outreach" program. Sara proposed going door to door to solicit volunteers. Jody suggested utilizing the group of neighbors who have participated over the last year by setting up formal roles for them. For example PNA could have block rep's, and L.A.N. liaison, a Pinckney Elementary School liaison, board members on Tenants to Homeowners etc. Jody suggested building up a core group of neighborhood representatives this way. The Board meetings could be opened up to this broader group. Jody also suggested seeking out corporate sponsorship from local businesses as a way to generate funds and strengthen local business.

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association **General Meeting**

Date: February 5, 2000

Attendees:

Andrea Knickerbocker Vice President (Acting President)

Sara Taliaferro Jody Brown

John Pepperdine Shellev Barnhill

Charles Jones Katie Armitage Ken Armitage Mike Holtz Karen Noll

Eleanor Symons

Alan Bowes Chris Koger Richard Gwin Tenants to Homeowners Lawrence Journal World Lawrence Journal World

Neighborhood Coordinator

Secretary

Presenters:

Tom Trenolone Amber Harden

Studio 804 - University of Kansas Studio 804 - University of Kansas

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

## **Elections:**

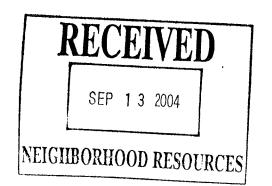
Sara presented the nominations for the available Board positions. The ballot included John Pepperdine for President, Jody Brown for Vice President, and Dave Unekis for Secretary. Sara made a motion to accept the ballot as drafted, Andy seconded and it was approved. John, Jody, and Dave were unanimously elected by the attendees. Andy noted that PNA will attempt to stagger the Board terms so there will always be returning members. Jody Brown was the secretary and Rosalie McMaster will continue to serve as Treasurer. Congratulations to the new board members.

## Appreciation of past Leaders:

Katie Armitage presented a gift of flowers and a card signed by all attendees to Sara and Andy to show our appreciation for their devotion and service over the last few years. Andy almost single handedly kept the PNA afloat and was the key person behind an effort to get us back on track. We thank her for her efforts and her leadership. Sara has served and continues to serves as PNA's faithful and effective coordinator and we look forward to many more years of working with her. Also, PNA wishes to extend a special thanks to William Tienken who along with Andy led the effort to rebuild the neighborhood association until failing health caused him to step down. We are grateful for his efforts and wish him well in the future.

## **Barker Neighborhood Association Resolution:**

The Barker neighborhood has drafted a resolution to be sent to the city of Lawrence regarding the regulation of sexually related businesses. The resolution (as read by Sara during the meeting) requests that the city look into regulating the location of sexually related businesses, restricting them



to areas remote from residences, churches, and schools. Additionally, the resolution requests the city consider ways to regulate the existing "Naughty-but-Nice" store which has opened in Barker. After much fruitless discussion on the legality of regulating free speech, it was concluded that the City of Lawrence should make these legal decisions and the Barker resolution simply requests that they begin to research the issue. Katie Armitage made a motion that PNA draft a letter supporting the "sense" of the Barker resolution; Charles Jones seconded and it was unanimously approved. Sara will draft a letter and circulate it to the Board members for review and approval. As an aside, Charles Jones commented that if any neighbors had questions regarding zoning regulations they could contact him for help.

## 216 Alabama:

- Tom Trenolone and Amber Harden from studio 804 in the University of Kansas Architectural graduate program gave a presentation of the house they are designing at 216 Alabama. The 16 students in studio 804 will design and build a fully accessible home over the course of a school year. In the past, the studio has worked with the city of Lawrence to build these homes. This year the students will be teaming with Tenants to Homeowners. Tenants to Homeowners already owns a house and a double lot at 218 Alabama and are currently in the process of rehabilitating it to be sold at an affordable rate to a needy person or family. The double lot will be divided to make room for the new student designed house (which will be 216 Alabama). The association with Tenants to Homeowners has been very effective so far and could prove to be a model for the future. Studio 804 will qualify as a "not-for-profit" organization this year. This will allow them to seek larger corporate sponsors (for example General Electric will be donating some equipment). Studio 804 has already presented the schematic design to the Tenants to Homeowner's board and Jody Brown (PNA secretary) has been serving as the neighborhood's representative at these meetings. The house will be fully accessible to those with disabilities, it will be energy efficient, and will incorporate sustainable design ideas (such as recycled materials, natural lighting, environmental friendly materials, etc.). The design consists of a home unit and a garage connected with a breezeway. This breezeway provides shading for south facing windows, and contains passive solar panels. A pleasant outdoor space has been carefully defined in the back yard with direct access from a deck. Copies of the design are available for review at the reference desk at the Public Library.
- The home design met with general approval and overall enthusiasm from all attendees. Ken Armitage noted that this is an excellent example of "in-fill" housing. Charles Jones and John Pepperdine noted the success Tenants to Homeowners have had soliciting volunteer labor at the 218 site, and offered neighborhood support (unskilled labor of course) to the students efforts at the new house.
- Alan Bowes fielded questions about the financing of the project. The funds come ultimately from the department of Housing and Urban Development. Tenants to Homeowners will be required to follow federal regulations to determine qualifying buyers. The house will be sold at well below market value and will go to someone with a specific need for handicap accessibility.
- The house is slated for completion by May 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Future Meetings:**

The PNA board will have a kick-off meeting 6:00pm, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Jody Brown's house. Pizza will be provided.

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Brown (PNA Secretary)

## PINCKNEY NEIGHBORNOOD ASSOCIATION 02/01/2000

FREE STATE CREDIT UNION BALANCE: \$114.30

PETTY CASH: \$10

## 1999 CDBG DRAWS

03/07/99       SARA/HRS. (JAN/FEB)       90.00       90.00         03/09/99       LAN ASSOC. DUES (1998, 1999)       50.00       140.00         04/19/99       NEWSLETTER       530.82       670.82         04/20/99       SARA/SUPPLIES       43.37       714.19         04/21/99       SARA/HRS. (MAR/APRIL)       210.00       924.19         05/24/99       NEWSLETTER       789.84       1714.03         05/28/99       SARA/HRS. (MAY)       172.30       1886.33         06/09/99       SARA/POSTAGE       6.60       1892.93         06/10/99       SARA/SUPPLIES       14.35       1907.28         06/11/99       NEWSLETTER       486.86       2394.14
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07/26/99 WALKING TOUR BROCHURE 164.47 3200.57
08/03/99 SARA/HRS. (JULY) 150.00 3350.57
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11/30/99 WALKING BROCHURE 98.21 4985.70
12/01/99 "CLEAN UP" FLYER 16.04 5001.7
12/10/99 PHOTOS FROM K. ARMITAGE 17.10 5018.84
01/22/00 SARA/HRS. (NOVEMBER) 270.00 5288.84
01/22/00 SARA/HRS. (DECEMBER) 75.00 5363.84

**TOTAL DRAWS FOR 1999: \$5363.84** 

<sup>\*</sup>date may be incorrect

## BREAKDOWN OF 1999 CDBG DRAWS BY CATEGORY

## **COORDINATOR FEES**

JAN/FEB	90.00
MAR/APRIL	210.00
MAY	172.30
JUNE	155.00
JULY AUGUST	150.00 150.00
OCTOBER	178.00
NOVEMBER	270.00
DECEMBER	75.00

TOTAL COORDINATOR FEES: \$ 1510.30

## **NEWSLETTERS**

APRIL	530,82
MAY	789.84
JUNE	486.86
JULY	486.96
AUGUST	551.80
NOVEMBER	553.12

TOTAL COST OF NEWSLETTERS: \$3399.40

## OTHER PRINTING (BROCHURES, FLYERS)

JULY	164.47
NOV	98.21
DEC	16.04

TOTAL COST OTHER PRINTING: \$ 278.72

## MISCELLANEOUS COSTS (SUPPLIES, DUES, PHOTOS)

LAN DUES	50.00
SUPPLIES	43.37
	14.35
PHOTOS	17.10
POSTAGE	6.60
POST OFFICE FEE	44.00

TOTAL COST MISCELLANEOUS: \$ 174.42

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting February 2000

John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Rosalie McMaster (Treasurer), David Unekis (Secretary), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

The group discussed ways to increase participation in neighborhood association activities. The newsletter works to reach people and make them feel connected. David asked who printed the newsletter and what did it cost? Sara said that Kansas Key Press does the printing. David wondered if we could do it cheaper elsewhere. Sara said she had priced it out, and at the time, this was the most cost-effective way to do the newsletter, plus KKP works with nonprofits and would give us an invoice. If David wants to review this, he could. Vicki is our contact at KKP.

John asked if we should work harder to have area representatives for the neighborhood. He wondered what other neighborhoods do. The idea of geographic representatives versus block representatives was discussed. Should we divide the neighborhood into quadrats? No decision was made. Sara mentioned that the townhomes on N. Michigan have their own association. Perhaps a representative from the townhomes could be invited to meetings. Rosalie wondered if we should include the townhomes. The group thought yes. Rosalie also suggested we reach out to people who have been active in the past. For instance, Eleanor Simons might be willing to be the Wisconsin Street representative.

Jody thought setting a predictable pattern for meetings might help people anticipate them and help remind people to participate. Having meetings the first possible Saturday after Easter, July Fourth, Halloween, and New Year's was discussed. The board decided to try that. Saturdays versus other days were discussed for meetings. It was noted that Saturdays seemed to work best for the greatest number of people.

The board discussed setting up a Pinckney website. This will be discussed at the next general meeting to see if there is interest. A neighbor had asked about a website at one of our events at the Tenants To Homeowners rehab.

John reminded the group to get information to Sara for inclusion in the next newsletter. Sara said the board needs to set a date for the next newsletter. We know that the Pinckney Street Dance at the school is May 20<sup>th</sup>, but we have no other dates set yet. John suggested a May 1 deadline for the newsletter to get to press. Rosalie asked if we were going to solicit neighborhood businesses for contributions for the neighborhood dance. Sara thought we should let the school handle that, since it is their event and they had relationships with some local businesses such as the hospital already. Besides, we may want to approach businesses for neighborhood projects and might want to form a plan or policy on that before we start asking for things. Rosalie asked what the school was planning for the dance. Sara asked if we could get a neighborhood parent of a Pinckney pupil to attend the planning meetings, represent the neighborhood, and report back to us. Jody said he would compile a list of possible contacts.

Sara mentioned that we had some time-sensitive items to discuss. First, project proposals for the Capitol Improvement Plan of 2001-2006 must be submitted by March 6<sup>th</sup> to the City of Lawrence Planning Office. The idea of developing Green's Lake into a park was discussed. But right now it is private property. Second, The City of Lawrence is holding a Neighborhood Grant Program, and those proposals are due May 1.

The group discussed possible funding sources for projects in the neighborhood. Would Friends of the Kaw be a funding liason? Could we work more closely with Pinckney School, have meetings there? We should explore other funding sources.

John mentioned that March 18<sup>th</sup> was the final cleanup for the Alabama Street project with Tenants to Homeowners, and that we had committed to do it. We could meet first and then head over.

Rosalie mentioned that the Free State Credit Union Account has a checking account option. She asked if we wanted that. The group discussed it, and although it would make it easier to pay out of the account, PNA writes so few checks that it would not be cost effective.

Jody mentioned that Studio 804 is soliciting materials for their accessible home project.

(These notes were taken by Dave Unekis and typed up by Sara Taliaferro some months later after David resigned and handed them in.)

# Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting March 18, 2000

John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Rosalie McMaster (Treasurer), David Unekis (Secretary), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John opened the meeting by asking if the neighborhood association could participate in the neighborhood dance. Sara said it was open to all Pinckney and OWL residents, and they would like us to run a cookie table and solicit donations from neighbors. Sara and Rosalie will run the table. John will help hand out flyers in the neighborhood. Flyers will be out around May 1, and Sara will check with the school and see if something will be in the Journal-World.

John asked for an update on the sidewalk program. Sara had talked to Mike Wildgen. The deadline is April 3. The application is not too involved, but we need to identify the sidewalks. John said he did a sidewalk survey when he worked as the neighborhood coordinator one summer when he was a student. It probably is gone or needs to be updated. Sara had it; it was in the old files. Jody felt that since there was not a lot of money in the fund considering what it costs to replace a sidewalk. We ought to highlight highest needs and give precedence to routes for Pinckney school children. Some possible streets were named. Sara will survey and measure.

The Neighborhood Grant through the city was discussed. Sara told the board that the most a group could get was \$2,500.00. She mentioned that some neighbors had requested a Langston Hughes statue for Clinton Park, and John wondered if we could do a statue. Jody wondered if that was too ambitious. Perhaps a plaque with historic information? Someone suggested contacting Katie Armitage to discuss ideas such as a Langston Hughes plaque or one to commemorate the fact that Illinois Street was called "little Harlem." Jody made a motion that a sign be the focus of the grant, and John seconded. All voted for that.

Someone brought up the Land at Green's Lake again. It was suggested that Sara contact Parks and Rec. and also try to find out more about ownership of all the land in that undeveloped area.

Jody asked Sara to contact the Friends of the Kaw about collaborating on some event for the neighborhood.

(These notes were taken by David Unekis and typed months later by Sara Taliaferro after David resigned and handed them in.)

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting April 2000

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John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), David Unekis (Secretary), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John reminded everyone that Tenants To Homeowners has a meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Unite Way building. He encouraged others to attend with him.

