Pinckney Neighborhood Assocaition	Completed By: Pat Miller		Date: 7/15/2015		
	Phone Number/Email: 785-550-6958 / pinckney.neighborhood@gmail.com				
	Meeting Date #1	February 21, 2015	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
Each Neighborhood is required to	Meeting Date #1	March 21, 2015	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	April 18, 2015	Minutes Attached?	Yes	
How was the neighborhood	email newsletter other announcement? (please specify)		email list with over 100 recipients		
notified of the meeting(s)? (check			January 2015 newsletter &		
all that apply)			Website blog & Facebook post		
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes: President & Trea	asurer			
Each Neighborhood is encouraged	Date of Newsletter:	February 2015			
to produce regular newsletters.	Copy Attached?	Yes			

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10

Also to be attached:

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance.

Date		Notice Method	No. Attending	Activity
	2/12/2015	NA	2	CDAC Meeting: 2015-2016 funding
	2/20/2015	NA	1	email with City Planning Dept.: discusion of zoning for 345 Florida proposal
	2/21/2015	Newsletter; Email list; PNA website blog post; PNA Facebook page	13	PNA annual meeting: Annual meeting and election of Pres. & Treas.; Guest Speaker Prof. Johnson to discuss Neighborhood Plan process
	2/26/2015	NA	3	CDAC Meeting: 2015-2016 funding
	3/5/2015	NA	1	Lan meeting
	3/21/2015	Newsletter; Email list; PNA website blog post; PNA Facebook	13	PNA Monthly meeting: Guest Speakers regarding Langston Hughes project
	3/24/2015	<u> </u>	4	City Commission meeting: voiced concern regarding proposed development at 345 Florida
	4/2/2015	NA	1	Lan meeting
	4/18/2015 Newsletter; Email list; PNA website blog post; PNA Facebook page 8			PNA Monthly meeting: planning session for 2015 events; discussion of Neighborhood Plan update process
	4/21/2015	NA	4	City Commission meeting: Clinton Park/Pinckney School trasnfer - expressed concern re historic green space
	4/23/2015	NA	1	CDAC Meeting: 2015-2016 funding

Officers Elected during February 2015 Annual Meeting:

President - Pat Miller (re-elected)

 $\label{thm:conflicts} \mbox{Treasurer - declined post following election due to personal / work conflicts}$

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OUTCOMES

Meeting Feb. 21, 2015 Lawrence-Douglas County Health Dept. Called to Order at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Katie Armitage, Linda Bush, Kim Heck, Paul Jefferson, Paul Liechti, Lynette Littlejohn, Nathan Littlejohn, Emily Matteson, Pat Miller, Anne Shaw, Jen Unekis, Tanya Spacek, Blair Sutton

Approvals of Meeting Agenda and January Meeting Outcomes

Approved as presented. (Motion by Linda Bush. 2nd by Emily Matteson. Motion carries.)

Treasurer's Report

PNA has \$2,045 in the bank; \$427 pending reimbursements. PNA has \$4720 remaining in the CDBG grant.

LAN Update

LAN met Feb. 5. There were no major issues discussed. LAN meets the first Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m. in the Public Library. Residents are encouraged to attend. PNA to discuss LAN representation at a future meeting.

Business Items

- Elections President & Treasurer The following were nominated and unanimously elected to their offices: President Pat Miller; Treasurer Tanya Spacek
- 345 Florida Redevelopment Project The proposed development has been adjusted, thus no zoning change is being requested. However, parking is still an issue, no site plan has been submitted, and the project may not be ideal for the neighborhood. PNA made a formal motion: That PNA stay informed about the 345 Florida redevelopment project and will voice its concerns if proposed changes are not in the best interest of the neighborhood. Motion by Linda Bush. 2nd by Paul Liechti. Motion carries.
- Two items were added to the agenda by Jen Unekis: 1) concern about traffic being blocked from view at Mississippi and 6th due to parallel parking spaces in front of Bob's Imports. Bob's is promising to limit parking time to 15 min. This may be brought to the City Commission. Bob's Imports also illegally parks cars on Mississippi. Residents are encouraged to call the police if this happens. 2) there is a desire to have parking benches for bus stops in our neighborhood. It may take up to 1.5 years to secure. It was suggested that Jeremy Farmer be contacted -- he ran on that platform.

Future Meetings

- March topic: Emergency preparedness for vulnerable populations in the neighborhood.
- April topic: Starting the Neighborhood Plan will be explored.

