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SPEAKERS

Everybody, Bart Littlejohn, Nick Kuzmyak, Jen Unekis, Pat Miller, Baby, Paul Jefferson, David Unekis, Lori, Kate Kuzmyak, Eleanor Gardner, Lynnette Littlejohn

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- L** Lynnette Littlejohn 00:00
I think... can you make it big for a minute? I'm pretty sure it's just... [baby cries]
- N** Nick Kuzmyak 00:05
Alright, I'm going to go back on mute 'cause he's getting fussy. [laughter]
- B** Bart Littlejohn 00:12
Okay. Uh, Hello?! [laughter]
- E** Eleanor Gardner 00:17
Hello! [more laughter]
- B** Bart Littlejohn 00:20
We'll give it about five more minutes. And then if anybody else wants to come in, they can.

L Lynnette Littlejohn 00:24
Technical, you know...! I'm super excited about the garden because ours - we got it in really late and so it's not. It's producing just a tiny bit but everything's still, I don't know, holding back.

E Eleanor Gardner 00:39
Yeah, we've - unfortunately, the vine borers got our zucchini.

L Lynnette Littlejohn 00:45
Yeah, we've never had any luck here with squash at this place. Our last place we could grow it really well. But same with beets. I used to be able to grow beets like crazy and I can't seem to do it here, but I've never had a soil test done. So I don't know.

E Eleanor Gardner 01:04
Maybe we need the Cramer family to give us some clues. They seem to be able to make anything grow.

L Lynnette Littlejohn 01:13
The who?

B Bart Littlejohn 01:14
What family?

E Eleanor Gardner 01:15
The Cramers. Scotsman Cramer and -

B Bart Littlejohn 01:18
Oh, yeah, yeah! Yeah.

L Lynnette Littlejohn 01:21
Scott. Yeah. Well, he does have a knack for it for sure.

- B** Bart Littlejohn 01:26
Yeah.
- L** Lynnette Littlejohn 01:26
It's his livelihood, so that's you know!
- B** Bart Littlejohn 01:29
He does do it for a living. So
- P** Paul Jefferson 01:32
I have also been walking by the - on my walk the Bert- new Bert Nash supportive housing.
- E** Eleanor Gardner 01:43
Yeah. [baby vocalizes]
- L** Lynnette Littlejohn 01:45
It's looking really good.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 01:47
Yeah.
- P** Paul Jefferson 01:47
I hope we can get- arrange a neighborhood tour of it?
- L** Lynnette Littlejohn 01:53
Oh, that would be neat. Before it opens.
- P** Paul Jefferson 01:57
Before, yeah.

B Bart Littlejohn 02:00
Yeah, I'm sure that they'll - I'm sure that'll happen. They'll want everybody to go ahead and get a look at it before it opens.

P Paul Jefferson 02:23
I can stay until about 10 after, then I have to join another Zoom meeting.

B Bart Littlejohn 02:34
Okay. It's all good.

K Kate Kuzmyak 02:39
Paul, what was the garden update the only update that you really wanted before you have to go?

P Paul Jefferson 02:46
Yes.

K Kate Kuzmyak 02:48
Okay.

B Bart Littlejohn 02:49
Okay. Yeah, cuz all we'll probably do is just call it to order and review the minutes and then maybe go into the beginning of the Pinckney name update. So. So I think- yeah, I think that's the start of the meeting. So. We'll go ahead and get it started. Well, we'll go ahead and start it now. Anybody else that can join in can join in. Ah, all right. I'd like to go ahead and call this meeting to order. If you haven't had an opportunity - Eleanor, did you - when you sent out the agenda, did you send out the previous minutes as well?

E Eleanor Gardner 03:35
Yeah, it's in a link that goes to the website, like the page on our website with the older minutes.

B Bart Littlejohn 03:43
Okay, cool. If you haven't had an opportunity yet, go ahead and review the minutes...
[people take their time to review the document]

B Baby 04:09
Oh [baby talk] Uh huh. Yeah! [more baby talk]

B Bart Littlejohn 05:10
Well, if no one really has anything, I would entertain a motion to go ahead and approve the minutes.