Sara reported that the sidewalk proposal is in. We requested replacement of a section along the west side of the 500 block of Mississippi, the west side of the 400 block of Illinois, and the west side of the 300 block of Mississippi. John would check with a state authority he knows who works with a committee that gives funds away to see if we could somehow get additional funds from another source.

Sara reported that Pinckney School is asking us and Old West Lawrence to contribute money to pay for a DJ for the dance. OWL is contributing \$300.00, but we simply do not have that much money. John made a motion that Pinckney contribute \$50.00. Jody seconded, and the board voted to do so. John asked if there was any more news on the dance. Sara said we are on for cookies again this year. David said that he and his wife Jen could make some.

The group discussed collecting dues for future projects. Jody asked what other neighborhood associations do. Sara thought that since we are CDBG recipients, we may be limited in what we can ask. In the past, it was maybe \$2.00. John asked what we would spend it on. Jody thought we should not collect dues until we defined how we would spend them. He wondered if we could increase newsletter quality, perhaps ask for a voluntary subscription to the newsletter itself. John asked if we would ask for \$2.00 or \$5.00. The group voted to ask for \$2.00.

Sara reported that the historic sign project proposal was moving along. Sara mentioned that Ed Salisbury's niece called from Chicago. Ed Salisbury lives on the 1500 block of Fifth Street. He is 92, she thinks, and his father built the house in the 1920s, which was a big deal for an African-American family. Is it eligible for historic designation? How could we help him fund rehabilitation of the home? Ed is definitely on a fixed income. Could we tie this in to the "Little Harlem" designation? Is that something neighbors would support? Sara said that she is not certain that the deed is in Ed's name now, so that might matter for rehab funds. Jody suggested contacting Dennis Enslinger, the Historic Resources Commission Chair, to get ideas or suggestions.

Sara said that she contacted Friends of the Kaw, and they would definitely like to work with the neighborhood on some project involving the river and Burcham Park. Jody would like to talk to someone about the trails along the river. He fells they are being neglected. Sara thought maybe Parks and Rec. John wondered if we could put something in the newsletter to generate interest in an event in the Park. This was discussed but no decision made.

(These notes were taken by David Unekis and typed up by Sara Taliaferro some months later when Dave resigned and handed them in.)

# Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting June 3, 2000

Alan Blair (OWL President), Bill Pugh (OWL member), Margene Swarts (HOME/HAND grants manager for City of Lawrence), Cindy Nau (Neighborhood Programs Specialist for the City of Lawrence), Eleanor Symons, Katie Armitage, Andrea Knickerbocker, John Pepperdine (President), David Unekis (Secretary), Jody Brown (Vice President), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John Pepperdine introduced Margene Swarts and Cindy Nau from the City Of Lawrence. Cindy is the neighborhood program specialist. They talked about city resources and contacts and answered questions.

Sara reported that PNA is approved for a grant to construct and install two signs to commemorate the history of Pinckney. One will be in Clinton Park and mention that Clinton is part of the original plat for the City of Lawrence. The other will be near the ravine along Indiana Street, close to Fifth Street and will commemorate Hugh Cameron, the "Kansas Hermit" who lived in a tree house near the site. John suggested we have a dedication ceremony for the signs when they are complete.

Sara announced that PNA put in a sidewalk proposal for sidewalk replacement, and the city is reviewing the proposals.

Sara asked when the association would like to have the annual spring cleanup. John suggested before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, perhaps June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sara said it would have to be on a Friday. The group decided June 30<sup>th</sup> was an alternative after looking at a calendar. Sara will check to see which date will work for Solid Waste.

Alan Blair and Bill Pugh talked to the group about their efforts to initiate traffic calming on Sixth Street. Old West Lawrence NA would like to see two green extensions from the curbside that direct traffic away from the curbs. They would like to post signs on the areas that state "You are entering Old West Lawrence Neighborhood and Pinckney Neighborhood." It would start at Alabama Street on the OWL side, and the other would be from Ohio Street on the Pinckney side. The neighborhood names would be reversed in priority on the sign depending on which side of Sixth Street the sign appeared. OWL would also like to reduce the parking lanes, plus folks park illegally anyway when they pick up their children. KDOT's recommendation is a turning lane from Maine to Tennessee Streets. Bill Pugh says that this could never be because of the street' proximity to historic homes. It is part of the environs, and pushing traffic, especially truck traffic any closer to those properties would set up damaging vibrations.

Alan reported that KDOT did a study and found that the average speed is 39mph on that stretch of Sixth Street. They feel that is acceptable even though it is above the posted limit of 35 mph. The City will not reduce it to 30 mph because it is a highway. Both neighborhoods are concerned about the traffic speed, especially around Pinckney School. The city will not put up warning signs about a school zone. They cite the existence of a tunnel for walkers as a reason. Alan said that Mike Rundle thinks the city would be open to traffic calming discussions. Katie Armitage brought up the crossing at Sixth and Kentucky. She said it is so unsafe. She had a postal worker beg her to get the neighborhood to do something about this. Northbound traffic on Kentucky is especially menacing to pedestrians and will not yield to those in the crosswalk. Sara mentioned that she has had other neighbor complaints on this matter. Someone mentioned that they did not feel that traffic engineers take pedestrians into consideration. Katie said she called about the crossing and did not get a satisfactory answer.

The meeting was adjourned, and all who were free to do so met along Sixth Street to walk the area and discuss ideas.

(These notes were taken by Dave Unekis. Sara Taliaferro added her own notes and typed up the minutes some months later when Dave resigned and handed in his written notes).

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting September 16, 2000

John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Dave Unekis (Secretary), Rosalie McMaster (Treasurer), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

The Annual Spring Cleanup was discussed briefly. People are pleased with the cleanup and are calling about it and participating. Ideas were discussed for increasing participation in the parks cleanups.

Sara reported that we got several calls about the Rehabilitation Grant/Loan through the City of Lawrence. She handed out five applications.

Sara reported that no firm dates are in place for the replacement of the sidewalks, but all three of our projects are on the list. The City is committed to doing the replacements, but it sounds as if they will work around other scheduled maintenance projects.

Sara reported that she had some complaints about trash blowing down Second Street around the area of Hope Court. Residents thought it was coming from the mini mart and had talked to the employees there, but they denied it and seemed indifferent. At John's request, Sara sent some letters in August to several businesses in the area and asked the owners to report if they noticed trash problems. She followed up with phone calls. She has had no more complaints.

In August, Sara also wrote a letter to Bob Yoos about the alley trash pickup behind Louisiana Street. Neighbors had called because they met with someone (it turned out to be Bob Yoos) to ask that trash pickup be restored to the alley. Evidently, Mr. Yoos said the new truck was too big to make the turn into the T-alley because of a telephone pole. He said the neighbors would have to pay for the pole and guy wire to be inoved, and the property owner at that corner would need to yield part of his corner so the pole could be installed there. Neighbors said they were willing to try but did not want to pay the whole \$600.00 plus bill to have this done. The neighbor would yield his corner but may sell his home in a few months, so they would have to move on this. The board discussed raising money for the pole and possibilities for getting more funds. The board asked Sara to call Bob Yoos to discuss the matter further.

At the board's request, Sara sent a letter to the City Commission concerning our and Old West Lawrence's concerns about traffic speed and safety on Sixth Street. She and Allen Blair attended a City Commission Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August and read brief statements about our concerns. She and Allen Blair will meet with planning staff sometime soon to discuss ideas for traffic calming. Jody mentioned that we can request a traffic study from them and see if the street is meeting its design function. There is an annual report on most dangerous intersections. John asked if this was a KDOT report. He will check.

Sara reported that the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods is proposing a change in the single-family residential portion of the zoning code. The definition of family is now "no more than four unrelated persons" are allowed to co-habitate in a residence, and LAN wants to change this to two persons. John thought we should support this concept because it would promote family-friendly neighborhoods. Jody reported having trouble buying a home that he and Meg could afford because three different times someone outbid them. The new owner then turned the property into a rental in each case. Jody thought the new ordinance might take away some of the profit incentive for landlords, and he thought that would give families a better opportunity to compete for properties. This topic will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Sara has some information from Katie Armitage for the historic signs but needs to do more research for the Historic Sign Project. It is difficult to find much on the Park.

The board set October 15<sup>th</sup> as the date for the next general meeting. The Annual Fall Cleanup will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. The parks cleanup will be October 21. Jody said that way it would be before Halloween, a time when folks would be out walking around for trick or treating. Jody also wanted the board, or Sara on the board's behalf, to contact Parks and Recreation about putting up littering signs along the river bank and extra trash cans along the river edge of the parking lot in Burcham Park. He said that the park and the river trail needed attention. John said he would talk to Charles Jones about this. Charles had mentioned talking to the city about the park, so John will follow up.

The board discussed a neighborhood 'Walking Campaign' where the board would go door to door and introduce themselves to increase neighborhood contact and perhaps increase participation. Rosalie asked if we could target an area and get volunteers to have a meeting in their home. Jody was skeptical about the amount of effort as opposed to the payoff. It would be a lot for the board to do. Sara wondered if the campaign could be spread throughout the year or over two years to make it work. All agreed that outreach was a good idea, but no consensus on what to do. All agreed to think about the issue more and discuss it at the next meeting.

Sara reported to the group that an empty house on the 400 block of Illinois Street, West side (green house) is blighted and the subject of controversy. The City has cited it for environmental blight. It is owned by an Alice Walker, who died this year. Her sons are fighting over the property. One son who lives in Chicago wants to have the house and rehabilitate it. He fears that his brother will sell it to someone who will then tear it down and build a duplex. Jody thought that was undesirable in an older neighborhood. Sara asked what the board felt should be our stance. The board felt that for the time being, we should speak in favor of rehabilitation of the home but try not to take sides with any family member.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro, Coordinator

(Dave Unekis lost his notes from this meeting, and Sara constructed this report from her own notes with the boards' approval some months later.)

# PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING October 15, 2000

John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Rosalie McMaster (Treasurer), Ken Armitage, Shelley Barnhill, Jerome Ratzlaff, Katie Armitage, and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He asked Sara to report on the sidewalk fund proposal. We submitted a proposal for repair of sections of the following areas: (1) the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Alabama and Mississippi Streets; (2) the west side of the 400 block of Illinois Street; (3) portions of the east and west sides of the 300 block of Mississippi. We are on 'the roster' for the fiscal year that began August 1<sup>st</sup>, but no plan is set for the work at this time. Katie Armitage did the preliminary report on Hugh Cameron for the sign, and Sara just completed a search for information on Clinton Park. The project must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Sara will put something in the newsletter to ask for participants in work program to complete the wall or for neighbor's memories of the park.

The Planning Commission is contacting KDOT. John said we also need a clarification of OWL's stance on the proposal and a solicitation of opinion from our association. Discussion followed with no motions.

John brought up the proposed change in the definition of family in the single family residential zone description in Lawrence's zoning. The proposal is to change the definition of "no more than four unrelated persons" to "no more than two unrelated persons." The group discussed the issue and voted to support it. John said Sara will write a letter to the Planning Commission. This may be discussed at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Fall Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for October 20. The City of Lawrence's Forestry Division is sending around a chipper truck.. The parks cleanup will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM. Cleanup leaders are Charles Jones at Constant Park, Steve Braswell at Clinton Park, and John Pepperdine at Burcham Park.

Sara asked the group to think about long-range plans for neighborhood to bring up at future meetings. If there are any programs or information that we should share at meetings, please let the board know.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro, Coordinator

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting November 12, 2000

### Agenda Items:

- 1) CDGB Block Grant Proposal—suggestions for funding. It was decided to increase the amount requested for the neighborhood cleanup to cover brush removal. The City of Lawrence collected and chipped the brush, and it cost \$600.00. Neighbors have consistently requested that brush removal be a part of the cleanups, and participation was very good last time.
- 2) Discuss plans for implementing current grant. The timing of newsletters for the remainder of the fiscal year and the number of newsletters the association could afford to send given the operating budget were discussed.
- 3) Sixth Street Issues—Sara and Alan Blair of Old West Lawrence NA met with city planning staff and talked over the green areas and signs concept. They seemed lukewarm to the idea, citing drainage problems with the triangular extensions into the existing street. They put forth a boulevard concept that would involve green medians to help pedestrians and that might have a traffic calming effect. OWL could not support that because of the environs issues.

(These minutes are actually Sara's notes from the meeting. David Unekis lost the minutes, and the attendance record was a part of that.)

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting November 12, 2000

John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Dave Unekis (Secretary)...Steve Braswell, Kendall Simmons, ....Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

The group voted to support an increase in the amount requested for the neighborhood cleanup to cover brush removal. Sara reported that the City of Lawrence collected and chipped the brush at the last cleanup, and it cost \$600.00. Steve Braswell spoke up in support of brush removal and said he would like to see it be part of every cleanup.

The group discussed on Pinckney Neighborhood's position regarding changes to definition of family in zoning ordinances for single family residential areas. Steve Braswell and Kendall Simmons had misgivings about the proposal and wondered if we were being anti-landlord. John Pepperdine said we want to be very careful to show that we are not anti-landlord, nor are we anti-student. KU students were lobbying against this, even though the article in the paper showed student rental property (house) in Oread neighborhood that is actually not in single family residential zoning and would not be effected. It was discussed whether or not we could find out how many properties would actually be affected. Sara had a call for and a call against. The group voted to support a letter in favor of the change, although the vote was not unanimous.