Activities & Miscellaneous

- Candidate forums there are many other organizations hosting candidate forums. PNA will encourage its neighbors to attend one of those rather than hold a separate forum during its March meeting.
- **Neighborhood brush pick up** in some years PNA has asked the City to do a specific brush pick up for the entire neighborhood. This year residents are encouraged to contact the City if they have a large amount of brush; the city will individually schedule it. KU Rowers are doing yard work to raise money. PNA to promote this.
- PNA still desires to have a neighborhood member on the LMH advisory board. Pat to draft letter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynda Bush; 2nd by Paul Jefferson. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Guest Speaker Bonnie Johnson, Associate Professor of Urban Planning at KU

Bonnie gave an overview of the components of a neighborhood plan, a brief description of the process, and why it is important to have a plan adopted by the city. PNA will be further exploring developing a plan. One measure PNA could consider to help with the 345 Florida redevelopment issue is to ask the city to amend the zoning map.

Minutes: Pinckney Neighborhood Association Meeting March 21, 2015, Lawrence Memorial Hospital Meeting Room

Participants: Pat Miller, presiding; Melinda Toumi, Tanya Spacek, Emily Matteson, Steve Braswell, Paul Liechti, Lynette Littlejohn, Nathan Littlejohn, Lori Lange, Paul Jefferson, Norma Pierce.

Guests: Jacob S. Dorman, KU faculty of history, and Dave Lowenstein, artist.

Call to Order: 10:09 a.m. Agenda: Approved unanimously. Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Regarding posting minutes to the website: Pat said the procedure to post documents to our WordPress website has changed, and she will try to learn it and start making the approved minutes available. Meanwhile, those in attendance who provide email to the secretary will be sent draft minutes ahead of the next meeting.

Treasury Report

\$2,471.00 bank account (approx.) \$200.00 petty cash (approx.) \$4,720.00 2014-2015 CDBG (approx.)

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Pinckney's representative, Linda Bush, has resigned from her position as an officer; and Steve Braswell, who was elected PNA's alternate in February, will resume representing PNA at LAN meetings.

Emergency Preparedness Resources for Vulnerable Populations

Emily reported on her research, which includes an emergency plan in place by Douglas County Housing recording special needs of residents, and Smart911 implemented by Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The latter was proposed as an information booth topic at the annual picnic and a possible meeting topic in May.

Status of Property Development at 345 Florida St.

The developer's plan of high-density apartments, which would have required a zoning change, has been changed to six duplexes. The only variances required are changes to the easements, and these will be on the consent agenda at the March 24 City Commission meeting. Lynette, Lori, Tanya and Lori plan to attend and speak to PNA's support of development that preserves trees and provides off-street parking.

Upcoming City Events (Announcements)

KU Big Event volunteer day, KDOT open house on K-10 plan, Lawrence Public Works compost and woodchip openings, yard waste collections, Safe Routes to Schools meeting.

Guest Presentation

Jacob Dorman described his group's grant proposal for marking Lawrence sites associated with Langston Hughes's childhood here. His eight-year research has identified 34 sites, one of which is Pinckney School. Murals designed by Lawrence artist Dave Lowenstein will honor the poet. In addition, the project will include a digital component and the training of tour guides. The project already has a number of prominent partners, including the Lawrence Public Library. The PNA offered a letter of support, and Dorman will provide addresses to Pat.

Future PNA Meetings and Events

- April 18, 10 a.m., new location 225 Maine St.: Focus on neighborhood plan revision. Pat will provide an outline.
- May 16, 10 am: Possible speaker from Tenants to Homeowners organization.
- June 13: Annual potluck picnic. Previously scheduled for June 20, with park and other reservations made. Melinda was asked to research possibility of changing the reservations to June 13. JustFood will be the beneficiary of donations, according to unanimous vote.
- Park clean up scheduled tentatively for Oct 3, 2015.
- Trunk or Treat set for Oct 24, 2015.
- Lynette's attempts to schedule a neighborhood Bulk Brush Pick-up with Public Works have been unsuccessful. Steve offered to help.

Request for volunteer

Pat asked for a member to design a MailChimp template to improve the appearance of the PNA e-newsletter, and Lori agreed to the assignment.

