

Pinckney Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Four (May-July) Due August 10

Pinckney Neighborhood
Association

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Each Neighborhood is required
to have at least quarterly
meetings.

Meeting Date #1

May 17, 2014

Minutes Attached?

yes

Meeting Date #2

June 21, 2014

Minutes Attached?

NA - annual picnic

Meeting Date #3

July 19, 2014

Minutes Attached?

yes

How was the neighborhood
notified of the meeting(s)?
(check all that apply)

email

email list with over 100 recipients

newsletter

June 2014 EDD Postcard

other announcement? (please specify)

Website blogs & Facebook posts

Officer elections this quarter?
(if so, attach list of new officers)

No

Each Neighborhood is
encouraged to produce regular
newsletters.

Date of Newsletter:

Every Door Delivery Postcard - approx. June 1, 2014

Copy Attached?

Yes

**Pinckney Neighborhood Association
Activities/Performance
May - July 2014**

Date	Activity	# involved
5/1/2014	City Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg - Pat Miller expressed PNA's concerns regarding variance request re 302 and 346 Maine re parking lots	1
5/1/2014	LAN monthly meeting	1
5/2/2014	PNA representatives participated with others in Ribbon Cutting to open Outside for a Better Inside nature trail	~250
5/8/2014	City Commission meeting - Melinda Toumi advocate to include playground equipment in budget in Burcham Park following Water Treatment Plant project	3
5/17/2014	PNA monthly meeting - planned picnic and other events and fundraising	10
5/21/2014	Melinda Toumi contacted Jillian Rodrigue, Douglas County Emergency Mgmt. Dept., at request of Lawrence Housing Authority residents in Pinckney Neighborhood. Seeking information on disabled residents' rights and responsibilities in an emergency such as evacuation or tornado.	2
6/1/2014	Every Door Delivery Postcard - information regarding Annual Picnic, Food Drive, and other activities	~1550
6/2/2014	PNA arranged with City of Lawrence for a special curbside pick-up of bulk brush	NA
6/5/2014	LAN monthly meeting	1
6/21/2014	PNA Picnic & Food Drive for Just Food- annual event for neighborhood designed to introduce neighbors, build community ties, and give back to the community. Attendees donated approx. \$35 and 150 lbs of food.	~120
7/3/2014	LAN monthly meeting	1
7/19/2014	PNA monthly meeting - discussion included hiring a coordinator with 2014-2015 CDBG funding, sidewalk concerns, addressing emergency preparedness concerns for vulnerable residents, and discussion of proposed Police HQ on McDonald Dr.	4

Minutes

Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 17, 2014, 10:00 am

Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Room D North

Participants: Pat Miller, Linda Bush, Paul Liechti, Steve Braswell, Norma Pierce, Melinda Toumi, Kim Heck, Maureen Anderson, Brad Anderson, Paul Jefferson.

President Pat Miller called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The agenda was approved with the addition of "Announcements."

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Bush reported a PNA bank balance of \$2,321.50, petty cash \$100, and \$1,919.29 remaining of the current Community Development Block Grant. The CDBG fiscal year extends to July 31, and the funds will be used for a newsletter to be printed and mailed in late May/early June, an "Every Door Direct Mailing," and other communication expenses.

CDBG 2014/2015 Award: Our grant proposal was approved less 2 percent because of a shortfall of funding. The award of \$7,541 will be available Aug 1, 2014. The funds provide for communication expenses and salary for a coordinator.

Lawrence Area Neighborhoods Report: Steve Braswell, secretary of LAN, provided the following highlights from the last meeting:

- New city rental regulations will be applied first to single-family zoned-rentals, beginning July 1.
- The city solid-waste facility has received a \$200,000 grant for its move to Kresge Road in North Lawrence.
- A proposal to change the organization of city Economic Development efforts and funding was presented and discussed.
- The Voter Education Coalition made a presentation.
- The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition made a presentation.

Linda Bush, LAN chair, added that the meeting including presentations on bicycling, and she noted that people with concerns about the city budget should email city commissioners before the vote on Tuesday, May 20.

