Pinckney Neighborhood Association

	Quarterly Neighborhood Perfo	ormance Report - Quarter Th	ree (February-April) Due May	v. 10
Pinckney Neighborhood Association	Completed By: Pat Miller Phone Number/Email: 785-	550-6958 / pinckney.neighb	Date: 10/17/2014 orhood@gmail.com	
Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1 Meeting Date #2 Meeting Date #3	February 16, 2014 March 15, 2014 April 19, 2014	Minutes Attached? Minutes Attached? Minutes Attached?	yes yes
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email newsletter other announcement? (plea	ase specify)	email list with over 100 rec February 2014 newsletter Website blogs & Facebook	
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	New - Feb. 2014	Melinda Toumi - Vice President Norma Pierce - Co-Secretary Kim Heck - Co-Secretary		
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter: Copy Attached?	Newsletter - approx. Febr	uary 1, 2014	

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Activities/Performance February - April 2014

Date	Activity	# involved
2/1/2014	PNA February Newsletter	
2/2/2014	PNA letter to City Commission in support of collaboration between City and Kansas Department of Transportation to extend Hobbs Trail	
2/6/2014	LAN monthly meeting	
2/15/2014	PNA annual meeting - election of officers - VP, Melinda Toumi, and Co-Secretaries, Norma Pierce and Kim Heck; guest speaker advocating for Downtown Grocery Store; guest speaker re 2013 tax changes to help in preparing taxes; guest speaker to describe key elements of Affordable Care Act	12
2/19/2014	PNA letter to City Commission supporting consideration of grocery store in building vacated by Borders Bookstore	NA
3/6/2014	LAN monthly meeting	2
3/15/2014	PNA monthly meeting - advance planning for annual picnic/social service activity and other events and fundraising; guest speaker from Doug. County Emergency Mgmt. Dept. to discuss city/county planning for emergency preparedness and provide safety/preparedness tips	10
4/3/2014	LAN monthly meeting	2
4/19/2014	PNA monthly meeting - guest speakers Lawrence Police Dept. Neighborhood Resource Officer and & Bert Nash CEO David Johnson to discuss how City/Bert Nash address public health and safety issues, particularly for those with mental health concerns	18
4/26/2014	Park Clean-up - PNA volunteers picked up trash, etc., in Sandra J. Shaw park prior to ribbon cutting	

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Minutes of Annual Meeting - February 15, 2014

Persons Present: Anne Shaw, Norma Pierce, Mary Ann Tindell, Steve Braswell, Paul Liechti, Linda Bush, Harry Miller, Dave Crawford, Kim Heck, Jerry Coatney, Shandra Ragsdale, Paul Jefferson

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

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Current Balance: \$2,422.82. Itemized report attached hereto.

LAN REPORT:

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) report: Linda Bush reported.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vice President: Melinda Toumi

Co-Secretaries: Norma Pierce and Kim Heck

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Hobbs Trail Extension</u>: The president passed out copies of her letter to the City Commission dated February 2, 2014, in support of the proposed extension.

<u>Community Development block grant application</u>. Pat Miller reported on the most recent meeting of the Community Development Board and PNA's application for funding.

"Outside for a Better Inside" Trail. Melinda Toumi reported on the progress of the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Crawford from Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association spoke to the group, requesting PNA's support for a downtown grocery store to be located in the former site of Border's book store at 7th and New Hampshire. Motion was carried for PNA to send a letter of support to the City Commission. Pat Miller will draft the letter.

Horizon 2020: Formation of a steering committee was announced.

Community Village Lawrence discussed.

Emergency Preparedness/Douglas County Emergency Management Dept. was discussed.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Following the regular meeting, Jerry Coatney, Liberty Tax Service, spoke about 2014 personal income tax matters. Also, Shawna Ragsdale spoke on the Affordable Care Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The next scheduled meeting is March 22, 2014.

HARRY MILLER Secretary

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION March 15, 2014 Lawrence Memorial Hospital – Auditorium

People present: Pat Miller, presiding; Linda Bush, Brad Anderson, Maureen Anderson, Paul Liechti, Melinda Toumi, Mary Ann Tindell, Paul Jefferson, Don Pierce, Norma Pierce.

Meeting called to order approximately 10 a.m.