Adjournment: 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Norma Pierce

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OUTCOMES

April 18, 2015

LMH Old Fire Station, 225 Maine

Meeting called to Order at 10:10 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Katie Armitage, Steve Braswell, Kim Heck, Paul Jefferson, Paul Liechti, Pat Miller, Norma Pierce, Melinda Toumi

Approval of Consent Agenda (Meeting Agenda and March Meeting Outcomes)

Approved as presented. (Motion by Paul Liechti, 2nd by Steve Braswell. Voice vote. Motion carries.)

Treasurer's Report

- PNA has roughly the same amount in its bank account as last month with a few pending normal expenses. Thus, we may be able to spend more on our May newsletter. P. Miller to look at budget and find out if a larger communication piece can be accommodated in the every-door-delivery method.
- PNA coordinator Emily Matteson let President Miller know that the hours she worked March 15-April 15 were very few. Due to PNA's reporting requirements for the grant that funds this position, PNA will pay her for the hours worked, rather than the agreed-to flat monthly salary. It is supported that in other months she may work more than 15-20 hours and turn in those hours, as long it generally stays within the total salary budget.

LAN Update

- Historical residences have less state protection; thus, there is a need to get them listed on the local register.
- Updating Horizon 2020 is in process.
- Neighborhoods need viable plans and should request assistance from the City's planning staff.

Business Items

- Annual Picnic date will be June 13 at Burcham Park. P. Miller to confirm Burcham; K. Heck to request food gift cards from grocers; guests invited to display at/attend the picnic include Tenants to Homeowners, Health Care Access, Smart 911, and our neighborhood resource officer. Just Food was designated our charity.
- Potential transfer of Pinckney School playground portion of Clinton Park from the City to USD 497. There was much concern over this issue relative to undesired development if Pinckney School closes at some point in the future and the school district sells the land. A motion was made: That PNA monitor this issue and if there is any activity prior to our next meeting, we authorize an official representative of PNA to attend the City Commission meeting to express the neighborhood's concerns; and PNA will write a letter, as appropriate, to the City Commission and School Board, with a cc to the Historical Resource Commission. By Steve Braswell, ^{2nd} by Katie Armitage. Voice vote. Motion carries. P. Miller plans to attend the City Commission meeting.
- **345 Florida** Site plan was approved at the City Commission meeting. M. Toumi spoke at the meeting, thanked the developer for the infill in the neighborhood, and asked for consideration to build 6 units/2 bedrooms, rather than 6 units/3 bedrooms to help with the parking challenges. Driveways are to be broad and trees preserved. PNA to continue to follow this development.
- Bulk Brush Pick Up The City has agreed to do a bulk brush pick week of June 1. PNA to notify its residents of this event and where to place the brush (where city picks up trash). S. Braswell to let the city know this location. PNA thanks S. Braswell for organizing the event.

Future Events/Meetings

- May 16 Tenants to Homeowners & Picnic Planning
- June 13 No June meeting; Potluck Picnic.
- July 18 No guest speaker total focus will be on our Neighborhood Plan

Neighborhood Plan

• PNA desires to update its Neighborhood plan. The HOP plan has a good format that we may wish to follow but it lacks a vision statement. The Oread plan may be good to review, too, since it is recent. There was a motion: *That PNA officially request help from the City to update its plan*. By M. Toumi; 2nd by S. Braswell. Voice-vote. Motion carries. **P. Miller to write letter**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Elections

February 21st - 10 am - LMH

Each year in February, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association holds its annual meeting to set goals for the coming year, get input from the Pinckney residents on issues and concerns, and plan activities and initiatives from the coming year. The annual meeting also includes elections for two of the four officers; this year the positions of President and Treasurer are up for election. PNA needs your involvement to help keep our neighborhood great. Please join us on Feb. 21st at the PNA annual meeting to talk about what's important to you and how PNA can help make our neighborhood even better.

On Feb. 21st, we will also discuss Pinckney's current neighborhood plan (last updated in 1978) and the process we can use to update it. Associate Prof. Dr. Bonnie Johnson from KU's Department of Urban Planning will join us to discuss the purpose of a neighborhood plan, the process other neighborhoods have used to update their plans, and why it might be a good idea and the right time for Pinckney to do so. You can find the current Pinckney neighborhood plan at: www.pinckneyneighborhood.com/the-neighborhood/pinckney-neighborhood-plan-1978/

In March, PNA will discuss emergency preparedness issues, particularly for vulnerable residents. More info will be coming soon.