Sara reported that she and Alan Blair of Old West Lawrence NA met with city planning staff and talked over the green areas and signs concept. Planning and traffic staff seemed lukewarm to the idea, citing drainage problems with the triangular extensions into the existing street. They put forth a boulevard concept that would involve green medians to help pedestrians and that might have a traffic calming effect. OWL could not support that because of the environs issues. Bill Pugh (OWL) has since told Sara that this boulevard idea has been presented and voted down in the past, and he was disappointed that the city tried to present it again. It cannot fly because it would put traffic nearer historic homes. No vote was taken after the discussion.

(This report is from Sara's notes. The original minutes were lost along with the roster. Sara indicated the people mentioned in her notes, but the roster indicated is not complete.)

**Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting** 

**Date/Time:** February 17, 2001 – 10:00a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine, President; Jody J. Brown, Vice President; Jerome Ratzlaff, Treasurer;

Cindy Pierard, Secretary; Sara Taliaferro, Coordinator.

### **Meeting Schedule**

We need to establish a regular schedule for neighborhood meetings. Jody suggested that meetings follow major holidays to help people remember them. Thus, the coming year's meetings will take place the week on the Saturday that follows Easter (spring), Independence Day (summer), Halloween (fall), and New Year's (winter). The spring meeting will be our next general meeting and will take place at 10:00 on April 21. Sara will talk to officials at Pinckney school about using their facility for the meeting.

Officer John Barta of the Lawrence Police Department has offered to present a program for the neighborhood. We will invite him to speak at the spring meeting and ask him to provide us with neighborhood-specific data on crime.

#### **City Commission Proposal**

Several people have contacted Sara and/or John about the proposal before the City Commission that would limit the number of unrelated people who may live together in one house. The majority has been in support of the proposal, although there are concerns about ensuring that unrelated people, who might not otherwise be able to afford to live in a home, are provided with fair treatment. The board is in support of the proposal and thinks that the recent action of increasing the restriction from two to three people will result in a more affordable housing situation, both for unrelated people and related people. John will write a letter of support to the commissioners.

### **Other Upcoming Meetings**

John mentioned that there will be a meeting on methamphetamine labs at the Lawrence Public Library on March 13. The meeting will be held in the auditorium and should get underway at 7:00.

Sara noted that March 8 is the date for the hearings concerning neighborhood funding. March 28 is the date of the meeting at which proposals for the city's capital improvement plan will be discussed. Neighborhood associations are welcome to submit any type of project that would benefit their area. Jody suggested we submit a letter in support of the proposal to retrofit Sixth Street as a boulevard. The board agreed.

#### **Neighborhood Outreach**

Sara asked board members to consider possibilities for increasing our outreach within the neighborhood. Suggestions included: 1) devoting a section of the newsletter to discussion of projects and advocacy issues with which the association is currently involved; 2) holding upcoming meetings in prominent spots within the neighborhood such as Pinckney School or Clinton Park; 3) continually review and act upon the list of priorities listed by neighborhood residents in the 1998 survey (blight, preserving neighborhood landmarks, neighborhood safety, traffic issues, environmental issues such as recycling, developing Pinckney School as a neighborhood center).

The signs commemorating Pinckney neighborhood historic sites ("Kansas Hermit" Hugh Cameron and Clinton Park) should be ready for installation later this spring. In conjunction with this event, we will look into the possibility of having Rick Averill attend, as he has portrayed Cameron as part of the Kansas Historical Society historic impersonation program. John will write a letter to Erv Hodges, thanking him for his support of this initiative

Cindy noted that the KU Libraries would be hosting a Saturday morning workshop on researching the history of your historic home, which might be worth promoting in the newsletter.

Sara will write a letter to the city commission concerning the problems with safely using the pedestrian crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky.

Jody suggested that we begin thinking about activities in connection with the celebration of Langston Hughes' birthday. One possibility might be to acquire an historical plaque denoting the "Little Harlem" area of Lawrence along the 400 block of Alabama,

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be on March 17 at Jody Brown's house.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard (PNA Secretary)

To: Sara Taliaferro From: Katie Armitage- Feb. 20, 2001 Re CORRECTED PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association met at Lawrence Memorial Hospital Room G., Sat. 10, 2001, 9 a. m. Attending: J. Pepperdine, Jody Brown, Rosealie McMasters, Jerome Ratzlaff, Shellie Barnhill, Ken and Katie Armitage. President John Pepperdine presided. Sara Taliaferro passed out agendas ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vice President-Jody Brown, Sec. Cindy Pierard-Treas. Jerome Ratzlaff, Katie Armitage moved approval, seconded by Shellie Barnhill. Passed.

TRAFFIC-Jody Brown reported on status of 6<sup>th</sup> St. & traffic calming proposals. Jody personally favored a boulevard solution rather than "turn lane stacking" into OWL as recommended by city. Signal at 6<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky-all agreed on danger and the too short "walk" light. A letter will be sent to the City Commission about this. CDBG GRANT

PNA will request the same as last year as will most of the other neighborhood associations receiving funds from CDBG. PNA's request covered coordinator salary @ \$10 per hour 35 hours a week, \$4,200 total. Operating expenses include, \$120 for walking tour brochures; truck, chipper and two forestry employees for neighborhood cleanup; \$3,600.00 for newsletter, \$40.80 for stamps, box rental etc. for total operating cost of \$3,934.80. The total budget is \$8,734.80 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP-A discussion followed re:paying \$600, for 6 hours for city truck. Ken Armitage noted that only some Pinckney residents regularly use the grass pick up. An argument could be made that the city then should provide trucks for brush pick up. Ken also mentioned the bridge being out between Constant and Burcham Parks on the River Trail since last fall. This situation will be mentioned in a letter to City Hall about other park matters.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning- The City is updating zoning, which has not been changed since the 1960s. A consultant, hired to look at this, may recommend 6 residential zones. Pinckney currently has 4 different zones. Lawrence Association of Neighborhood has a committee looking at this. Solutions in older neighborhoods could include an "overlay district," or as Jody Brown favors, a separate zone for the original townsite. The Pinckney Neighborhood is encompasses "historic" and 1950s developments, ex. Countryside Lane's California style houses. Concern was expressed about rapid changes on 5<sup>th</sup> and 4th, a traditionally black neighborhood, where developers are buying up houses for the lots. Discussion of a condemned house 4<sup>th</sup> & Minn. with a big lot. New construction must include off street parking etc. which changes traditional buildings and sites. A discussion followed about defining characteristics of the neighborhood, alleys and street set back etc. Sara needs help in collecting data on this. Ken will measure set backs on Ohio Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACT.-State Tax Credits for home improvements Sara will call on this.

Meeting was adjourned 10:45 a. m.

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

**Date/Time:** March 17, 2001 – 10:00a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine, President; Jody J. Brown, Vice President; Jerome Ratzlaff, Treasurer;

Cindy Pierard, Secretary; Sara Taliaferro, Coordinator.

#### Outreach

Discussion centered on different possibilities for outreach and learning the needs of people in the neighborhood. Crime, traffic, and blight were all concerns that were voiced by residents during the last survey done several years ago. Sara noted that Julie Wyatt (Environmental Inspector, City of Lawrence) recently contacted her about a Pinckney property that has been cited for blight. It is a good step that the city is contacting neighborhood associations when these situations occur, but how should PNRA respond? It was decided that we should consult with other neighborhood associations that have had some recent success with outreach. We will try to have a joint meeting on May 5, shortly after the PNRA general meeting.

### **General Meeting Update**

The meeting is planned for Saturday, April 21. Sara is still working on confirming the location (hopefully, Pinckney School).

### **Other Meetings**

John distributed information from the meeting on methamphetamine labs that was held the preceding week at Lawrence Public Library. We could bring extras to the general meeting.

### Newsletter

The plan is for the newsletter to be distributed approximately two weeks in advance of the meeting. We will also plan to distribute flyers the week prior to the meeting, perhaps particularly targeting areas where crime has been a concern since that will be a focus of the meeting.

### **Neighborhood Clean-Up**

We will try to schedule this for Mary 12 or 26, after Commencement.

### **Dedication of Plaques Neighborhood Outreach**

The two plaques commemorating Pinckney neighborhood historic sites ("the Kansas Hermit" and Clinton Park) should be ready for installation soon. In the last meeting, we discussed the possibility of having Ric Averill portray Cameron, and inviting students from Pinckney school. This could be done fairly easily since the location of one of the plaques, Clinton Park, is immediately behind the school. We will see if this could be arranged for later this spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard (PNA Secretary)

Spring General Meeting April 21, 2001 – 10:00 a.m. Pinckney School Library

Attendees: John Pepperdine (president), Sara Taliaferro (coordinator), Jerome Ratzlaff (treasurer), Jody Brown (vice president), Cindy Pierard (secretary), Emily Zung, Ray Finch, Jesse Cortez, Carrie

Pepperdine, Meg Brown, and Carol March.

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

12:30

Sara Taliaferro welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the PNA board members, and made a few general announcements:

Friday, May 18 Neighborhood spring pickup. Place all large items at the curb and city crews will take

them away! No hazardous waste.

Saturday, May 26 Picnic lunch (12:30) and dedication (1:30) of historic signs concerning Clinton Park and

"Kansas Hermit" Hugh Cameron. Ric Averill will depict Cameron as part of the

dedication ceremony.

Sara noted that Louisiana Street residents have long been trying to arrange for garbage pickup to the alleyway behind their houses. The city has agreed to provide services, but will need to purchase a support pole for a guy wire in order to make it possible for trucks to easily navigate the alley. The cost for this service would be \$601. Sara asked neighbors who felt they could to contribute to this project, noting that alleys are a part of historic neighborhoods, and it is worthwhile to see that they are preserved.

Emily Zung announced that the MS Walk would be held on Saturday, May 28. She had fliers available if people wanted to post them on their doors to show support for the walkers.

#### Presentation - Officer John Barta, Lawrence Police Department

Officer Barta noted that neighborhood crime prevention programs were very important because the LPD is thinly staffed. There are 123 police officers in Lawrence (only 117 at present due to vacancies). Only 12 police officers patrol the entire city of Lawrence during a regular shift. Because of their staffing, LPD is "call-driven" and responds to people who contact them about problems rather than regularly covering all areas of the community.

Barta offered several tips for improved home security. He recommended noting all model and serial numbers of appliances [LPD has an engraver available for check-out], which is the only real way for your property to potentially be recovered. It is a good idea to put a name or other identifier on valuables, but do not use a social security number. It is also a good idea to take photographs or videotape the possessions in your home. It is much easier for insurance officers and police to get an idea of any items that may be missing.

Barta also offered tips for identifying suspects, suspicious vehicles, and weapons. For suspects, he suggested working from the top down, noting sex, race or complexion, age, height, weight, hair color, facial hair, clothing, any unusual characteristics (odor, speech, etc.). For vehicles, he shared the CYMBAL strategy: color, year, make/model, body type, accessories such as bumper stickers,, and license tag. For weapons such as guns or knives, he cited factors such as whether the perpetrator was left or right-handed, and any characteristics of the weapon (revolver v. automatic, folding v. fixed blade).

If PNA wishes to establish a Neighborhood Watch program, there much be a group of people who are willing to provide their names to LPD and to meet occasionally. LPD will work with neighborhoods to put up signs, but the neighborhood associations must pay for these.

Barta also shared some comparative crime statistics for the past year:

Category	Pinckney	Old West Lawrence	Indian Hills	
Calls	2549	2967	772	
Incident Reports	374	462	193	
Robberies	1	4	2	
Rapes	0	2	1	
Burglaries	12	41	n/a	
Home Alarms	128	41	n/a	
Noise Complaints	40	318	n/a	

Barta invited Sara or others to contact him if PNA wants to establish a Neighborhood Watch program. He invited everyone to review and pick up copies of any of the brochures he brought along.

### Sign Dedication

May 26 is the date for the dedication of two new historic signs. One sign, which shall be placed in Clinton Park, tells the history of the park; the other, relates the story of "Kansas hermit" Hugh Cameron. A potluck picnic will be held in the park at 12:30 p.m. Ric Averil will attend the picnic and tell the story of Hugh Cameron. At 1:30, the dedication ceremony will get underway.

#### Outreach

Discussion centered on different possibilities for outreach and learning the needs of people in the neighborhood. Crime, traffic, and blight were all concerns that were voiced by residents during the last survey done several years ago. Sara noted that Julie Wyatt (Environmental Inspector, City of Lawrence) recently contacted her about a Pinckney property that has been cited for blight. It is a good step that the city is contacting neighborhood associations when these situations occur, but how should PNRA respond? It was decided that we should consult with other neighborhood associations that have had some recent success with outreach. We will try to have a joint meeting on May 5, shortly after the PNRA general meeting.

### **General Meeting Update**

The meeting is planned for Saturday, April 21. Sara is still working on confirming the location (hopefully, Pinckney School).

### Other Meetings

John distributed information from the meeting on methamphetamine labs that was held the preceding week at Lawrence Public Library. We could bring extras to the general meeting.

### Newsletter

The plan is for the newsletter to be distributed approximately two weeks in advance of the meeting. We will also plan to distribute flyers the week prior to the meeting, perhaps particularly targeting areas where crime has been a concern since that will be a focus of the meeting.