P Pat Miller 05:16
I move to approve the minutes. Do we also need to approve the agenda?

B Bart Littlejohn 05:21
Okay.

P Pat Miller 05:22
So. I move both.

B Bart Littlejohn 05:25
Okay. Sure.

N Nick Kuzmyak 05:26
I second that.

B Bart Littlejohn 05:27
All right. Any sort of discussion or comment? I don't see any. All those in favor say aye.

E Everybody 05:36

Aye.

B Bart Littlejohn 05:39
Any opposed? Hearing none, the minutes and agenda are approved. We'll go straight into - it's up to you, Pat, do you want to go ahead and do the name update or do you want to do Treasurer's Report here since Paul's on limited time?

P Pat Miller 05:57
Go ahead and do the name stuff.

B Bart Littlejohn 05:59
Okay.

K Kate Kuzmyak 06:01
Oh, and before we start on that, do you mind if I just do kind of a roll call real quick to make sure I have everyone?

B Bart Littlejohn 06:07
Sure. Absolutely.

K Kate Kuzmyak 06:08
Okay, I have Eleanor is here. And then Paul Jefferson, Pat Miller, Lynnette & Bart Littlejohn, Anne Shaw, And Michael Shaw. Is that right? Okay. And then I have Julie B. and Paul Lichte. Is there anyone else on are we missing anyone? Okay, all right.

B Bart Littlejohn 06:39
You got - You got Paul Jefferson, right?

K Kate Kuzmyak 06:42
Yep, I got Paul. I got both Pauls - sorry.

B Bart Littlejohn 06:50
All right, uh, just uh, okay, we'll go into the name update. Um, so last weekend, last Saturday, we had a meeting. Just a committee meeting regarding the name, the Pinckney name. And pretty much just outlining, you know, what we were trying to do, what the purpose of the meeting was. And also just making clear that this was just the beginning of the process. And we're just trying to figure out ways to both research and figure out methods of outreach to the community to go ahead and get their input on what they would like Pinckney to be called. So. I believe that Eleanor sent out some of our meeting minutes or some of the notes, some notes, for the meeting?

E Eleanor Gardner 07:37
Yes.

B Bart Littlejohn 07:39
Okay.

E Eleanor Gardner 07:39
Um, now, it just went out to the committee members. Would it be beneficial to share that more broadly as well? Do you have a preference?

B Bart Littlejohn 07:52
Uhh...

P Pat Miller 07:52
I suggest that you - rather than put out minutes - you just have a statement from the group as to where you are. I don't think we need to necessarily see all the inner workings of it.

E Eleanor Gardner 08:04
Okay.

P Pat Miller 08:04

It would be good to have like a statement, like a sentence or two. That- that would be my suggestion.

E Eleanor Gardner 08:10
Okay.

B Bart Littlejohn 08:12
Okay. But yeah, it's - so that was the gist of it. And part of that research and outreach is we kind of split into subgroups. And each took apart of, you know, researching things online out-reaching the members of the community. And, and hopefully, you know, we set a meeting time for some time. What was it?

E Eleanor Gardner 08:43
The week of July 26 through August 1 is our next committee-

B Bart Littlejohn 08:48
Right, right. So. If you know of anybody that wants to participate in this committee, just go ahead and let us know. We will take, you know, anyone, we want this to be as inclusive as possible and to have as many people involved in the conversation as possible. So, like I said, we're still in the initial stages of the process. And hopefully we can, you know, get a starting point and just progress from there.

P Pat Miller 09:18
Can you let us know who the members are on the committee and the one thing I would love to hear is that we've been able to get some diversity into that group. I don't know whether you've been successful. You know, Bart, we know we have you, but we- we need more you know.

B Bart Littlejohn 09:38
Oh, absolutely. That's, that's part of what we discussed. So we're working on it. But uh,

E Eleanor Gardner 09:49

I can give you the rundown of those who are currently on it if you want. Um, so there is - oh, hold on one second. Admit! Okay, I think the Unekises might have just joined us. Uh, so on the the neighborhood name committee, we have Bart; Kendall; and Kim Murphree; Miguel Uchofen; Lynnette; Melinda Lavon; Lara Berger; Mary Ann Tindell; and then Tara Wenger; and myself.