Review/Approval of Agenda: Under "New Business," the group voted to add two items, Community Village Lawrence and Safety / Police Issues.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Bush reported a balance of approximately \$2,450 plus a small amount of petty cash. The increase from the February total was the result of two new memberships, each with a donated amount in addition to dues. These came as the result of address corrections sent following the newsletter mailing.

LAN Report: Linda Bush reported that the March meeting of Lawrence Area Neighborhoods included presentations on the proposed downtown grocery store similar to the one PNA heard in February and a city report on proposed regulation of rental properties. LAN has scheduled its annual planning/goal setting meeting for March 29, 1-4:30 p.m., at the Carnegie Building. Bush will attend; she would like an additional Pinckney representative. Bush is chair of LAN as well as Pinckney's delegate.

Old/Continuing Business

- Outside for a Better Inside Trail: Melinda Toumi reported that the ground has been broken for the trail around the pond on the
 former VFW property destined to be a city park. There will be two entrances, one at the end of Maine Street near Woody Park
 and the other in Burcham Park. The trail will connect around the pond. The organizers and contractor are planning for a May 3
 opening, weather permitting completion of the construction. Toumi, who wrote the Sunflower Trails grant that is financing the
 construction, said there is a need for a volunteer clean-up effort sometime before the opening, but it cannot be scheduled yet.
 Plans include preserving several large trees and planting six to eight varieties of native trees. She is working with a Boy Scout
 troop to identify and mark the trees.
- Pedestrian Coalition/Sidewalks: Pat Miller reported that this group is moving forward and the PNA may wish to plug in because the coalition seems to have identified some areas in Pinckney for construction/improvement of sidewalks.

New Business

- Fundraising / Advertising Strategy: A committee formed to plan and coordinate this effort, which targets the business community, and promised to meet before the next PNA meeting on April 19. Members are Miller, Toumi, Bush and Brad Anderson. Meeting date TBD.
- Community Village Lawrence: Few details are known about this new grassroots volunteer organization with the mission of helping to enable elderly people to stay longer in their homes. A speaker will be requested for the April or May meeting. Bush will make contact.
- Safety / Police Issues: Sparked by publication of a letter to the editor of the Lawrence Journal-World March 15 (http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/mar/15/letter-patrols-needed/), a lively discussion regarding police response to non-emergency calls and Lawrence resources in support of mental patients in crisis. PNA will request a meeting in April or May with the director of Bert Nash and a representative of City Police.

The business meeting was adjourned shortly after 11 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Jillian Rodrigue of the Douglas County Emergency Management Department spoke on how to prepare for and react to extreme weather. Among her recommendations:

- Sign up for Immediate Response Information System (IRIS) Douglas County alerts at bit.ly/IRISDG.
- Check spc.noaa.gov and/or weather.gov/Topeka every morning.
- Make plans with family for meeting place and communications.
- Pack a small emergency bag to grab and take in the event of evacuation.
 - Respectfully submitted, Norma Pierce

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OUTCOMES

Meeting April 19, 2014, LMH Room D, South Called to Order at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Pat Miller, Glen Walker, Linda Bush, Lynette Littlejohn, Bart Littlejohn, Paul Liechti, Steve Braswell, Norma Pierce, Don Pierce, Melinda Toumi, Anne Shaw, Kim Heck Maureen Anderson, Brad Anderson, Jeff Burkhead, Matt Hall, Mike Gaughan, Paul Jefferson

Approvals of Meeting Agenda and March 15 Meeting Outcomes

Approved as presented. (Meeting outcomes were approved at the conclusion of the meeting)

Treasurer's Report

PNA has \$2,300 in the bank; approx. \$100 in petty cash, and \$1,900 remaining in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant process was explained, and for the next grant cycle PNA will be increasing its grant request amount to \$7,400. Neighborhood communication and organization are top priorities for CDBG and this amount will help to fund a coordinator for PNA.

LAN Update

LAN (Lawrence Area Neighborhoods) was explained and its goal to promote the value of neighborhoods and issues that can potentially impact them. Pinckney residents are encouraged to attend LAN's meetings, which are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Linda Bush and Steve Braswell are Pinckney's representatives.

