

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Association Quarterly Performance Report

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
11-21-09	Neighborhood Association Meeting	9
12-19-09	Neighborhood Association Meeting	10
1-16-10	Neighborhood Association Meeting	14

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Anecdotal Documentation of Partnerships, Special Programs or Good Neighboring Stories (at least one required)

(1) Brian Jimenez, Lawrence Codes Enforcement Manager, met with neighbors 12-19-09 to discuss code enforcement issues and blight concerns in the Pinckney Neighborhood.

(2) Gene Meyer, CEO of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, met with neighbors 1-16-09 to discuss future projects at LMH and their impact on the neighborhood and the future plans for Woody Park if LMH uses this area for a parking lot. There is much interest of neighbors regarding Woody Park.

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of January 16, 2010

Persons Present: Steve Braswell, Kendall Braswell, Paul Liechti, Paul Jefferson, Harry Miller Pat Miller, Chris Caldwell, Greg Francisco, Bill Woody Jr., Tanya Spacek, Laurie Peak, Harold Walker, Glenn Walker, Katie Armitage, Gene Meyer (Guest: Lawrence Memorial Hospital).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woody Park: Gene Meyer, CEO of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, discussed the long-range plans of the Hospital with respect to possible additional buildings and parking facilities. The concerns expressed by the members in attendance were: the impact of any such expansion on Woody Park, and the general environmental impact any additional, impermeable parking surface. Mr. Meyer cited completion of the Medical Office Building last February and other recent building expansion as adding about 150,000 square feet to the Hospital's total capacity, and he expressed his belief that this will meet the Hospital's requirements for the next 5-10 years and that if further expansion becomes necessary it would probably be planned for another campus. He also stated that the existing parking capacity is likely to be impacted by some expansion/renovation of existing facilities now planned within the current structure, possibly by next February or March.

Lori Peak of Reece-Nichols Realty mentioned that her firm is offering for sale 15 acres near 2nd and Michigan, across from Wood Creek Town Houses, that might be suitable for a park to replace Woody if that became necessary.

Katie Armitage moved that this Association go on record as favoring the preservation of Elgin Woody's legacy and the preservation of some portion of the present Woody Park as green space for that purpose. The motion was carried.

A brain storming session followed in an effort to identify various members' concerns for the future of the present Woody Park site and suggested options for its future use. A summary thereof is as follows:

Concerns:

- Don't want the park just paved – that is a short term solution
- Want to preserve the Woody legacy
- Want to preserve green space
- Want a viable park/athletic area in the Pinckney Neighborhood
- Want drainage and storm water to be addressed

Options for Woody Park (all options – not just preferred options)

- Meditation park
- Keep as ball field
- Make it into a playground with equipment
- Storm water management/filtration/water park
- Permeable parking with green space
- Community garden
- Historical marker in honor of Mr. Woody
- Parking lot or hospital building

Options for a location for Woody/Lincoln Park & ball field(s) with child-friendly aspects

- Woody Park
- VFW site
- North Michigan site
- West end of Pinckney School playground
- Burcham Park
- Peterson Road at North Iowa Street behind Hallmark

Tentative “perfect” use for Woody Park (given existing land area/footprint)

- Meditation park
- Attractive landscaping
- Some open grassy space
- Beautiful, inspiring memorial for Mr. Woody
- Some sheltered area
- Walking paths
- Limited parking (pervious, not impervious)
- Playground equipment
- Environmentally friendly design & usage

It was agreed that this discussion should continue at the next meeting. Pat Miller kept a list of the concerns, options etc., raised at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 12, 2010.

Pinkney Neighborhood Association

Minutes of November 21, 2009

Persons Present: Tonya Specek, Ken Armitage, Paul Liechti, Linda Bush, Harry Miller, Pat Miller, Mark Grinstead, Ruth Lichtwardt, Steve Braswell.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woody Park and Lawrence Memorial Hospital Parking: Steve Braswell reported that Gene Meyer of Lawrence Memorial Hospital was unavailable for today's meeting. He will continue trying to get Mr. Meyer to attend a meeting to discuss the hospital's long range plans for its expansion in the neighborhood.

Speed Limit Change on 4th Street. Steve reported that he is still trying to get the matter of the speed limit change back on the agenda of the city Traffic Safety Board, but that his contact there has been on vacation and not responding.

Pinkney Park Bench: Steve reported that the park bench, now at his house, is to be installed in Bircham Park.

Blighted Properties: Discussion continued regarding 617 W. 4th, 619 W. 4th and 709 W. 4th. 912/914 w. 3rd Street was also mentioned. A motion was carried to invite Brian Jimenez from the city Code Enforcement Department to this Association's next regular meeting. There was general discussion about the possibility of direct contact with owners of offending properties by this Association and specific mention of those properties in its unpublished minutes, with no resolutions being adopted. Ken Armitage proposed that, subject to due process of the by laws, publishing the agenda of any upcoming meeting that included discussion of any such property, and inviting the owner to attend the meeting. Steve suggested inviting someone from Oread Neighborhood Association, which has similar problems, to our meeting to discuss that Association's approach.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Miller moved to set up a subcommittee devoted to this Association's news letter, specifically; developing a mock-up for a revitalized newsletter before the December meeting with the goal of publishing by the January meeting. The motion was carried. Pat, Linda Bush and Ruth Lichtwardt were appointed to head the subcommittee.

Pat Miller moved to set up a subcommittee for development of a proposed letterhead for this Association and the motion was carried. The letterhead is to be ready for consideration by the next regular meeting.

Steve Braswell reports that at the last Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, Dave Corliss, City Manager, discussed the need to do something about the condition of neighborhood sidewalks: currently the home owners are responsible for maintenance and repair of the sidewalks, and a sidewalk fund from tax revenues was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is December 19, 2009.

PINKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of December 19, 2009 Meeting

Persons present?

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speed Limit on 4th Street: Steve Braswell reported that the issue of the speed limit change on 4th between McDonald Drive and Michigan will be brought up at the next traffic safety board meeting.

Blighted Properties: Brian Jimenez from City of Lawrence Code Enforcement appeared at the meeting and talked in general about his department's operating procedure and powers, including its power to obtain a search warrant of any property which the city has probable cause to believe is in violation of the City Code. Specifically regarding 617 W. 4th he reported: That delay in execution of City's order for demolition of this property was due to the issuance of an injunction by the District Court of Douglas County; that in the interim, the owner of the property did escrow funds in the amount previously specified by the City as a condition for avoidance of demolition; that a contractor had been retained and had resumed with the property's rehabilitation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harry Miller moved that this Association send a thank you card to Mr. Jimenez, and it was agreed that he (Harry) should be responsible for that.

The meeting was abbreviated in consideration of the holiday and was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is January 16.