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Bart Littlejohn 10:40

So yeah, it's part of a - the meeting last weekend, we were just uh, I - part of that was, I contributed some information I'd sent I believe earlier regarding the the history of African Americans in the Pinckney Neighborhood. And also the cultural and oral history of African Americans in the city of Lawrence. So, um. Also I think I, hopefully I'm going to try to make outreach with a couple of the pockets of the African American community in our neighborhood and see. Just to get some input on what, what they think about it and, you know, see if, you know, hopefully we can get some participation that way as well. So, I mean, I I wholly admit and and hope that we can get some diversity in the group, but all we can do is try. So I mean...

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Pat Miller 11:40

Is there a slot on our webpage yet that has this information? And if not, I'd suggest that we just under -- I don't know whether you'd would want to put it under, I think there's like a neighborhood - I can't remember what the the title of that, the pulldown is -- but somewhere in there, like put the name, your mission, the names of the people on the committee and then like just a- not the minutes, but just a blurb about what happens in each meeting. I think that would be really helpful. And then if you have any research, you can tie that in there, too. That would be great - because that way, even if you don't have people in your group, anybody who's interested can go in and take a look at what's happening and might spur them to join.

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Eleanor Gardner 12:32

Okay! Yeah, I know that the announcement that we were recruiting volunteers was posted to the website, but I will look at which like tab you're talking about and figure out a spot for that. That'll be - that'll be helpful with sharing information with the community.

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Pat Miller 12:50

There's one with a little bit of history in it and I think that also has a neighborhood plan, but I can't remember off the top of my head.

E Eleanor Gardner 12:57
Okay.

N Nick Kuzmyak 12:59
I had a quick question. The amount of names on the committee that you guys listed is way more than I thought volunteered for it in our last meeting. So, number one, I'm impressed. Number two, I'm wondering how do we - how did those people hear of it? And how can we continue to use those avenues of engagement to get better engagement in the neighborhood in general? Did we just unlock something, you know?

E Eleanor Gardner 13:20
We, we had several people respond to the e-blast. And we had several people who saw it posted in our Facebook page, and they then emailed about having seen it on the Facebook page. And then one person, Miguel, actually saw it posted on Nextdoor and sent me a private message saying that he wanted to get involved in anything that the neighborhood does. And so he wants to join this committee.

N Nick Kuzmyak 13:50
Good. Okay. Good to know.

B Bart Littlejohn 13:57
Cool, cool. But yeah, as I said, it's you know, it's still a nascent process. And that was a great suggestion, Pat. We'll try to go ahead and get that information online, on the website, and provide another resource for people to go ahead and contact us and participate. So. As we've said before, the bigger group we can get, the more different perspectives, the better.

E Eleanor Gardner 14:24
Yep!

B Bart Littlejohn 14:29
Eleanor- [banging noise] Eleanor, do you have anything else on the update? Sorry about that, guys.

P Pat Miller 14:36
[laughter]

E Eleanor Gardner 14:42
I think that just about covers it. Each one of us who was present for that meeting has an assignment that we're working on or have already completed. One of those assignments was for me to reach out to the neighborhood in Colorado and just learn how it was that they went about getting community input. And they responded by saying that they are happy to speak with us, but would like to do that in a little bit later - in August - after they've completed the current steps that they're going through. And so that could potentially give us some good information on just how it was that they went about getting community input on their decision.

B Bart Littlejohn 15:34
Awesome, cool. Cool. Yeah, that'll be some great content for the August meeting. That'll be a great update. So.

P Paul Jefferson 15:42
Can I get a short garden update? I have to leave soon after it.

E Eleanor Gardner 15:54
Oh, okay. Is Nick around to give a short update on the on the garden?

K Kate Kuzmyak 16:03
Possibly.

N Nick Kuzmyak 16:05
Yep. Coming up. Okay.