Business Items

- Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park the park development is on schedule. Pinckney residents are asked to help with a clean up on Sat., April 26, 2-4 p.m. Meet at 2nd and Illinois. Ribbon cutting will be on Fri., May 2 at 4 p.m. Action: Need to add these dates/requests to website/ Facebook.
- **PNA Fundraising** the goal is \$1,300 in cash; businesses can purchase items for PNA and in-kind donations are appreciated, but cash is desired. A sign-up sheet to assist with fundraising was routed and fundraising committee is to be set by May 1. **Action**: Review/prepare the formal request letter.
- **Potluck Picnic** Date is set for June 21, pending the availability of the Clinton Park shelter. Executive Committee is empowered to change the date if the shelter is not available. A food drive will be conducted in conjunction with this event. A sign-up sheet to assist with the picnic was routed. **Action**: Need to make signs at the May meeting.
- **Curbside Brush Pick-up** Steve Braswell to work with the city to set a date post-Memorial Day. Ideal dates are June 3 or 10. Steve to find out about city requirements/restrictions on the materials.
- **Rezoning Medical Arts** PNA received a notice for rezoning at Medical Arts Pharmacy. More information is needed, but it appears to be a small variance for permeable surface parking.

Announcements

- **Better Blocks Lawrence** Final Fridays April 26 event will feature information on a sustainable arts district along 9th St.
- **Prescription Drug Take Back Day** Over the counter and prescription drugs can be dropped off at two locations on April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the short-term parking lot next to the county courthouse and the Lawrence Police Department at 4820 Bob Billings. No questions are asked.
- **Lawrence Comprehensive Plan** PNA residents are encouraged to attend the process planning meetings to develop the next "horizon 20/20". Next meeting is April 29, 6-8 p.m. at City Hall.
- **PNA Communications** the next newsletter will be a postcard, which will have information about the brush pick up, picnic and May meeting. It should go out in early May.

May Meeting Agenda & Guests

- Picnic and food drive planning
- Pedestrian Coalition desired as a guest presenter
- Emergency planning desired as a guest presenter
- Hold off on Community Village Lawrence still in formation stage

Meeting was officially adjourned at 11 a.m. Guest speakers David Johnson, CEO, Bert Nash and Officer Trent McKinley, LPD Neighborhood Resource Officer gave short presentations and answered questions.

Safety Presentation - Key Points LPD

- Statistics do not show any increase in reported crime over the previous several years in the Pinckney Neighborhood. Police encourage neighborhoods to watch for and report anything that makes them feel unsafe.
- Calls to 911 emergency should be clear and specific.
 - o Describe in detail what behavior is making you feel unsafe;
 - Describe any physical dangers, whether there is harm occurring or could occur to the person or to yourself.
 - Always say "yes" to the dispatcher's question about wanting to be contacted by an officer.
 Officers can call you rather than come to your door, if you feel their presence might compromise your anonymity.
- All officers have mental health training including parking meter officers, animal control, etc. because they come into contact with a large population
- If there are concerns about too many people in a house, unofficial 'halfway houses', contact code enforcement, Brian Jimenez.

Bert Nash

- Bert Nash has an aggressive homeless outreach program. They do not believe any Bert Nash patient is staying overnight in Burcham Park to be in close proximity for their appointments.
- Mental health patients typically do not seek to be highly visible; they are 11 times more likely to be a victim of a crime than a perpetrator.
- Bert Nash does not have a halfway house in the Pinckney neighborhood.

The LPD and Bert Nash work closely together to address situations of mental illness. This is not the case with many cities and police departments.

For training, the Police and Sheriff's departments offer citizens' academies, and Bert Nash offers a mental health first aid class.



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 125 Lawrence Kansas 66044 February 2014 Newsletter

PNA Kicks Off Another Busy Year

Welcome to another wonderful year in Pinckney Neighborhood. We have interesting and helpful speakers lined up for our February and March meetings, and are working on topics and speakers for other upcoming meetings. Got a topic you want to share or learn more about? Let us know and we'll try to make it happen.

There are also many fun and helpful events coming this year; we hope you'll get involved and enjoy them. PNA works to make Pinckney a wonderful place to live, work and play. Let us know what we can do to make Pinckney Neighborhood a great place for you.