#### Neighborhood Clean-Up

We will try to schedule this for Mary 12 or 26, after Commencement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard (PNA Secretary)

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

**Date/Time:** May 5, 2001 – 10:00a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine, President; Jody J. Brown, Vice President; Cindy Pierard, Secretary; Sara

Taliaferro, Coordinator.

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, May 11 Park Clean-Up. Coordinators are Cindy (Constant Park), Charles Jones (Burcham Park), and

Kendall Simmons (Clinton Park). Bring plastic bags and gloves.

Friday, May 18 Neighborhood Clean-Up. A perfect opportunity to have large, unsightly objects taken away

by the city crews. No hazardous waste.

Saturday, May 19 Neighborhood Dance at Pinckney School. PNBA will have a booth with refreshments and

newsletters. John, Cindy, and Sara will make cookies, etc.

Saturday, May 26 Picnic/Historic Sign Dedication. Neighborhood picnic at Clinton Park (12:30), followed by

ceremony dedicating "Kansas Hermit" Hugh Cameron and Clinton Park (1:30). Ric Averill will perform as Hugh. Funds are still needed to help cover his fee. John will ask former

board members.

#### **CDBG Funds**

Sara shared the status of our funding request to CDBG. Overall, we did well. We requested \$3934 in operating expenses, with \$4200 for the coordinator, and \$600 for neighborhood clean-up efforts. We were allocated \$2754 in operating expenses, \$3830 for the coordinator, and \$600 for neighborhood clean-up projects.

### Lousiana St. Garbage Pick-Up

Funds are needed to help cover the costs of a pole to anchor a guy wire to enable the city to resume garbage pick-up in the T-shaped alley behind Louisiana Street. Sara and John will send a letter to neighborhood residents requesting contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**Date/Time:** September 29, 2001 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine (President), Allison Watkins, Katie Armitage, Jody Brown (Vice President),

Cindy Pierard (Secretary), Jerome Ratzlaff (Treasurer), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator), Merle

Jackson, Marguerite Risley.

### **Sidewalk Improvements**

Sara announced that we were successful in getting a \$2500 neighborhood grant to sidewalk repairs near 5<sup>th</sup> and Indiana, the location of the historic sign commemorating former resident Hugh Cameron. Sara and Marguerite Risley shared bids for the repairs that were received from three local firms. All of the bids include the incorporation of a small platform surrounding the historic sign, which should bring the sign into the public walkway. Those present voted to have George Osborne handle the repairs. His bid for the job was \$2812.50, but we believe we might be able to get costs down to match our budget, especially if volunteers help to remove the loose bricks. The vote was contingent upon getting the price very close or equal to our budget, which seems very possible.

### **Re-Zoning Questions**

John shared a petition put together by the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association concerning rezoning of several blocks from duplex to single family. We want to monitor this petition closely to see if we might implement something similar in Pinckney. Sara will make contact with folks in OWLNA to see if she can learn more about their plans for the petition.

### **Other Projects**

We have adequate funds to sponsor a fall clean-up, including rental of a chipper truck for woody debris. The clean-up will have to be on a weekday when labor costs for city workers are lower. This will be a day when residents can leave on the curb large household items and limbs or other debris for pick-up. Sara will try to schedule the clean-up for the Friday prior to Halloween (October 26<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Gas Rebates**

Merle Jackson noted that many Pinckney residents may be eligible for rebates from the gas company in light of last winter's exorbitant heating bills. He shared the application that he submitted along with the eligibility guidelines. We will publicize this possibility, along with contact information for the gas company, in the next neighborhood newsletter.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Sara asked for assistance in scheduling the next two meetings. These will need to be somewhat close together since we are running behind in our meeting schedule. She noted that we would want to meet around November in order to generate ideas for CBDG grants. The group selected November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> as the dates for the next general meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard, Secretary

PNA General Meeting, Pinckney School Library Date/Time: November 3, 2001 - 10 a.m.

Attendees: Sara Taliaferro, John Pepperdine, Ken McRae (312 Illinois), Steve

Braswell & Kendall Simmons (427 Michigan).

#### Discussion:

Sara began with a breakdown of the CDBG funding request that she put together on behalf of PNA. Along with the PNA newsletter, coordinator salary, and miscellaneous cost associated with running PNA, the grant request to CDBG would also include asking the CDBG advisory board for \$10,000 for replacing a park shelter in Clinton Park that is falling apart.

A motion was put forward and accepted by all attendees that the CDBG grant was acceptable and should be put forward to the city's CDBG Advisory Board.

#### Discussion:

Steve Braswell shared a concern over the city's lack of cooperation with brush clean-up. Specifically, the city currently charges a fee for the clean-up and does not allow weekend pick-ups. Steve talked to Mike Wilgen, the city's attorney, but did not get a favorable response.

Sara and John said they would talk to other neighborhood associations and LAN (Lawrence Neighborhood Association) about making a collective ask for free brush pick-up. Considering the service would benefit the city's efforts to beautify neighborhoods, this request was considered realistic.

A brief description of the recent Old West Lawrence re-zoning effort was discussed. While the objective of the effort was to maintain current historic homes and affordable housing, Steve Braswell and Kendall Simmons were concerned that it may alienate rental property owners. It was decided, however, that a similar effort in Pickney would not be necessary or follow the same method due to the vastly different zoning situation.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Pepperdine (PNA President)

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### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**Date/Time:** December 1, 2001 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine (President), Katie Armitage, Jody Brown (Vice President), Cindy Pierard

(Secretary), Jerome Ratzlaff (Treasurer), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator), Ann Goans.

#### **Announcements**

The Neighborhood Resources Department is conducting a survey of the homeless December 5 through December 9 and is looking for volunteers to assist with this effort. Please call Cindy Nau (832-3108) if interested.

LAN supports our idea that chipper trucks should be provided as part of the neighborhood clean-up program. Hopefully, we will be successful in taking this up with the city.

The Lawrence Transit System is offering free rides on Saturdays from November 22 through December 22 as a promotion for the buses.

The brick sidewalk replacement project near the historic marker for Hugh Cameron (4<sup>th</sup> and Indiana) should be getting underway in the next week or so. It is scheduled to be completed by December 13.

### **Neighborhood Rezoning (Guest Presentation)**

Ann Goans from the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association shared information on their rezoning effort. They are petitioning the city to rezone to RS2 (single family) that part of Old West Lawrence now zoned RMD (duplex). This includes all or part of the 800, 700, 600 blocks of Alabama, Missouri, and Maine streets, and the 800 and 700 blocks of Arkansas, plus two lots on the west side of the 800 block of Illinois, as well as a few parcels that face 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> streets. They believe that the RMD zoning is detrimental to property owners, historic preservation, and the larger community. Historic houses, many of them smaller, affordable properties, have been razed to make way for duplexes because of the zoning. The zoning also does not reflect actual neighborhood use patterns: 72% of housing in Old West Lawrence is owner-occupied single-family dwellings.

They have been very successful in building support for the rezoning initiative. 91% of resident owners, 43% of landlords, and a total 70% of all property owners support rezoning. This support was carefully built through door to door canvassing and considerable discussion about the petition and its meaning. The petition states that all existing duplexes shall be grandfathered in, which has been critical to ensuring the support of KU students who live in the area. In discussing the petition with landlords, proponents pointed to the recent rezoning of the College Park area in Topeka, an effort which offered evidence that renters will pay well for the opportunity to live in a neighborhood setting where parking is available, and where noise and crowding are kept to a minimum.

They have also lobbied the City Commission to take on this initiative (if the Commission initiates the rezoning, then no fee is charged to the neighborhood). This passed unanimously.

Ann pointed out that successful rezoning efforts have now taken place in Brook Creek and East Lawrence, and the Old West Lawrence petition seems to be making good progress. There is good precedent for these efforts, and she encouraged Pinckney residents to investigate zoning issues if it seems parts of the neighborhood are not appropriately zoned. Those present agreed that this would be something to look into.

### **CDBG 2002 Application**

At the November meeting, there was a unanimous vote to work on a restoration of the buildings in Clinton Park as our CDBG project. After consulting with Mark Heckler, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor for the City, we have decided to ask for funding to have a landscape architect do a master plan of the park, detailing where each new facility will be located and how they will relate to existing facilities in the park. We will also ask for funding to hire an architect to design a new shelter house for the part to replace the current facility. It is estimated that these two projects will require ca. \$12,000. Future funding requests might also be made to support additional redevelopment efforts: constructing new shelters, refurbishing the rock wall, constructing new restroom facilities, upgrading water, sewer and electrical work, upgrading playground equipment, etc. The CDBG proposals are due Monday.

We reviewed 2001 budget and anticipate no major changes. However, a motion was made to bring the salary paid to our neighborhood coordinator into parity with the amount paid to other neighborhood coordinators. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2002 Meeting Schedule

The next board meeting will be Saturday, January 15 at John Pepperdine's house (the day after A.A Milne's birthday!).

The next general meeting will be Saturday, February 16 in the Pinckney School library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard, Secretary

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

**Date/Time:** January 5, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine, President; Jody J. Brown, Vice President; Cindy Pierard, Secretary; Sara

Taliaferro, Coordinator.

#### **Review of Minutes**

Minutes from the past year's meetings were reviewed, corrected, and approved. Cindy will distribute copies of all 2001 meeting minutes early next week (via email).

### **Sidewalk Repair Project**

The sidewalk repair project on the 300 block of Indiana Street (surrounding the new plaque commemorating Hugh Cameron) has been successfully completed.

#### **Board Elections**

The positions of vice president and secretary up for election. Sara will call for nominations in the next newsletter, which should be published within the next few weeks. A slate of candidates will be presented at the general meeting in February, along with an invitation for additional nominations. Once the slate of candidates is finalized, officers will be elected by those in attendance. We suggested a few neighborhood residents who have attended previous neighborhood meetings, and who might be interested in serving as officers. John will contact these individuals to see if they would like to run for election. Several current board members are also interested in continuing their service.

### Treasurer's Report

Jerome will present a treasurer's report at next month's general meeting. There was some discussion of developing a spreadsheet to automate the process of tracking receipts and expenditures.

### Re-Zoning

We will resume of discussion of neighborhood zoning after the February election.

#### **Other Announcements**

Sara announced that Kendall Simmons is working on a web site for the neighborhood association, and asked for suggestions about possible site content. Possibilities suggested include a copy of the walking tour brochure, and information about researching historic properties in Pinckney using resources available at KU's Spencer Research Library and the Douglas County Historical Society.

#### **Spring Projects/Events**

We would like to sponsor some type of neighborhood activity this spring, possibly another picnic in April or May. Last year's Memorial Day picnic and plaque dedication drew a good group (ca. 15-20) of people. The depiction of Hugh Cameron by Ric Averill was particularly popular and was featured in the *Journal-World*. Perhaps this year's activity could also involve a similar presentation, for example, a talk on some aspect of Lawrence history or a walking tour of the neighborhood. Discussion of ideas and venues will continue at upcoming meetings.

Sara expects that we will hear from Pinckney School about a neighborhood dance (usually held in the spring) in the next few months. A park clean-up and neighborhood spring clean-up are also possible activities.

### **Next Meeting**

The next general meeting will be Saturday, February 16 at the Pinckney School Library. The next board meeting will take place the week following the general meeting (place to be determined).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard

#### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**Date/Time:** February 16, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine (President), Jody Brown (Vice President), Cindy Pierard (Secretary), Jerome Ratzlaff

(Treasurer), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator), Katie Armitage, Ken Armitage, Kamel Nikazm, Steve

Braswell.

### **CDBG Update**

Every year, each neighborhood association may apply for CDBG funding, a federal program which provides money for neighborhood improvement efforts. Funds are used to support specific project, to pay a neighborhood coordinator, to fund brush/debris clean-ups, etc. All CDBG proposals are being evaluated presently and we hope to hear more about our requests soon.

One special project for which PNA is seeking support improvements to facilities in Clinton Park. Specifically, we have asked for funding (\$12,000) to hire an architect to do a master plan for the park, and to design a new shelter house.

### **Elections**

Officer positions currently open are the Vice President and the Secretary. Current officers (Jody Brown and Cindy Pierard) have agreed to run again, but the board also welcomes anyone who has an interest in participating in the board. No additional candidates were identified. The Vice President and Secretary were re-elected by a unanimous vote.

### Plans for the Coming Year

The board continues to work towards extending outreach efforts. Several activities during the past year—particularly the Memorial Day picnic and historic sign dedication—were well-attended. We would like to continue these types of activities. The date for this year's picnic will be announced in time for the next general meeting and will probably fall on a Saturday close to Memorial Day weekend.

Another important area is to educate neighborhood residents about the programs that may benefit them, for example, emergency loans and furnace loans to support residents who need temporary financial assistance. There is no perfect way to promote these services, but the newsletter is one good vehicle that reaches 1,600 households (of 3,000 total in the neighborhood). Kendall Simmons is currently designing a neighborhood web site, which should be another effective outreach tool.

Katie mentioned that she is regularly replenishing the walking tour brochures at Constant Park. We might consider installing additional brochure racks at other neighborhood locations such as by the new historic signs at 4<sup>th</sup> and Indiana and Clinton Park. We could also look in to the possibility of providing brochures to new homeowners in the neighborhood.

