

**Pinckney Neighborhood Association
Quarterly Report
November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008**

There were 3 neighborhood association meetings during this quarter: November 17, December 15, and January 19, 2007.

Attendance:

November 17: 3
December 15: 2
January 19: 5

Neighborhood events:

None this quarter, although work is in progress about the spring cleanup and annual picnic.

Neighborhood projects:

The Journal-World reported on a home (500 Missouri) in the Pinckney neighborhood that was being designated for use by homeless individuals with mental illness. After the Neighborhood's recent negative experience with Project Acceptance and Acceptance House, there was a great deal of concern by this unexpected announcement.

This issue was raised at the January 19th meeting. Plus several concerned neighbors contacted the PNA President outside of any formal meetings asking the PNA help in finding out what this program was and to help get more information

After the January meeting, the PNA President contacted the people involved with the 500 Missouri project (Five Loaves Ministry, Steve Ozark), sent out many emails and then invited the people involved with the project to the February meeting.

Much time was spent on gathering details, determining the pros and cons of the project, talking to various city officials as well as project sponsors. The issue was discussed in the PNA newsletter, resulting in a Five Loaves Ministry February 16 public meeting at the library as well as discussed at the well-attended February 16 PNA meeting.

These discussions led to a much better understanding of the proposal as well as Pinckney residents feeling more comfortable about the project.

PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting February 16, 2008 10:00 am Lawrence Public Library

Come meet your Pinckney Neighbors and discuss issues important to you, your community and neighborhood. Issues on this agenda include:

- **Election of Vice President and Secretary**

A good way to get more involved in your neighborhood and community is to become a board member of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

- **Annual Picnic**

The Pinckney Neighborhood usually has a picnic for all neighbors in the spring. Let's get together and plan our next picnic.

- **Spring Clean Up**

The Pinckney Neighborhood has an annual clean up of our parks and our property. The date will be set at our annual meeting.

- **Neighborhood Involvement**

Want to get more involved in our community? Let's talk about ideas such as district representatives within the neighborhood to the Pinckney Board.

- **Pinckney Representative to the Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee Needed**

We are looking for a new representative to the City of Lawrence Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee. Jeannette Collier, who has been a strong proponent for the Pinckney Neighborhood, will be stepping down in April and is willing to help the new NRAC member get started.

The Board's function is to develop and propose Neighborhood Resources strategies and policy, recommend allocation of Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant funds, and review Housing Code and Environmental Code Appeals.

Emails Sent From Mailing List

(used to send out meeting reminders)

Date: **Nov 15 2007, 02:41:03 pm**

The Pinckney Neighborhood Association will have a general meeting this Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 am at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

One item we need to discuss is our submittal for continuing our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). There are specific criteria being looked at for approval of these grants, and we want to talk about how we meet these guidelines.

Please go to our website, <http://pinckneyneighborhood.org>, for a link to the City of Lawrence webpage that discusses these guidelines.

We need everyone's input for our organization to continue to be of value, and hope to see you at this meeting Saturday.

Date: **Dec 13 2007, 11:55:29 am**

Just a reminder that the monthly Pinckney Neighborhood Association meeting will be this Saturday, December 15th at 10 AM at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Date: **Jan 17 2008, 03:56:18 pm**

Don't forget the monthly Pinckney Neighborhood Association meeting this Saturday, 10 AM, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

PNA Minutes
11/17/07

Pothole near 617 W. 4th is really bad.

Check the sidewalk and street light inventory.

Steve will talk to other neighborhood organizations about their coordinators and what they do. Coordinator responsibilities and job description.

When does the NRAC meet.

Topics to be discussed at next meeting: fundraising; neighborhood cleanup

PNA Minutes
12/15/07

Look into various things for the newsletter: a regular Pinckney history column; school involvement – news; outreach.

Marilyn will contact Pinckney school and the PTO.

Steve will get cost for larger format newsletter.

Request email addresses of Pinckney residents in newsletter.

PNA Minutes

1-19-08

We had a discussion about what is our overall mission? Some of the thoughts were:

- Help maintain integrity of neighborhood. Pinckney is very diverse
- Helps create and maintain lines of communication among all neighbors, including low-income.
- We can leverage various neighborhood efforts with volunteers.

It was suggested that we might want to look at safety issues, e.g. kids walking to school, safe homes.

Jeanette announced she was probably going to be dropping her seat on the Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee and that Pinckney may need a new representative.

We were asked what information we had about the project at 500 Missouri Street. According to the paper, there's a plan to house homeless individuals there and neighbors in the area are concerned.