Here are a few things we've already planned for the year ahead:

- Monthly Meetings 3rd Sat. each month at 10 a.m.
- Bulk Brush Pick-up Spring (date to be determined)
- Parks Clean-up (date(s) to be determined)
- Annual Pinckney Potluck Picnic & public service project – Jun. (date to be determined)
- Annual Trunk-or-Treat & Food Drive Oct. (date to be determined)

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

February 15 - PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

- Annual PNA Meeting elections for V. Pres. & Secretary
- Tips for filing 2013 taxes Jerry Coatney
- Affordable Care Act info Shandra Ragsdale
- Petition for Downtown Grocery Store Dave Crawford

March 15 - PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital Auditorium

- Fundraising Ideas for PNA
- Emergency Preparedness Douglas County Emergency Management Department

April 19 - PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level)

- Planning for bulk brush pick-up & annual picnic
- (other topics will be announced via PNA's email list, website & Facebook page)

PETITION FOR AFFORDALE DOWNTOWN GROCERY STORE IN LAWRENCE, KS

A group of Lawrence citizens has started a petition to request the Lawrence City Commission to convert the former building occupied by Borders – and currently the temporary home for the Lawrence Public Library – at 7th and New Hampshire into an affordable downtown grocery store. David Crawford, one of the group's organizers and a core group member, will provide more information about the effort and the petition at the *PNA February 15th meeting*.

You can find more information about the proposal and – if you so desire – sign the petition, at: http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/lawrence-for-downtown-grocery.html

There is also a facebook page for the effort named "Downtown Grocery for Lawrence, Kansas" at: www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/

Helpful Information Provided by Local Businesses

Two local business owners have volunteered to come to the **PNA February 15**th **meeting** to provide information that may be helpful and of interest to the community.

Taxes: Jerry Coatney of Liberty Tax Service on 6th Street will provide some helpful tips on tax changes that will affect filing your 2013 taxes and look ahead to 2014.

Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act: In addition, Shandra Ragsdale of Day Insurance Solutions, LLC, will provide information on the ACA. Shandra will provide general information about the ACA as well as information helpful to anyone planning to sign-up for healthcare coverage through the marketplace or exchange before the March 31st deadline.

Recreational Trail Update

North of 2nd St. between Maine St. and Burcham Park Additional progress is being made toward development of an ADA compliant recreational trail north of 2nd Street between Maine Street and Burcham Park in the Pinckney Neighborhood. The property, previously owned by the VFW, is now owned by the City of Lawrence and Bert Nash. A site plan has been submitted to the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Office for development of the path.

The organization Outside for a Better Inside has actively been working on raising funds through grants and public donations to support building the new nature trail. Conceptually, the trail will include a half mile nature trail that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act – including features such as a wide trail that is accessible to wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

At its November 2013 meeting, members of PNA voted to send a letter in support of a grant application to the Sunflower Foundation. The grant application was successful, bringing \$55,000 toward the costs of the project.

Check on PNA's website and facebook pages for updates about the project. For more information contact Melinda Toumi at 785-979-2477 or melindatoumi@gmail.com.

Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, a joint effort of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and the League of Women Voters, exists to realize completion of the pedestrian network in Lawrence, Kansas, and ensure pedestrian access and safety throughout our community. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7 PM, in the basement conference room of the Carnegie Building on Vermont Street, downtown. All are welcome!

The LPC will host City Manager Dave Corliss at its February 12, 2014 meeting to discuss the status of pedestrian access and safety in Lawrence.

Check us out online at: http://www.lawrencewalks.org/ And on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/LawrencePedestrians

Emergency Preparedness Presentation PNA Meeting on March 15th

PNA's March 15th meeting will be a great opportunity for you to learn about emergency preparedness. Representatives from the Douglas County Department of Emergency Management will attend our meeting to discuss how to be prepared for a disaster or incident, where to turn in Lawrence to find help, and how to check on and aid your neighbors. We'll be meeting in the auditorium at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, so there will be lots of room for everyone. Feel free to invite your neighbors and spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

The Emergency Preparedness presentation will immediately follow our regular PNA business meeting, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

KU's BIG EVENT IS BACK Day of Volunteering – April 12th

This year's Big Event – a KU student and faculty day of giving back to the community – is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Last year, the Big Event recruited 3,000 KU volunteers to complete tasks at nearly 400 locations around the Lawrence community. KU hopes to continue to expand its reach and make the Big Event better and more helpful as it starts planning for the 2014 edition.

Homeowners can register to be included in the Big Event by going online at http://thebigeventku.com/ and then clicking "Online Job Request" to register. It should be a simple form to fill out, and once it is submitted, the homeowner will be contacted to set up a job site check. This works as a "first come first serve" process.