Sidewalks have been identified as a key area on which the neighborhood would like to focus. Sara will be working with the city and other board members to determine what we might be able to do to improve sidewalks that are nonexistent or in need of repair.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 10 Board Meeting at Jody Brown's house
April 6 General Meeting at Pinckney School

May 10 Parks Clean-Up

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard, Secretary

**Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting** 

**Date/Time:** March 2, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: John Pepperdine, President; Jody J. Brown, Vice President; Cindy Pierard, Secretary; Sara

Taliaferro, Coordinator.

### **Capital Improvement Plan Funding Requests**

Requests for city capital improvement funds are due March 11. These requests concern are long-term projects that are developed according to a six-year plan (2002-2008). Projects may include land acquisitions such as land for public parks, construction of public buildings, and installation of fixed equipment such as water and sewer lines.

Our funding request complements our CDBG funding request, which concerns improvements to the public shelters in Clinton Park. We have already requested CDBG funds to hire an architect to develop a master plan for the park, and to design a new park shelter. Capital improvement Plan funding will be requested to complete construction and similar work that is identified by the master plan.

### **Brush Clean-Up**

There is an ongoing concern with funding neighborhood brush pick-ups. In the past, we have requested CDBG funding to cover costs associated with hiring the chipper truck and crew to assist with brush pick-up. However, we would like to determine if there is another way to make brush pick-up available as a regular city service, particularly in older neighborhoods with many trees. Sara has raised this before at LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods) meetings and with various city officials. LAN is generally supportive, but we have not had much response from the city.

Sara believes that additional research is needed before we can do any more with this issue. She has a series of questions she plans to pursue, such as: what are the statistics on pick-ups for grass clippings v. brush pick-up? What is done with the bundled brush that may be put out for regular pick-ups—is it chipped and mulched or taken to the landfill? Is there some type of fund or tax that supports clippings and brush pickups? After Sara has completed her research, she will prepare a detailed memo for the city commission explaining her findings, describing what our neighborhood would like to see (no extra costs for brush pick-ups), and requesting their support. Copies of the memo will be available at our next general meeting.

### **Annual Picnic**

We will have our annual picnic during the first weekend in June (Saturday, June 1) at Clinton Park. We would like to have a speaker as we did last year commemorating some aspect of Lawrence history. Cindy suggested inviting the authors of . Another possibility is to ask someone who was involved with this year's Langston Hughes symposium, perhaps focusing on the author's connection to the Pinckney neighborhood.

### **LAN Retreat**

Sara announced that she will be attending a LAN retreat tomorrow. The goal of the retreat is to work on LAN's mission statement and determine how the organization can become more effective. She will report back at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting April 6, 2002 at 10:00AM

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator)...sign-in sheet missing. We do not remember who else was in attendance.

Robert Trepinski of Lawrence Memorial Hospital showed site plans for couple a new parking lot on the west side of Arkansas Street in the 300 block. LMH purchased the NW corner lot of Arkansas and Fourth and the SW corner lot on Michigan and Fourth. They will sell the two houses to someone who will relocate them rather than tear them down. A future meeting time will be posted on signs at the lot site.

### Old Business

Update on CDBG application and proposed funding outline from NRAC.

Discussion of Capitol Improvement Plan

Discussion of meetings and data concerning brush collection as part of neighborhood cleanup. Steve Braswell would like a letter of our proposal sent to the City. Sara will write it and give to John for review.

### **New Business**

- 1) Neighborhood Cleanup
- 2) Neighborhood Picnic
- 3) Discussion of topics for July meeting
- 4) Neighbor's comments or concerns

11:30 AM—Meeting Adjourned

Original minutes are missing—presumed that they left with Cynthia Pierard when she moved. These are some of Sara's notes and the agenda outline.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro

# <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting</u> July 13, 2002

(Sign-in sheet is missing, as are original minutes. Cynthia Pierard was secretary and moved, taking a couple sets of meeting minutes with her. What follows was constructed from Sara and John's notes—both were present at meeting.)

Sara reported that Lawrence Memorial Hospital is moving two houses from the lots where the new hospital parking will be. They will be moved to north Lawrence. Neighbors were pleased that the houses were being preserved, especially the bungalow from Arkansas Street.

Discussion of next step on brush collection issue. Draft of letter attached that could be sent to Commissioners.

Floodplain regulations were discussed. Developers have sent out a scare letter advising people to ask the Commissioners not to vote for the floodplain regulations, saying property values will go up. The Lawrence/Douglas County League of Women Voters supports the proposed regulations.

Lawrence School District has hired an outside consultant to evaluate facilities of the district and make recommendations. Neighborhoods are concerned with having a voice in this process. There are three more meetings scheduled. Sara will attend at least one of them.

Proposal by KU Endowment to raze houses at 1300 Ohio Street, which Oread NA opposes—we should support a fellow neighborhood association. Write a letter to the governor, and if anyone wants more information, contact Sara.

PNA is getting some outside monies for our Clinton Park Restoration Project. Should we raise some money on our own for landscaping? Another neighborhood improvement idea was a park bench over near the 'hermit sign' and a post with a box for pamphlets on Hugh Cameron's life (more detailed than on the sign). Neighbors liked this idea and would consider it for a neighborhood grant idea.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro, PNA Coordinator City Commissioner City Hall P.O. Box 708 Lawrence. KS 66044

Dear:

We are writing on behalf of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association to discuss a proposal we would like to make concerning brush pickup at our neighborhood cleanups. Pinckney neighborhood has held spring and fall neighborhood cleanups for several years. In the past, the City of Lawrence was quite involved in our cleanups. The cleanups were held on Saturdays, and city solid waste crews came around for household nonhazardous waste, and forestry crews came around and collected brush. Over time, city policies changed, and such issues as employee overtime policies led to a discontinuation of Saturday pickups. We have continued to work with the City of Lawrence's Solid Waste Division to hold our neighborhood cleanups on Fridays, and their service and support in making our cleanups successful has been phenomenal and is greatly appreciated. The brush pickup portion of our cleanup has undergone some changes. City Hall officials (namely Mr. Jim Beebe, Mr. Mike Wildgen, and Mr. Tom Wilkerson) worked with us on our Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 cleanups and sent around a chipper truck at no charge to us. Forestry staff were very supportive and helpful during those cleanups. In the fall of 2000, we understood from conversations with city staff that Pinckney was not the only neighborhood working with the City of Lawrence to have brush collection as a part of neighborhood cleanups. This caused increased demands on personnel and equipment, pulling them away from other jobs, and thus increased costs for the department. The division of forestry informed us that they would need to bill for our fall 2000 cleanup and billed us this fall for six hours for two workers, a truck, and a chipper at a cost of \$567.74. We requested CDBG fund to cover this at city staff's suggestion, and the Forestry Division kindly waived the portion of that bill not covered by CDGB funds. This is the current procedure for brush collection at our neighborhood cleanups.

Here follows a summary of our opinions in light of our understanding of the current procedures and policies. We live in an older neighborhood, and brush and branch clearing will be an inevitable part of neighborhood cleanups, especially after such natural catastrophes as the February ice storm. Our current alternatives, as we understand them, are to place bundled brush out with our household nonhazardous waste on our scheduled pickup day or place bundles curbside during our neighborhood cleanup, take our brush by truck to the forestry yard at 11th and Haskell on Saturday for a fee of \$2.00 a load, work with the city using our own or CDBG funds to pay for a city chipper truck and crew, or get an outside contractor to donate chipper truck and crew service to our neighborhood cleanup. Our neighborhood is opposed to the first alternative because we do not want to add brush bundles to the city landfill, and we think citywide household brush output is substantial enough that this is a significant and unwanted addition to the landfill burden. The second alternative poses practical problems, since our neighborhood has an appreciable proportion of families with low to moderate incomes, many older or disabled neighbors—and few neighbors own a truck or have access to one even though the brush collection site has very reasonable fees for loads of brush. We also have found that our neighborhood cleanups generate both compliance and sense of pride and community ownership that is much more effective in addressing the quality of the neighborhood environment than is reliance on individual compliance. This leaves the latter alternative of chipping. It is our understanding that the most efficient way to handle the brush during a neighborhood cleanup is to send a chipper around with a truck and chip on the spot. We find it to be the most effective way of cleaning up our neighborhood environment and feel it is the option we should continue to choose.

We could continue to request funds from CDBG for brush pickup, and it is indeed true that it provides a valuable service to the neighbors, ensures that people who might be less able to comply through other means can participate in cleanup efforts of their properties, and undeniably fits with the goals of the Community Development Block Grant by addressing neighborhood blight through correction of environmental noncompliances. We have two concerns with this approach. First, we take our responsibility as a grantee very seriously, and we do not wish to ask for any monies from CDBG for services that might be otherwise covered within city responsibilities and governances. We compete with many very worthy organizations and associations. So if PNA were to request the approximately \$1,400.00 a year that it currently costs to provide brush cleanup twice a year, and if other target neighborhoods request the same, this begins to drain those financial resources away from projects that we and other entities would also like to realize. Further, we feel that this is not only a target neighborhood concern, but it is in fact a citywide concern. Implementation of a city plan to handle brush will benefit all landowners and landlords, and it will provide a means of reducing landfill input and will be a means of addressing neighborhood blight. We have explored the possibility of having a private contractor donate services to our cleanups, but this is not a viable longterm solution, since....

We understand the growing demands on city staff to provide services, and we also appreciate the budgetary concerns behind the evolving policies and procedures. We hope that a plan can be developed and implemented that will make free city brush pickup service a part of Lawrence neighborhood cleanups. We look forward to suggestions and strategies from city staff as to how this policy might be implemented, providing financial and staff support to the Forestry Division and a valuable service to the Lawrence community. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods has voted to support us in our request on this matter. We think that there are many advantages and benefits to such a policy, that these benefits would be citywide, and that the policy would be compatible to both the mission of City Hall and to the policy statements of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. Thank you for your time in considering this request, and we are most grateful for your support and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Brasswell
PNA Cleanup Committee Chair

John Pepperdine PNA President

Sara L. Taliaferro PNA Coordinator

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting October 26, 2002

Ken McRae, William Zung, Emily Zung, David Unekis, Archie Hawkins, Kendall Simmons, Steve Braswell, Tauneel McKay, Katie Armitage, Jennifer Yuil, Ciynthia Pierard (Secretary), John Pepperdine (President), Jerome Ratzlaff (Treasurer), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator), and Janet Smalter, Kent Smalter, and Michael Morley of Morley and Associates, Inc., were present.

John Called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He that a special election for the PNA vice presidential position was being held since Jody Brown has moved to North Carolina. We have one nomination, Steve Braswell, for the position. He asked for nomination from the floor. None were offered. Steve was unanimously elected as vice president. John reminded the group that positions of president and treasurer are up for election in February of 2003.

Michael Morley gave a presentation concerning a development concept for 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois Street lot. His group showed plans for the lot. They want to rezone the entire block to allow them to build townhomes. The designs are energy-efficient and affordable. There were some questions and discussion about affordability, but everyone agreed on a November 16 meeting at 10:00 AM to discuss the matter further. Neighbors surrounding the affected area will be contacted specifically for this meeting.

The latest neighborhood grant was discussed.

Sara discussed the CDBG grant application, which is due at the beginning of December. Discussion of ongoing projects, The group agreed to change the amount requested for brush collection, since the older neighborhood has a constant supply of branches from established trees. Most people do not have access to a truck to haul the brush to the forestry yard. Sara asked the group to consider possible expansion of neighborhood projects.

The next general meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2002.

(No one seemed to be able to find the notes for this meeting. Presumably, Cindy had them, but she did not locate them before she moved away. Sara had the attendance roster and wrote up minutes from her own notes).

# 300 BLOCK OF ILLINIOS—PROPOSED REZONING PROJECT (From November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002, meeting)

Cindy Pierard (Secretary), Jerome Razlaff (Treasurer), Emily Zung, Harry Miller, Ken McRae, Erik Rowlett, Jennifer Yuil, and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

The group brainstormed and came up with the following lists. The lists were written on large posters on the wall and discussed.

### Pros

- \*The project is for residential and not commercial use.
- \*The City of Lawrence could/would repave and improve 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (we would want clarification on this).
- \*Parking space within the lots is included in the design.
- \*The developing team seems willing to blend the construction with the neighborhood—good design, decent construction would be an improvement over some of the existing environs.
- \*We have a chance for input on this project. We may not with other proposals.
- \*This project could pave the way for new patterns of inserting neighborhood input into future development projects.

### Cons

- \*Allowing zoning change might appear to reverse our stance of preserving single family residential zoning and reclaiming areas of Pinckney as single family residential.
- \*This zoning change could lead to further zoning change proposals, thus eroding SR1-2 areas further.
- \*Neighborhood feels uncomfortable without a better understanding of the thought process/plan for the development and would like a concrete plan with platting, three-dimensional conceptual design sketches and/or blueprints, etc.
- \*Once the lots are sold, there are no guarantees as to what could happen with the properties (such as owner-occupied versus rental, maintenance on properties, et cetera).