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings & Events

February 21 - PNA Annual Meeting & Elections

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

- -Annual Meeting President. & Treasurer Elections
- -Pinckney Neighborhood Plan update
 - -guest Dr. Bonnie Johnson, KU Dept. of Urban Planning

March 21 - PNA Monthly Meeting

1010:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level) -Emergency Preparedness

April 18 - PNA Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Lawrence Memorial Hospital (lower level) -TBD - more information coming soon

New Bike Emblems Land On Pinckney Streets

In early fall, our neighborhood saw the installation of bike emblems on high-traffic streets, including Fifth, Fourth, and Michigan Streets, but what are they?

Eyebrows were raised when neighbors noticed several of the emblems installed up to four feet from curbs. Some emblems are within a foot of a curb, but the lack of consistency in the emblems' placement has caused some confusion.

After speaking with the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, Pinckney Neighborhood Association has discovered these pavement markings, also known as sharrows, are not bike lanes, but shared lane arrows. Sharrows are installed when streets are too narrow for both bike lanes and auto traffic, and ensures bikers can pass safely in the same travel lane.

Sharrows indicate to cyclists they can take the lane and drive with traffic when needed. Bikes are encouraged to continue to watch for motorists, signal your intentions, and stay predictable. When motorists come upon these emblems, drive predictably, share the rules of the road, and give the cyclist at least three feet when passing.

The City of Lawrence is making great strides to make our community friendly for all modes of transportation, and sharrows are just one piece of the puzzle. PNA is anxious to see our community grow as bicycle-friendly city, and encourage our neighbors to take advantage of all services available from the City's transportation system.

You can pick-up a copy of the City's bike map at:

- Lawrence City Hall
- Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop
- Cycleworks
- KU Parking & Transit
- Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center

Or download a PDF version at: www.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/bicycle/BikeMap.pdf

Project Lifesaver Ensures Your Loved Ones Stay Safe

Douglas County Sheriff's Office Provides Peace of Mind with Wrist Watch Device

All too often, we hear in the news of seniors who have wandered from home or children with cognitive disorders getting lost. These situations are a nightmare for caregivers and families, but help is available from Project Lifesaver through the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

Project Lifesaver is a program completely funded by the Lawrence Pilot Program, a volunteer organization committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders. The program provides a wrist-watch sized radio transmitter for enrollees to wear on their ankle or wrist that emits a radio signal. If a loved wanders away, their caretaker can call 911, and Sheriff's deputies are dispatched to the individual's area. A team of trained Search Specialists will utilize their radio tracking equipment to find the individual and get them back to safety.

There are three ways to enroll in this program: you may contact the public information officer, Lt. Steve Lewis, at (785) 832-5204; or pick up an application at the Sherriff's Office on 11th street. They also have an application available online through the Sherriff's Department website (www.dgso.org - look for "Project Lifesaver" under the "Resources Tab." After the application is reviewed, the Sherriff's Office will set-up a meeting with the caregiver and the enrollee.

Anyone, regardless of their financial situation, may utilize this program. A grant provided by the Lawrence Pilot Program covers some of the cost of this service (\$300 the first year, \$10/month after that), but they do ask enrollees to pay what they can afford.

The Ins and Outs of Curbside Recycling

On October 21, Pinckney Neighborhood (and the rest of Lawrence) began a single-stream, curbside recycling program. What does single-stream mean? Bottom line: you don't have to separate your glass, plastic, and cardboard – it all goes in the same blue recycling cart!

As with many things, though, there are some excluded items; not the least of which are plastic grocery sacks. Unfortunately, grocery sacks clog the machines that sort the recyclables. Plastic bags can, however, be recycled at many grocery stores. You'll find grocery sack recycling towards the front of Dillon's.

Enough of what cannot go in our blue recycling carts, let's talk about what CAN go in the carts - paper, soup cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, and newspapers. (Please rinse before recycling!)

Your recycling carts are emptied every-other Tuesday the same day as your regular trash. If you find you are exceeding the capacity of your bins, you are welcome to request an additional cart for no additional fee. Now, only one request can be made per calendar year. After that, a small fee will be assessed. To request an additional cart (or a smaller cart if you are nowhere near filling it up), simply go to the City of Lawrence website at

www.lawrenceks.org/swm/recycling_collection.

What is PNA? Qs & As

We sometimes get questions about the purpose and overall goal of PNA. PNA President, Pat Miller, addresses some of the frequent questions. (More Qs & As in the next newsletter.)