Volunteers will complete requested projects in the Lawrence community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2014. If you have questions about how to submit a job request or what the Big Event does, you can contact The Big Event organizers at (785) 864-7469 or bigeventku.outreach@gmail.com.

Got Questions?

Is there someone or something you would like to know more about in Lawrence? Please let us know what's on your mind and we'll do our best to find the answers and/or invite guest speakers to attend a PNA meeting. Attend a PNA monthly meeting, call one of the contacts listed on the back of this newsletter or email us: Picnkney.Neighborhood@gmail.com

Get Active in Your Neighborhood! Get Active in PNA! If you live in the Pinckney Neighborhood, you are a member of PNA. Now is the time to become an ACTIVE member! www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org Pinckney.Neighborhood@gmail.com
Name(s):
Address:
E-mail:(Join the list to receive e-mail notices before monthly PNA meetings and special events. We will keep your information private. Expect 1 or 2 e-mails per month.)
Comments/Questions:
Participation and membership in PNA is free – but annual donations of at least\$1 per person, or \$2 per household, are suggested and greatly appreciated.
Please bring this form to the next PNA monthly meeting or mail it to: Pinckney Neighborhood Association, PO Box 125, Lawrence, KS 66044

Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Update

Here's a reminder and an update on the Lawrence Department of Utilities' project on North Indian between 3rd and 2nd Streets, inside Burcham Park, to upgrade intakes for the water treatment plant. The City is breaking ground in Burcham Park and will be installing a sign along the park entrance identifying the projects underway and providing a Department contact phone number.

The contractor for the intake project is currently moving in equipment, constructing a temporary road to the Boathouse and shelter area, and fencing off the construction area. The transmission main contractor will be mobilizing to the site in the next couple of weeks. The intake project is scheduled to be completed July and the transmission main in September. The park entrance will remain open throughout construction.

Proposed Extension of Burroughs Creek Trail to Constant Park

The City of Lawrence is considering a proposal to extend the Burroughs Creek Trail north from Hobbs Park at 8th and Delaware Streets to Robinson Park and Constant Park at City Hall and the Kansas River Bridges. If this extension of the trail is constructed, it would provide safe and convenient access for residents of Pinckney Neighborhood to downtown Lawrence, the growing Lawrence Arts District and the current Burroughs Creek Trail, which will eventually be connected to a nature area at the Baker Wetlands.

For the past six months, the Lawrence based Sustainability Action Network has been gathering endorsements from a large constituency that supports building an extension of the trail. At its January meeting, PNA members voted to send a letter in support of the project to the City Commission. Find more information about the proposed trail expansion on PNA's website – www.pinckneyneighborhood.org

COMMUNITY VILLAGE LAWRENCE

Community Village Lawrence (CVL) is a membership-based service that is being established in Lawrence, Kansas. The mission of CVL is "to enhance the quality of life for the entire community by helping neighbors remain in their homes as they age." They aim to do this by creating a network of supports following the Village model to make aging at home a long-term, affordable option. Any Lawrence resident who wishes to age in their home but feels they may need extra support is welcome to join.

CVL will begin offering free sample services to the community in March 2014. These services including: Telephone Reassurance Program with calls from volunteers to ensure members are safe and connected in their homes; and Home Safety and Fire Safety programs, in partnership with the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department, to provide smoke detector checks, smoke detector installations, fire safety inspections, and home and fire safety education programs.

For more information about the mission of Community Village Lawrence, contact Allison at (785) 505-0188 or Kris at (785) 505-0187. E-mail CVL at: info@communityvillagelawrence.org. Website: www.CommunityVillageLawrence.org

For more information on the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department: lawrenceks.org/fire_medical



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Pinckney Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting - Full Agenda

Saturday, February 15th at 10:00 am Meeting Room D-South in Lawrence Memorial Hospital February 15th will be PNA's annual meeting and election of

officers. This year, the Vice President and Secretary positions are open for election. But wait -there is so much more on tap for this meeting!

We're delighted to have 3 speakers join us to discuss interesting and timely issues: petition in support of a downtown grocery store; tax preparation tips; and the Affordable Care Act. (Check page 1 for more info on each.)

And yes, we also invite you to get involved in PNA. Melinda Toumi has graciously thrown her hat in the ring to run for Vice President. We continue to search for candidates to run for Secretary - we are open to recruiting two people for this position to split up the tasks of taking minutes and helping with other PNA communications.

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