### Action Items

- \*What are options to assert more longterm neighborhood control over this project? For example, could we suggest that the property return to SR-2 under certain conditions?
- \*How much specificity can we get on the project proposal? What will the design really be? When a project like this is proposed, how carefully must the developer/builder stick to the specifications as outlined, and what actually happens if the plan is not followed exactly?
- \*What covenants or homeowner associations exist in Lawrence, and how do they govern effectively? Can both we and the project planners investigate this?
- \*Will there be gutters and other improvements made to Alabama Street?
- \* We would like an update on the discussions with Bert Nash, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and Tenants to Homeowners, etc.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Pierard (Secretary) and Sara L. Taliaferro (Coordinator)

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting November 23, 2002

Ken McRae, Kendall Simmons, Marguerite Risley, Kelly Brown, Andrew Driscoll, Mark Ridgwall, EmiLee Whitehurst, Cindy Pierard (Secretary), Steve Braswell, (Vice President), Jerome Ratzlaff (Treasurer), John Pepperdine (President), Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator), Rebecca Buford (Tenants To Homeowners), and Kent Smalter (Morley and Assoc.) were present.

Sara Presented the draft of Pinckney's CDBG application. We are asking \$3,683.50 for operating expenses, \$4,200.00 for Coordinator salary, \$7,000.00 for the Clinton Park Restoration Project, and \$1,680.00 for brush collection during the spring and fall neighborhood cleanups. The Clinton Park estimate is to pay for an architect's plan for the Shelter House and the restroom facility. Both need to be torn down and rebuilt. We currently have funding for a master plan. All present voted to accept the CDBG application.

A group met and put together a list of pros and cons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois proposed project, but the group needs more time to investigate some of the concerns. The association cannot make an end-of-month deadline to vote on this before it goes before the Planning Commission in December. Kent Smalter said they could ask the Planning Commission to take them off the agenda for January and hold the Planning Commission decision until February. A January 11th meeting date was set for Pinckney for an in-depth discussion and vote on whether or not the neighborhood supports the proposed rezoning. Kent Smalter said they could adjust to that but hoped there would not be more delays. Sara said the group worked pretty hard on the 16<sup>th</sup> and had good discussions about both pros and cons of the project. She thought we could come to a decision. Marguerite Risley told the group that the neighborhood actually petitioned successfully to have that area changed to single family from duplex zoning a few years ago, and she had deep reservations about undoing that work. It was done to preserve the single-family nature of the neighborhood. She pointed out the properties on the north side of Third Street, which were converted to duplexes. They are an eyesore and blight to the neighborhood. Others echoed her concerns about the rezoning. John said we need all neighbors who live in that area at the January meeting. Officers will call people to let them know, and he asked those present to get the word out.

Sara asked for a site review of the naturalized area along east Indiana Street. Where should the bench and signpost be placed? She reminded the group that the grant covered a signpost for a box to hold a detailed pamphlet on Hugh Cameron's life. It also covered some native plantings to help beautify and stabilize the bank. Marguerite said that we should check with city officials about placement of the bench, since that area had flooded in the past. Sara said that we could not make a final decision without talking to Mark Hecker and others about it. The group voted to empower the board to make a bench selection and order the bench. Sara said that one possibility was a metal bench such as the ones near the bandstand in South Park. Members agreed to check them out and get back to the board by sometime in January.

Sara reminded the group that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are up for reelection in February. She said that Both John and Jerome would welcome replacements but might serve again. She also thanked Jerome for being the Tenants To Homeowners representative for the neighborhood. Jerome said that he also was serving on the Habitat For Humanity board, so he would be glad to let someone else be treasurer—really!

Andrew Driscoll outlined problems that he and other neighbors have been having with Project Acceptance on Maine Street. Mark Ridgwall said that he had lived there a number of years, and the problem had deteriorated in the last two years or so. Complaints were many and

included fights outdoors, yelling, public urination, alcohol bottles thrown in neighbor's yards, people sleeping on Andrew's porch, lewd comments made to Kelly, Andrew's fiancee. Andrew had talked to the director and the landlord, but nothing has changed. He asked if this was a neighborhood association concern. The group agreed that it was, and John asked Sara to work with the neighbors and the city to try to resolve the issue. Marguerite said that she called the police on a couple who had tumbled into the ditch near her home on Indiana Street. She went out to help them, thinking they were in distress, but it turned out they were drunk. They were on their way to Acceptance House, they told her. But P.A. is supposed to be closed at that time, and the incident happened after dark. Jerome Ratzlaff said his wife was approached by a very inebriated man one day a couple months ago, and the man got in her face and told her she should check out Project Acceptance because it was a good place. He did not harm her but was too friendly and hard to get rid of.

Rebecca Buford introduced herself as the new Assistant Executive Director of Tenants To Homeowners and said that TNT would like to know of properties that might be for sale for affordable housing. They enjoyed working with the neighborhood in the past and wanted to do so in the future. She could talk to anyone who is interested about tax advantages to donating properties. She also reminded the neighbors about the first-time home buyers seminars and thanked the association for publishing these dates in our newsletters.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro, Coordinator

# Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting January 11, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Jerome Ratzlaff (Treasurer), Tauneel McKay, Erik Rowlett, Kendall Simmons, Kathy Stiers, Linda Albin, Paul Liechti, Ken McRae, Pat Miller, Harry Miller, Andrew Driscoll, Mark Ridgway, Carrie Pepperdine, William Zung, Betty Peterson, Kent Smalter (Morley and Assoc.), Michael Morley (M & Assoc.), Janet Smalter (M. & Assoc.), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present. A Journal-World reporter and a photographer were present but did not sign in.

John called the meeting to order and opened the floor for discussions. Linda A. is worried because we will double the neighborhood population for this area if we allow by building town homes. She is also worried about the tenant situation. Michael M. says they have talked about approaching Tenants To Homeowners and working with them to place qualified owner/tenants. Eric R. asked what is meant by qualified. Jerome Ratzlaff aid that there are maximum yearly income requirements and that potential homeowners go through an application process with TNT. He also noted that at \$120,000.00, these properties would be at the upper end of what TNT could finance. Kent S. said that in response to Linda's concern, Horizon 2020 describes buffer zones between more and less densely zoned areas, so this project might be appropriate as a buffer zone. Sara T. pointed out that although the 200 blocks of Illinois and Alabama were zoned duplex, the actual structures were single family bungalows or low-profile duplexes that mimicked bungalows, so she was not certain how town homes would be a buffer to single family residences from the 200 block.

Tauneel M. asked what would keep these town homes from being sold and used as rentals if TNT were not involved. Janet S. pointed out that design features might prevent this from happening. Tauneel asked about plans to widen Illinois Street. Janet S. said no, that they would vacate the right-of-way to 60 feet on Third and on Illinois Streets. They have replatted the area and are asking for rezoning. Betty P. Asks for an explanation of replatting and rezoning. Some discussion of spot zoning versus a rezone of the whole block followed. The gist was that the neighborhood did not want the whole block rezoned.

Tauneel admitted she was on the edge as to how her vote might go. She liked the idea of affordable and energy-efficient homes. Betty P. asked if there were any other homes that SMS had built that the group could look at for examples of the building style. Michael M. said that there were not, but he gave some addresses of other projects to refer to to give a general idea. Kent S. said that they also wanted to make "green" construction, a point that might not have been stressed before. Andrew D. said that if design is a factor, then we need some more concrete information to help with our decision. Michael M. said that they were not required to do that and would not invest time and money generating designs for a project that was not yet approved.

Pat M. asked how many bedrooms the units would have. Janet S. said two or three bedrooms; it varied from unit to unit. Pat M. said that the plans as drawn did not allow a place for children to play. She thought the design was more conducive to college student dwellings or military or starter home. Ken M. said there are area parks for the children to play. Kent S. said they would like to leave Alabama Street as a green space. Michael M. said they would like to clean it up too. Also, he thought that a lot of the neighborhood had been lost to the hospital, and developing these lots would recap some of the housing stock loss.

Carrie P. said she was very concerned with traffic and density issues. She thought this development would create a lot more traffic on Mississippi Street. Betty P. says

she sees this as a lot less of a concern than hospital traffic and other street traffic. Kent S. said that he thinks the new zoning could actually lead to improvements in the area. Michael Morley said it would generate new curbs and sidewalks. Ken M. asked of it would be a benefit district if the developer was not involved in this project. Michael M. was not certain. Carrie P. asked if the city required them to address traffic issues. Michael M. did not think so. Ken M. asked if there could be a sunset provision to the zoning so that there was some limit if this project did not go through. No one knew.

Kent S. said they wanted to get financing started. Kendall S. asked if he meant start financing or start work soon. Kent S. said start work, they were behind schedule now.

John asked if we needed further discussion or if the group could vote. The group wanted to vote. John asked "Does Pinckney Neighborhood Association favor rezoning the six lots at the southwest corner of Third and Illinois Streets from RS2 to RMD?" Five people voted in favor of the change, and twelve people voted against the change.

March 8, Saturday, at 10:00 AM at LMH was chosen as the time for the next meeting. Sara announced that elections for the President and Treasurer positions, the Annual Spring Cleanup, and the Annual Picnic were items on the agenda for the next meeting. Kendall made the suggestion that newsletters come out on a set schedule because they are very important. No motion was made.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sara L. Taliaferro, Coordinator

### **Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**Date/Time:** March 7, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Emily Zung, William Zung, Linda Altin, John Pepperdine, Sara Taliaferro, Steve Braswell,

Kendall Simmons, Jerome Ratzlaff, Cindy Pierard.

### Agenda

1. Elections

2. Neighborhood Clean-Up

3. Picnic

4. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois

5. Project Acceptance

6. Park Bench Installation

7. Park Clean-Up

8. Timeline Project

### 1. Elections

The Treasurer and President position are open. Both John and Jerome would be willing to serve on, but they also expressed interest in getting new folks involved. Emily Zung was nominated for the Treasurer position. Steve Braswell nominated John to run again as President. Both Emily and John were elected unanimously.

### 2. Neighborhood Clean-Up

The spring neighborhood clean-up will be held Friday, April 25. Household non-hazardous waste and bruch will be collected. Sara reported that the city does not provide brush pick-up any longer, so we need to contract this out. Some questions were raised as to whether the city would reconsider since this is an important service for older neighborhoods with established trees. Sara will investigate and pursue with the city and/or contract with an independent pick-up service. It was noted that we use CDBG funding to support the costs associated with brush pick-up.

### 3. Picnic

The neighborhood picnic will be held on Saturday, May 24 (Memorial Day weekend). We would like to have some sort of program or speaker. We have done this for the previous two years, and it seems to be popular. "Water in Pinckney" was a suggested theme. This sould involve wetland development by the river. It may also involve someone from the water treatment plant talking about water quality. In an attempt to feature a different neighborhood park, we will hold this year's picnic in Bercham Park.

### 4. 3rd and Illinois

The City Commission met Februray 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss Michael Morley & Associates' proposal to build townhomes at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois. PNA had already voted on this matter and voted against rezoning the land, which would be necessary were the project to go forward. The City Commission voted down the proposal. Something we might consider is putting together a neighborhood petition to zone the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> street to single family housing and grandfathering in existing duplexes. Sara will investigate this.

### 5. Project Acceptance

Sara has continued to meet with the board members of Project Acceptance, a client-run drop-in service for individuals with mental illness. The situation with the neighbors has stabilized. The city will undertake a review of Project Acceptance in the near future. If there are future problems, PNA may need to weigh in on rezoning the special permit that allows Project Acceptance to run at this location.

#### 6. Park Bench Installation

Sara has yet to order the bench that we received funding to install at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Louisiana, near the historic plaque that marks the former treehouse home of Hugh Cameron (former Pinckney resident). She plans to order it soon, but anticipates needing a place to store it short-term until it can be installed. William and Emily volunteered their garage. Steve asked if any permits are needed to install something like this, and Sara said she would investigate and report back to the board. Steve volunteered to work on the installation.

### 7. Park Clean-Up

The Park clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 26 — one day after the neighborhood clean-up. Emily and William volunteered to clean up Bercham Park since they will be there to oversee the annual MS Walk. Charles Jones and/or Ken and Katy Armitage will be called upon to clean Constant Park. Kendall, Steve, and John will work on Clinton Park.

### 8. Timeline Project

Sara is interested in starting a neighborhood timeline project as a creative way of building knowledge of neighborhood history and continuity. Brush Creek neighborhood has done something similar.

#### Other

Steve asked that we replenish the supply of neighborhood walking tour brochures at the Visitor's Center. John suggested that we ask the Visitor's Center if they could assist with copying costs.

Steve mentioned the possibility of installing historic street signs as Old West Lawrence has done. This might be a project to pursue with future neighborhood grant money.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Pierard, Secretary

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

March 29, 2003

A board meeting was held on this day. Cynthia Pierard was secretary. No notes currently exist for the meeting; Cynthia took the minutes with her when she moved out of state. It was new treasurer Emily Zung's first meeting, and her job duties were one of the items discussed.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting June 14, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Emily Zung (Treasurer), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Emily reported that 235 Illinois is vacant again, and she is concerned about what happened to the elderly former tenant. Work had started on the place, but materials were left out in the rain, and she does not know if the open, uncapped sewer pipe in the garage has been capped. It is a blighted property, and she does not know what direction things will go now.

Steve reported that he had paid \$5.00 for his individual dues, but Pinckney owes \$20.00 for dues to LAN. Sara said that Steve does not owe individual dues because he is Pinckney's official representative. She would send \$15.00 and a note to the LAN treasurer, and Pinckney could reimburse Steve.