Business Items

- Curbside Bulk Brush Pickup: Arranged by Steve Braswell, this event will take place June 2 and the following few days. This will be included on the Every Door postcard. Braswell noted that residents should put out brush on Sunday or early Monday (June 2) to ensure pickup. A Parks and Rec chipper truck will make the rounds of the neighborhood. It is possible to keep the chips from one's own brush if the resident makes the request of the driver at the time of the pickup.
- Rezoning Variance, Medical Arts Parking Lot: Pat Miller attended the meeting and reported that the developer's plan for razing a house and expanding parking was altered to meet the concerns of a business neighbor.
- Annual Potluck Picnic & Food Drive: Set for June 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clinton Park. Music by John Lomas and Bill Crahan has been gifted by an anonymous donor. There will be a meeting of volunteers at a date TBD, to nail down traditional arrangements including bounce house, water jug popcorn machine, and grilling equipment. A proposal to purchase new yard signs to advertise PNA's two annual events, spring picnic and fall Trunk or Treat, passed unanimously.
- PNA Fundraising 2014: The committee announced a goal of \$1,300 to make up the difference between the requested CDBG award and the amount needed to continue operations as in the past. Also, the committee hopes to raise funds and in-kind donations to pay for picnic expenses. To keep track of solicitations, the group has considered using Google forms, but it was determined to be too time consuming.
- Publicity: Every Door Delivery Postcard, May (before brush pickup and picnic), will be produced by Pat Miller based on previous years' documents. The co-secretaries were assigned to find out how to submit events to the Lawrence Journal World calendar of events.

Announcements:

Pat Miller: Public information meetings regarding the new rental licensing regulations are set for June 3, 10 a.m.-noon, Douglas County Fairgrounds Dreher Building, 2110 Harper St.; and June 18, 6-8 p.m. Lawrence Free State High School commons, 4700 Overland Drive. Additional information: www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing

Melinda Toumi: Replacement playground equipment for Burcham Park may be already budgeted. She is tracking this down.

Paul Liechti: A new water line will be installed along the west side of Mississippi Street. According to information provided at a public information meeting, the work will be done using "directional boring" every two blocks and should cause a minimum of disruption. The work will begin this summer between Fifth and Seventh streets.

Norma Pierce: A Garden Group meeting is planned for the afternoon May 25 at 1526 W Second Terrace, but additional information is needed from the group's chair, Cole Cottin.

Norma Pierce: An update and reprinting of the Pinckney Historical Walking Tour brochure. She has scanned a copy, but for good reproduction the original photographs are needed. Paul Liechti offered to get in touch with the original coordinator of the brochure, Sara Taliaferro. At the suggestion of several, Pierce will contact Katie Armitage, who provided guidance and some of the photos for the original brochure.

Next meeting: July 19, 2014 with the following possibly agenda items:

- Pedestrian Coalition / Sidewalks (unable to get speaker for May)
- Emergency Planning / Checking on Neighbors & Vulnerable Populations
- Hiring PNA Coordinator

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Pierce

Minutes
Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 19, 2014, 10:00 am
Lawrence Memorial Hospital meeting room

Participants: Paul Liechti, Norma Pierce, Melinda Toumi (chair), Paul Jefferson.

Call to Order: Vice President Melinda Toumi called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Agenda: Provided by Pat Miller and approved with the addition of two new business items (see below).

Minutes: Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Provided in the agenda: PNA bank balance of \$2,320, petty cash \$93 including cash donations of \$37.57 at the picnic, and \$1,255.65 remaining of the current Community Development Block Grant, useable up to July 31.

CDBG 2014/2015 Award: \$7,541 available Aug 1, 2014. Toumi will ask for email confirmation of receipt of funds prior to hiring coordinator.

Lawrence Area Neighborhoods Report: Toumi will request email report for the record.

Business

Newsletter. Pat Miller intends to mail newsletter prior to July 31, in order to use 2013-2014 grant funds for postage of approximately \$1,000. Toumi volunteered for the following content: picnic recap, JustFoods donation recap, requesting back-to-school info from Pinckney PTA president and principal, and fundraising/advertising opportunities.

Coordinator position. A brief review of last year's solicitation of applicants document included these concerns: need to state more forcefully the attractive elements of the job, such as gaining experience in marketable fields; the ambiguity of the phrase "living hourly wage"; a need to emphasize fundraising organization as a duty; and (small edit) inserting "complete" before "position description" in the fourth paragraph. Pierce was tasked with editing the document and sending it to Miller for the newsletter by the morning of July 21.

2013-2014 CDBG funds remaining: The group prioritized spending as 1) newsletter postage, 2) coordinator position advertising, 3) any remaining funds to be spend on postage stamps, paper and other office supplies needed by the coordinator.

PNA Fundraising 2013-2014. Toumi said the campaign did not happen, and the contributions for the picnic were in-kind from Bill Anderson (popcorn machine) and Fastlane (ice). She has the records of these.