Q: What is the purpose of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association?

A: The bylaws say the purpose of PNA is "to promote understanding with the City of Lawrence; to improve property, living conditions, and communication within the Pinckney Neighborhood; and to promote good public relations with the businesses within the neighborhood." In summary, we are neighborhood residents who care about the well-being of our community; we strive to provide a voice regarding neighborhood issues, to stay well-informed of anything that could affect our neighborhood, and to sponsor activities that make Pinckney one of the best neighborhoods in Lawrence.

Q: Does PNA just throw parties or potlucks? It seems more like a social club than a community organization.

A: What better way than a social event to bring the neighborhood together? PNA plans its event to accomplish several specific things. First and foremost, we want Pinckney residents to meet one another – building a sense of community is very important for neighborhood cohesion. Next, we want residents to know they have a voice in the community through PNA with the City, local businesses, and each other. And finally, we try to pair each social event with a service project to give back to our wonderful city. Our service projects have included food drives, a coat drive, and a supply/funding drive for Health Care Access Clinic. If you have a favorite public service project in need of action or donations, please bring it to our attention!

Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat A Great Success

More Than 100 Neighbors in Attendance Neighborhood Businesses Show Their Support

On Saturday, October 25, Pinckney Neighborhood Association, in collaboration with Old West Lawrence, hosted our fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the LMH parking lot at 4th and Arkansas. Ghosts, princesses, and monsters came in droves to play games and fill-up on treats. The event lasted for two hours, and we saw more than 100 neighbors from Pinckney and Old West Lawrence show up to spook and sparkle the trunk hosts.

This year not only saw a record number in attendance, but also a record number of participants. Several area families, organizations and businesses showed their support for our neighborhood by hosting a trunk. Business participants included Kansas Crown Discount Liquor, Liberty Tax Service, Pawsh Wash, Sound Innovations, First Class Transportation, and Henry Miller Piano Repair. The Community Mercantile provided healthy snacks and cider for a change of pace, and the Lawrence Police Department brought in their community resource officer for lights and sirens. Rob from Fast Lane also donated \$100 to Pinckney Neighborhood Association in support of neighborhood children. We are grateful for all of the support from all the individuals, families, businesses and organizations who helped make this a fabulous year.

Neighbors pulled out all the stops for the best trunk competition. We had a Monsters, Inc. themed trunk, a pirate trunk, and a couple of trucks filled to the brim with pumpkins, games, and treats. Our trunk-ortreaters voted for their favorite trunk by placing tickets in cups at each trunk. As happens nearly every year, by the end of the afternoon, the Spooky Duck Toss, provided by the fabulous Steve Braswell and Kendall Simmons, won the "Best Trunk" for 2014. Pictures of the trunks and festivities can be found on our Facebook page and will soon be part of the PNA website photo collection.

With the turn-out we had in 2014, we expect even more for 2015. Keep an eye out on your mailbox for our postcard invitation. If you're not already, follow the Pinckney Neighborhood Facebook page for important announcements (like the date for this year's Trunk-or-Treat) and news from our neighborhood.

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!

Name(s):
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:
(Join the list to receive e-mail notices before monthly PNA meeting and special events. We will keep your information private. Expect or 2 e-mails per month.)
Suggested Dues: an annual donation of \$1 per person or \$2 per household is greatly appreciated.
Please bring this form to the next PNA monthly meeting or

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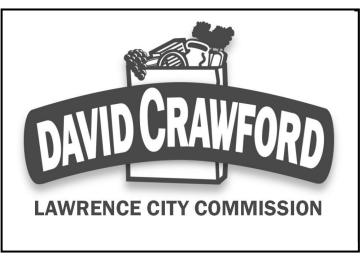
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Resources Available in Times of Need

Recent frigid temperatures can definitely strain your heater (and your wallet). It's important to know your options so you're not left in the cold if disaster strikes.

The Douglas County Housing Assistance Program and the City have an Emergency & Furnace Loan, which can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement. Mobile home owners may access up to \$2,500. Applications are available in the Development Services Office and online (the link can be found at lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs).

It's important to maintain communication with neighbors who have trouble getting around or are homebound, especially during extreme cold and heat. The Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging administers and coordinates services for older adults and their caregivers. If you think your neighbor could benefit from extra help this winter, get them in touch with JAAA to find some help and resources designed for them.

We are fortunate to be a part of a community who looks out for its residents.

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