Sara reported on the LAN retreat she attended. She reported on items of possible interest to the neighborhood that LAN supports: (1) sidewalks in neighborhoods, (2) developers talking to neighborhoods and getting approval for projects within the neighborhood, (3) investigating the high property values downtown and supporting measures to make it more affordable for local businesses, (4) tornado safe rooms, (5) the Lawrence Sesquicentennial events. John thought tornado safe rooms would add to cost of building homes and that affordability is an issue. Steve said our own neighborhood is very interested in seeing neighborhood cleanups continue. Everyone thought sidewalks were important and wanted more city support to replace broken sidewalks in established neighborhoods. John mentioned that speed limits were a constant issue in the neighborhood.

The group was joined by General Meeting attendees, and the board meeting ended.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting June 14, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Emily Zung (Treasurer), Kendall Simmons, Katie Armitage, Michael Shaw, and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

John called the meeting to order and asked Sara to start reviewing the meeting agenda. Sara reported that the Pinckney Neighborhood was entered in the Fourth of July Parade and that the theme was "Pinckney Neighbors Throughout History." Sara said this would allow children and others to participate as modern neighbors if they were not able to pull off an historic costume. Katie said that she has a couple period outfits she would lend and some American flags, but she will be out of town. Sara will look for a mule for a "Hugh Cameron" to ride. She said no horses were allowed in the parade, but she had written a note to the parade committee, and a brief article about the parade had mentioned the mule in Pinckney's entry, so it is a go. Steve and Kendall will be there and might bring some neighborhood children. Sara said the Driscolls were coming in period costumes.

Michael Shaw, a neighbor and member of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance, talked about the proposed historic districts in Pinckney. He said the districts were Pinckney Number One, which consisted of Louisiana Street from Fifth to Sixth Streets (but not 545 Sixth), all of Ohio and Tennessee Streets, and Sixth Street north side from Louisiana to Tennessee Streets. Pinckney Number Two is Indiana from Fourth to Fifth Streets. He said the paperwork would be paid for to establish districts. They would be registered and participants and nonparticipants indicated. There are five districts within the city of Lawrence. He said there was a September deadline for filing, and they would need to know the neighborhood's support. John said it would be difficult to have a summer meeting, but perhaps in August the neighborhood could vote. An August 16 meeting date was set for the next general meeting. A discussion of nonparticipants and participants and what restrictions were placed on environs followed. Katie noted that many homes were already within the environs of registered properties, both State and National, and that their owners have not suffered from this. She gave examples of allowances that had been made for different owners. We need to have maps and more information for the August meeting.

John asked what issues surrounded the proposed tower downtown. Why was it being restricted in height? Was it because of the Downtown Hitoric District? Katie said it would dwarf the Eldridge House and the old Post Office, and those were the issues.

Sara gave a brief update on Project Acceptance. Andrew Driscoll was filing complaints with funding sources. Sara announced that the Master Plan would probably be ready in August for the group to review and get neighborhood input. Steve asked if lights were in the Master Plan. Sara thought they were, but she would check to make certain they were included.

Emily asked if the Burcham Park gate could be locked at sunset as it once was. There are drug dealers who are using the park. Katie noted that EMTs and police came down along the river and took away an unconscious man who may have been dead. He was homeless. She saw nothing about it in the paper, though.

Emily reported that the Free State account has \$1,338.79. Most of this is for the park bench and improvements near the Hugh Cameron sign.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

## <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting</u> August 16, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Katie Armitage, Alison Roepe, Lucy Simpson, Shellie Bender, Kent Van Hoesen, Andrea Wellborn, Robert Irving, Niki Christopher, Steve McDowell, Sheldon Weisgrau, Mike Yoder, Paul Baumchen, Carol von Tersch (Lawrence Preservation Alliance), Virgil Dean (Lawrence Preservation Alliance), Michael Shaw, Dale Nimz, Bridget Murphy, Charles Jones, Newt Baur, Laurie Lang, Chris Greenhoot, and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present. (A few others did not sign in, including Boog Highberger).

John opened the meeting by welcoming those who were in attendance from the Lawrence Preservation Alliance to help with the discussion and answer questions about the proposed historic districts. He said that it was not possible to get someone from the city at this meeting because Dennis Enslinger left his position with the city, and Lynne Zollner just started as Historic Resources Director and needs to get up to speed with the position. Before discussing the proposed districts, though, a few items of business must be covered.

Emily submitted the treasurer's report electronically. We have \$1,345.46 in the Free State Credit Union Account.

Sara announced that the Clinton Park Master Plan meeting to discuss future improvements in Clinton Park will be held Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 PM at the Clinton Park Shelter. She invited all interested neighbors to attend. If anyone had comments or questions but could not attend the meeting, please call Sara to let her know.

John asked if there were any nominations for PNA Board Secretary, a position that opened because Cindy Pierard moved to Arizona. None were offered. John made a motion that the vote on this position be deferred to October, and Steve seconded. All voted in favor.

Sara noted that a neighbor had called about the funding for crossing guards. The City of Lawrence will pay salaries this year but is considering cutting salaries next year because of budget concerns. This will be an issue for students in Pinckney and their families, especially the crossing at 5<sup>th</sup> and Maine, which is hazardous and gets heavy traffic.

John introduced Carol von Tersch from the Lawrence Preservation Alliance and asked her to open the discussion on the proposed historic districts. Carol said that tax credits to help participating homeowners were only part of the benefits. Shelli B. and Niki K. told of several instances where homeowners had bad experiences and had their costs go up or long delays because of the Historic Resources Commission reviews. Niki said that it was unfair to homeowners on moderate budgets because they could not afford an architect, which would be required. Virgil Dean said this depended on the size of the remodel and what was being done. Katie A. said that homeowners could get exemptions based on income and ability. Charles Jones asked that only people who could testify to their own experiences should enter into the discussion. He thought it misleading to give antecdotal evidence and thought that one of the examples given as a negative was someone who actually supported the district but did not want to go on record. Lauri Lang said that her new porch project went through painlessly, but she would just as soon not have the review process at all.

Lots of discussion and dissention followed. Some people mentioned good experiences. One couple was upset to find out they were already within the environs of Old West properties and wondered why they had not been informed when they bought the house. Someone else said that the zoning board was the painful part of the process for them

when they remodeled their home, but the Historic Resources Commission was no problem. Someone asked about the environs concept. Dale N. said that 500 feet perimeter around an historic property or district is a state law. Most projects will be approved unless they "threaten" the historic quality. Someone else asked if a property could opt out of the historic district. Not necessarily. It depends upon where it is located. Dale N. said that 70 % of the properties had to be contributing for the district to exist.

Carol v.T. said that she did a remodel to her home, which is listed, and she removed a window and changed it. This was permitted because it was not considered a permanent change. The Permit is the call of the Neighborhood Resources Department, and that might not be part of the review. One of Shelli's examples involved fences, and Carol said that variances are only needed for fences over six feet tall. There are special corner lot requirements too, which might have affected Shelli's example. Also, if some sort of footer or foundation needed to be laid (stone pillars, for example), that might require review. Generally, it takes three to five days for the building permit, and the HRC tries to run its review concurrently.

Someone asked how this process got started. Dennis Enslinger met with interested community members in an open meeting at the library and got enough community response that the city took the initiative to move forward. They formed a contract between the City of Lawrence and the State. They got a grant to hire consultants to review all the properties in the proposed districts to outline the reasons why a property might be participating or not. The Staff at the State Historic Society are currently reviewing this? Once their review is complete, the nomination will go before the state board in conjunction with the National Park Service. The Park Service Historic Sites Board will meet in February, and the districts could be approved by next February.

Virgil Dean said that if people had concerns our questions, they should write a letter, call Lynne Zollner, or contact the State Historic Society. Shelli said they were organizing a letter-writing campaign. The Historic Resources Commission and Lawrence City Commission will have specific meetings about this in December and January and get an official response to pass on to the state.

John asked if the group was ready to take a vote. Charles J. said he thought that the group should not, that there were too many questions and misinformation. He felt as if it would divide the neighborhood too much. Carol v.T. said that the neighborhood vote would just go on the record, but the individual homes within the districts and within the environs had to weigh in. The neighborhood vote would not count for more than opinion. Steve B. said that he felt he could not vote anyway because he did not live in a proposed district nor within the environs, and it seemed unfair to weigh in on something that did not directly affect him. Shelli B. thought we should not vote because she had lots of no votes on a petition, and she thought the no votes would carry. She thought we should schedule another meeting. John mentioned that he thought people had to be present to vote. The group unanimously agreed to not vote.

The next meeting is tentatively set at 10 AM October 11 at LMH in a room to be announced.

## Historic District Concerns Raised at August 16, 2003 PNA General Meeting

- 1. Houses within environs are subject to regulation without tax credit benefits.
- 2. Is it true that people can opt out of district?
- 3. Qualifications for tax credits for contributing houses are not automatic?
- 4. There is time and expense involved in review process.
- 5. Is flexibility dependent on the composition of the HRC board?
- 6. Who is already in environs? What houses would remain status quo? What properties would change?
- 7. Last house on Ohio Street—why is it not included?

#### Clinton Park Development Meeting for Pinckney Neighborhood Association August 27, 2003

David Hamby (BG Consulting), Mark Hecker (Supt. Of Parks and Rec.), John Gress (LPRD), Mike Pisani, Glen Walker Jr, Shawn Georgie, John Torrburg, and Sara Taliaferro were present.

The bathroom design was discussed. Mark suggested that the men's restroom would have a urinal or two and one ADA accessible stall. The women's bathroom would have on ADA and one regular stall. Everyone thought that was fine.

Different locations for the shelter were discussed. The neighbors did not want a smaller shelter. Mark suggested a gazebo style. Neighbors liked the current style.

Amount of park use was discussed. The neighbors said the park got a lot more use than the official shelter reservations would indicate.

Landscaping was discussed. Neighbors would like plaques recognizing people who contributed. Lawrence Memorial Hospital might, and perhaps the V.F.W would.

The order of work was discussed. Probably the bathrooms would be first, and then the shelter. The playground would probably be third. The sidewalk would be a higher priority. The parking lot and the basketball court would be last. Mark Hecker directed the group to check out the playground at Ryan Grey Park at Tenth and Hillcrest Streets. It is new and big and is the kind of playground that could go in Clinton Park.

The rock wall restoration was discussed. Sara said Kieth Middlemas is a stone mason. Glen W. said he worked with another local man who is very reasonable and does good work. We would take bids. We could also check to see if there are any funds or grant available because the wall is a WPA project. A garden would be planned around the wall.

## <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association Board Meeting at Clinton Park</u> August 31, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Emily Zung (Treasurer), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

This brief meeting was to apprise the board of the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, since none of the board could attend. Sara told them of the plans as discussed. The group walked the site and discussed the location of the shelter. It could either be where it is now or over where the bathrooms are currently, providing a view of the rock wall. Emily is okay with either shelter location. John is also okay with either. Steve prefers the current location and does not want the shelter to be smaller. Sara added their votes to the rest of the group. She said that people slightly favored moving or did not care.

# Draft Minutes of Pinckney Neighborhood General Meeting October 11, 2003

Meeting began at 10:00 AM at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Paul Liechti, Niki Christopher, Shellie Bender, Katie Armitage, Ken Armitage, Charles Jones, Linda Albin, Larry Smith, Mianne Irick, Larry Irick, Bridget Murphy, Shawn Georgie, Kelly Foos, Andrew Driscoll, Amanda Jay, Jeff MacFarland. John Pepperdine (PNA President), Steve Braswell (PNA Vice President), and Sara Taliaferro (PNA Coordinator) were present.

1) Alan Bowes with Tenants to Homeowners presented preliminary plans for housing development of 6 lots their organization plans to purchase at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois. This is the same property that the Morley Group had planned to develop.

Tenants to Homeowners wants to build three single family homes and three duplex townhomes. TTH is proposing that the lots include duplexes because they can lower the cost to a prospective homeowner to around \$70,000.00 to \$90,000.00. It is hard for someone to purchase a decent home for that price in Lawrence. The City is encouraging TTH to provide affordable housing for more people and to work with the neighborhood association. They want to start this project in spring of 2004.

This will require rezoning these lots for multi-family housing and Tenants to Homeowners is looking for support from PNA. Alan will come to the next PNA meeting to discuss this development and listen to neighbor's concerns.

- 2) Sara Taliaferro presented preliminary plans for the new master plan for Clinton Park. Some highlights of this plan include:
  - Rebuilding and moving the bathrooms and shelter to the east side of the park.
     Bathrooms are not now ADA compliant.
  - Revise the parking to have two entrances.
  - Rebuilding and moving the basketball court to the east side of the park.
  - Building a walk through the park including the lower area.
  - Provide garden seating where the shelter house currently stands.
  - · Provide new playground equipment.

A meeting will be held at Clinton Park with the architect to discuss plans at 5:15 PM, Wednesday, October 22. All interested parties are invited to attend.

- 3) Announcements from the board:
  - The PNA clean-up will be Friday October 24. Brush pick-up will be included.
  - The city is sponsoring a Home Energy Conservation Fair at the County Fair Grounds on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - The next PNA general meeting will be Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM at LMH.
     Lynne Zollner, Lawrence Historic Resources Administrator will be there to discuss historic preservation districts.
- 4) The proposed historic districts in the Pinckney Neighborhood were discussed. John Pepperdine announced that at this point there seem to be nothing for PNA to vote on and a vote would not be held.
  - The board handed out literature provided by the City with general information on historic districts.
  - Nicki Christopher gave a brief overview of where the approval process for these districts is and who to contact with questions or concerns.
  - Katie Armitage presented some of her experiences while a member of the Lawrence Historic Preservation Commission.