New Business

Sidewalks: Paul Jefferson requested assistance with the poor condition of sidewalks near the intersection of Fourth and Maine streets, as being dangerous to himself and others walking to the bus stop. Because the property owner, in this case the Medical Arts Building, is responsible for the condition of the sidewalks by city regulation, it was decided that a PNA request for upkeep should be made to the building owner. Paul Liechti volunteered to find out the identity of a suitable person in the organization and then to make contact. This item led to a discussion of sidewalks in general. It was noted that many sidewalks in the neighborhood are non-existent or in poor condition, and the property owner's responsibility is the reason the current Sidewalk Coalition campaign is controversial.

Emergency Assistance to Vulnerable Residents in Catastrophic Situations: Toumi reported from her requests for information from Emergency Management and from the public housing authority. There appears to be no public plan for special attention to vulnerable people, and the reason probably is governmental privacy concerns about proactively identifying people as vulnerable in a public record. Nevertheless, there are vulnerable people in Pinckney who very much want to be identified thus. It was decided by unanimous vote to pursue a PNA system of recording information about vulnerable people who wish to be included and making it readily available to those who can help in emergencies.

Possible Impact of New Police Headquarters on Pinckney Elementary School: The article "School board discusses how potential new police headquarters has implications for district land use" in the July 14, 2014, issue of the *Lawrence Journal-World* raised concerns about the future ownership of Clinton Park and the Pinckney school property. Now city-owned and long-term leased to the school district, the property could end up district-owned in a complicated swap outlined at a recent school board meeting. It was decided that Toumi will draft a letter requesting complete information and clarification of these plans and expressing concern that such a swap could facilitate school closings in future. {URL: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/jul/14/potential-new-police-headquarters-could-pave-way-s/>}

Next meeting: August 16, 2014

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Pierce



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HOT DOGS & SODA PROVIDED

Bring a Side Dish, Munchies or Dessert to Share

FREE ADMISSION AND ACTIVITIES!

Kids' Arts & Crafts Table - Face Painting

Popcorn Machine

Music by John Lomas & Bill Crahan

FOOD DRIVE for Just Food Douglas County

Neighborhood Potluck Picnic
Kids' Arts & Crafts Fun
Saturday June 21st
Clinton Park - 5th & Maine Streets
11:30 am to 2:00 pm



ANNUAL PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK PICNIC & FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY JUNE 21ST * 11:30 am – 2:00 pm * CLINTON PARK (5TH & Maine Streets)

Check **www.PinckneyNeighborhood.org** for updates about the Picnic!

Find **Pinckney Neighborhood Association** on Facebook!

WELCOME ALL PINCKNEY NEIGHBORS!

Free neighborhood-wide gathering! Fun activities for all ages!

Please bring a potluck item to share.

Donations of non-perishable food items or cash for the Food Drive are also encouraged.

WONDERFUL FOOD

We Provide: Hot dogs, Veggie Dogs, Soda, Water, Plates, Cups, Napkins, etc.

You Bring: It's a Potluck! Bring a Side Dish, Dessert or Munchies

FUN THINGS FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Face Painting – Arts & Crafts Table – Games & Activities

Music by the fun and talented John Lomas & Bill Crahan guitar duo

Popcorn Machine!

GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS – BUILD COMMUNITY TIES

The annual potluck picnic has become a wonderful time to get to know Pinckney neighbors from all corners of the neighborhood. Sometimes we get so busy we find it hard to find time to visit with friends and meet our neighbors. Recent severe weather in the Midwest has reminded us how important it is to be able to come together as a community in times of need. There is no better time to start building those bonds of friendship than on a pleasant June day at a picnic.

FOOD DRIVE FOR JUST FOOD DOUGLAS COUNTY

In keeping with Pinckney Neighborhood's strong support for community involvement, we are collecting food and other needed items to donate to Just Food Douglas County, the county wide food bank and service organization. All of the food you donate to Just Food stays in Douglas County. Please bring your donations of nonperishable food, supplies and cash to the picnic. Just Food will collect the donated items immediately following the picnic.

The kids and families who rely on free and reduced lunch programs during the school year are in greater need of other forms of food assistance over the summer. Kids and families who rely on food assistance are in great need during this period. The most needed items include:

- **Lunch items for kids** such as cereal, canned pastas, peanut butter and jelly
- **Other basic food items** such as canned fruit and tomato products
- **Cash!** Every dollar you donate helps distribute vital, nutritious food for hungry people in Douglas County

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Next PNA Monthly Meeting:

Saturday July 19th @ 10:00 am - Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Please let PNA know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas regarding matters in Pinckney Neighborhood!

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