- There was a spirited discussion by many in attendance with different points of view expressed.
- The issue of historic districts will be on the agenda for the next PNA meeting.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Braswell PNA Vice President

## Clinton Park Development Meeting for Pinckney Neighborhood Association October 22, 2003

Mark Hecker (Supt. Of Parks and Rec.), John Gress (LPRD), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Mike Pisani, Shawn Georgie, ? Georgie, David Byrne, Ken Armitage, Jenny Smith, Lynne Ellis, John Ellis, John Torrburg, and Sara Taliaferro were present.

Everyone reviewed the plans and started walking the site. Several people wondered about the location of the shelter. All agreed that it should not be smaller. The idea of a patio area for additional picnic benches around a smaller shelter was discussed. Eventually, the group agreed that they would not mind if the shelter were moved as long as it was not smaller. Several people gave examples of use at the shelter. Additional picnic benches at the current site was discussed so there could be two seating areas. People were not opposed to this.

Several people objected to the proposed parking lot. They did not want it bigger, or at least not extended so far toward Maine Street. Eventually, everyone agreed that the new plan allowed more green space than the current parking lot, but they did vote for the concession of a shorter lot that had an entry point on the east side of an existing tree rather than the west side.

Lots of discussion ensued about the size, necessity, and placement of the basketball court. The group compromised on the location, but insisted that it got use and should be the same size at the new location.

Everyone wanted a bigger playground. The size of the playground was discussed.

No one liked the proposed bathroom site. The group walked the site and suggested a new location near the treeline and farther from the houses on the east side of the park. This location would be nearer the existing path. Sewer lines were discussed. Mark H. thought this new site could work.

Lighting placement and sidewalks were discussed. People did not want trees removed unless it was absolutely necessary. They agreed that clearing underbrush was desirable, especially along the treeline that separates the playground/upper area from the ravine. Homeless people camp there, and a man actually menaced Steve B. during one of the park cleanups. Neighbors take their dogs out to scare the people off.

The group wanted some new trees planted to shade the playground section and pointed out where trees were lost.

Mosquitos descended, and the group disbanded.

### Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting November 22, 2003

John Pepperdine (President), Steve Braswell (Vice President), Katie Armitage, Charles Jones, Dale Nimz, Michael Bradley, Tresa Hill (Lawrence Preservation Alliance), Carol von Tersch (LPA), Michael Shaw, Robert Irving, Andrea Wellborn, Lauren James, Larry Smith, Allison Watkins, Shari Bradt, Lynne Braddock Zollner (Planning Dept.), Linda Finger (Planning Dept.), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

Guest speakers Lynne Zollner, Historic Resources Administrator, and Linda Finger, City Planner, discussed the proposed historic district. They had maps of the proposed sites, maps of current historic projects, and literature to share. The sites board will meet February 21, 2004 to do a 106 review for projects within the district and will also have an environs review.

Dale Nimz suggested a walking tour of the proposed historic area some time in the spring.

Sara reported that the Clinton Park Master Plan meeting is tomorrow but will be in Room D, changed from Room A. Neighbors at the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting approved plan with changes. Namely, they did not like the location of the bathrooms, and they wanted the parking lot smaller.

Sara reported on the proposed Tenants To Homeowners project at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illinois. A meeting will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> to vote on the rezoning. This is the same vote we took in January, so perhaps it can be considered a formality. ? Michael B. mentioned that Topeka's CHOTO track record is bad and that a lot of houses go back on the market within 5 years. HOME program might prevent this. Sara suggested talking to Alan Bowes about this in December.

Sara informed everyone that she has had several reports of a growing problem of drug dealers in the neighborhood. All present said they would be interested in discussing a unified neighborhood watch program, and this will be the topic of our January meeting.

City of Lawrence is holding a focus group meeting with police department consultants for neighborhood representatives on Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Is anyone interested in being a neighborhood representative? Sara planned to attend. Steve Braswell said he would be interested. People cited traffic concerns as a neighborhood issue besides drug dealing. Katie mentioned the ongoing problem of the safety of crossing Sixth Street at Kentucky, but she doubted that was a police matter. Steve and Sara promised to pass these concerns along.

## Pinckney Neighborhood Special Meeting for Proposed Tenants To Homeowners Project December 6, 2003

Michael Bradley, Larry Smith, Alan Bowes (Tenants To Homeowners Exec. Dir.), and Sara Taliaferro (PNA Coordinator) were present.

Sara introduced Alan Bowes. Alan outlined the proposed project and said that regardless of zoning and the types of swellings that were built, TNT had certain goals. They want to maximize livability, affordability, and energy efficiency. They want more built-ins. The homes would have a smaller footprint with a bungalow design (soffits, a little front porch with an airlock, etc.). They will use insulated concrete forms such as were used in a bungalow they did in North Lawrence. Energy efficiency is critical, especially when house payments are already high.

Michael B. felt that the value of a front porch to a neighborhood is great, and that ought to be included.

Alan B. said that TNT wants to buy the vacant lot next to the yellow house on the north side of Third Street so the can ensure a sewer line from the north and could have basements without pumps.

Larry S. said if there is to be a benefit district for any improvements, he wanted that borne by TNT. Also, he wanted to make a statement that he has been there since 1938(?), and the area we are discussing was originally developed as single family residences. Now the area is chopped up by city land, the hospital, RO, and so on. Areas designated duplex have "gone to hell in a handbasket" and were eventually purchased by landlords and not kept up. Alan B. said that if TNT paid for the curbs and guttering that they would "eat" the costs, and the house cost would go up. They will talk to PNA and the City about this more.

Alan B. talked about Land Plan Engineering, the company doing the platting. He also said that the home prices would be 80% cost, 20% was HOOT financing on each unit, so it was about \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 a unit to HOOT. For example, for a \$100K house, \$80K was mortgaged through homeowner and \$20K came from the City of Lawrence (half of which is forgiven after ten years). Buyers make under 80% of median income and might have a fixed income.

Michael B. said that cookie cutter homes were not desirable and gave examples. Alan B. agreed. He said that two-car garages would be in back of the homes, for instance.

Alan B. said that TNT bought out Smalters' and Morley's claim.

Michael B. asked if TNT was using HOME funds and cited the poor track record in Topeka, with HOME houses getting sold to landlords and deteriorating. Alan B. said yes, HOME funds were used but that here in Lawrence, if the homeowner sells to someone under 80% of median income, they qualify for the same mortgage. He said that TNT has a revolving building fund.

Alan B. said that TNT would like to purchase the duplexes on the north side of Third Street, allow the tenants to stay as long as they wanted with an option to buy. Michael B. asked about the horrid yellow duplex. Alan said that if TNT purchased it, once the tenant moved out of their own accord, that duplex would be torn down and replaced. The others would be rehabilitated, since they are in reasonable condition. This pleased the neighbors greatly.

A vote was taken. All present voted against rezoning. Larry S. pointed out that not many people showed up because they had already studied this issue and voted earlier this year. Sara T. said that was true and on the record. She said the vote occurred in January. Alan B. said he understood, and he was obligated to pitch his case and see if TNT's involvement changed the neighbors' attitude. Sara T. said that she had not heard anyone saying this changed their vote. However, the neighbors at meetings have expressed approval and support of TNT's involvement on the project.

#### <u>Pinckney Neighborhood Association General Meeting</u> February 21, 2004

Steve Braswell (Vice President), Emily Zung (Treasurer), Leigh Ann Foskey, Sam Amburgey, Dale Nimz, Reva Nimz, Ruth Lichtwardt, Ken Armitage, Katie Armitage, Chris Burger, Lara Burger, Mike Ediger, Officer John Barta (LKPD), Mollie Mangerich (City of Lawrence WRRD), and Sara Taliaferro (Coordinator) were present.

Steve B. started the meeting and asked Sara to lead the group through the agenda in John's absence (John Pepperdine, PNA president, was felled by the flul). Sara introduced Mollie Mangerich, the City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Supervisor, to explain the pilot program for yard waste recycling in Pinckney. She said the program also would run in a couple other neighborhoods. She explained that the goal was to get people to use recyclable paper sacks for bagging yard waste, or to place yard waste in cans or carts. If plastic bags are used, crews have to gut the bags and dispose of them separately. Katie A. asked why we do not pay for bag. She felt that lots of older neighborhoods compost their yard waste and do not need to pay as much for the pickup. But everyone pays for the sanitation fee, which Mollie explained covers these expenses too. Steve B. asked if there would be an ordinance against plastic for yard waste. Mollie said this had been discussed. He asked if sticks were collected too. Mollie said not in the yard waste. She then gave out pamphlets and talked about Clopyralid, the pesticide found in yard waste. She finally said that they do a cost effectiveness analysis yearly of all waste and discuss various recycling methods.

Sara then announced the elections for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. She asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. She said that Steve Braswell was willing to serve another term as Vice President, and that Dale Nimz had agreed to serve as secretary. She called for a vote. The slate passed unanimously as presented. Sara thanked Steve for all of his support and service to the neighborhood and welcomed Dale.

Sara introduced Officer John Barta, who came to give a presentation on neighborhood watch and discuss particular concerns of the Pinckney neighborhood. He presented a Powerpoint presentation on neighborhood watch. Then he discussed how not to become a victim.

- Lock doors, even when home.
- provide exterior lighting around home.
- Trim shrubs around doorways and windows.
- Have a visible street marker that police and emergency crews can read from street.
- Never leave your garage door open.
- Have peepholes or some other way to check someone's identity through a closed door. Do not let in unannounced repairmen. Call and check to verify.
- Do not hide a key outside your home. Not under doormats, flowerpots, or anywhere around your house.
- Have mail and paper collected if you are gone away from home. Put lights on timers and close ground floor curtains.
- Do not give personal information over the phone. Hang up immediately on harassing phone calls; say nothing. Hang up and call police if call is threatening.
- Make a list of serial numbers and model numbers on all items in house. Hide list. Identify, photograph, engrave (police department has an engraver that folks can borrow).
- Install a deadbolt with a steel or aluminum jamb that cannot be kicked out.
- Lock your car, even when you are in it. Do not leave valuables in plain sight—this promotes
  "window shopping." Thieves will break open cars for CDs and such. Remove the stereo
  faceplate if you can.
- Look around the car, be aware in places such as parking garages.
- Do not pull right up to the car ahead of you when on the road. Always have an escape route.

- Do not leave your car warming on a cold day!
- Do not walk in alleyways or poorly lit areas. Stay alert and walk with confidence.
- Do not flaunt expensive jewelry or cash.
- Know where you can access phones 24 hours.
- When trying to remember a car description, the following acronym may help: CYMBAL—color, year, make/model, body style, accessories/damage, license plate (even a partial is helpful).
- When trying to remember people, try to identify sex, race, approximate age, clothing (especially shoes), height and weight, body build, hair and eye color, distinguishing marks (scars, tatoos, odor, etc.).
- When describing weapons such as guns, was it a revolver (rolling barrel) or a semi-automatic? Was the knife serrated, or was it a switch blade?

Steve asked if car alarms were effective. Officer Barta said they were at night. He also said that alarms on houses often had high rates of false alarms because people did not know how to use them properly. There are direct and indirect alarms.

Lara B. said that there were a lot of drunks who park on Tennessee Street, especially on weekends. She said some of them seem to be leaving downtown or Abe and Jakes and realize they should not drive. Others just park there. They are loud and disorderly. Someone else asked about loose dogs and what could be done about them. Officer Barta said that pepper spray could work as protection, and that someone should call animal patrol.

Officer Barta talked about neighborhood watch. He said that each block needed at least two or three people who would watch. Everyone should tell neighbors about trips they are taking, visitors they are expecting, and just generally communicate. Everyone must watch. There should be separate neighborhood watch meetings from the regular neighborhood meetings. Get to know your neighbors and call the police when suspicious activity is noticed! If a block is an official neighborhood watch participant, the police need a responsible party list so they can contact people. The program is free. Neighborhood watch signs are \$20.00 per sign and can be installed at the entrances to blocks or neighborhoods.

Lara B. said they had problems with transients camping and wandering in neighborhood. Part of it was just not knowing how much of a problem it is, but she did not think people should camp within sight of houses in the park. The group discussed this.

The other big concern was drug houses. The group discussed houses and areas of concern, and they agreed to have another meeting to talk about options. Sara T. mentioned a program in Oakland, Calif., where neighbors got together and sued landlords of houses rented to drug dealers. This had success. Officer Barta said we would need to explore the legalities with City Hall to find out what could be done given Lawrence's ordinances and such. But we could contact landlords. More discussion is needed about the appropriate way to handle this. Officer Barta said that as much detailed information as could be passed on to police, the better. Give license plate numbers, times, people seen, types of activities, the kinds of details he talked about earlier. Sara T. said that when she lived on Missouri Street, a drug dealer lived next door. The police knew about it and seemed to have an undercover operation going but could not talk about it for fear of jeopardizing the operation. But neighbors worried that nothing was happening, so it was tricky.

Dale Nimz said that he would be willing to be a contact for people interested in Neighborhood Watch. The group would meet in a couple months after they had time to talk to their neighbors and work out a plan.