J Jen Unekis 16:07
I just went for coffee break. Okay, so here's what's going on on the community garden. Quick background for those of you who have not heard of this before. It is the Lawrence

Douglas County Health Department in their community health facility, had a community garden a couple years ago. And they had a particular go getter and their staff who is unfortunately, no longer in the States. She's gone, but the spirit has been kept on. So Tina basically started by kind of reorganizing everybody last year to get kind of a slow start at the garden. This year she applied for - or, I guess, last October - she applied for a grant from - I don't entirely remember - it might be from Douglas County? - to really kind of get it going. So with that grant, we used the money to purchase materials to build a couple of raised beds and a potato box and also a couple of ADA accessible, like a, wheelchair accessible raised beds. They're really raised. So we used that to buy that and supplies and there's now some irrigation there, which is super cool. I donated the compost bin and Tina got a whole lot of free seeds from the Douglas County Seed Fair. So things really came together quite well. Oh, um, the lumber was actually given to us at a heavy discount by McCray, so kind of a community partner there too. So anyway, um, we did a lot of weeding and planting in the spring, a couple of us on the call actually, were there for that. And then things are growing. So a couple things are up and ready to go. The greens aren't looking great. But the ground cherries, which apparently are like sweet tomatinhos, are coming in pretty well. Basil is really hopping and and there are a couple squashes and peppers and stuff growing. The green beans eventually. But there's like a whole part of the garden that I don't think they were able to get to in time so it's gonna be even bigger next year. And a lot of stuff is perennial so I think the blackberries are going to stay year after year which is quite nice. But if you are interested in participating there is a Facebook group that is pretty active. I think the Lawrence Douglas County Health Department communicates more on Microsoft Teams, but they definitely check that Facebook group as well. If you are interested in just getting some produce, just stop stop on by and just pick what looks ripe. Use your judgment. If you're curious as to what is ripe, you can also post that on on the on the Facebook group. There will be watermelon eventually - that's kind of like the that's gonna be like the big prize. A couple of huge watermelons if everything goes well. Yeah. And oh, and just another reminder about the compost. If you have a lot of food scraps, please only vegetable in nature, we would love if you'd drop them off at the compost bin. Because the thing is insatiable, it's huge. It's like nine feet long. So there's a lot of room for compost, both yard waste and kitchen scraps. And that's it.



Paul Jefferson 19:10

Thanks. I'm going to another meeting.



Pat Miller 19:14

Okay.

N Nick Kuzmyak 19:15
Good.

E Eleanor Gardner 19:15
Thanks for joining us.

K Kate Kuzmyak 19:16
Bye, Paul!

B Bart Littlejohn 19:20
Thanks for joining us, Paul. And thanks - thanks, Nick, for the update. Appreciate it.

E Eleanor Gardner 19:27
Sorry to bounce around on the agenda, but I think that it was so nice of us to update Paul on that.

B Bart Littlejohn 19:34
Absolutely, absolutely. Um, and I think, yeah, I'll just go into the - I was, uh, I was glad Paul could attend - the brick streets and sidewalk update. So basically what that is, is KT Walsh from the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association reached out to me regarding this. And the city of Lawrence is thinking about putting together a protocol for the upkeep and maintenance of brick roads and sidewalks, brick streets and sidewalks. So they put together a little mini forum with the neighborhood associations to kind of get their input on that. They're in the beginning stages of the process. And that meeting occurred sometime this week. It was this Wednesday or Thursday, I think. Um, and yeah, and so basically they're just trying to put together a policy for it. Um, to get some input on you know, how, you know, if there are any areas that they might have missed in the city that have brick streets and sidewalks and how to, you know, get this process started and also, you know, there - they will be incorporating that with you know, the city's plan with sidewalks in general. So, um, really don't have too much. They they're planning on having future meetings here pretty soon. I haven't gotten a date yet, but at least we'll be - we'll know of the process. Any questions?

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Pat Miller 21:15

Since I'm probably the only one who has a brick sidewalk - what, do you have any information about what they're thinking with regard to that? Just any with the options they're considering?

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Bart Littlejohn 21:32

So, uh, no, I mean, yeah, it's really it really was the beginning stages of the process. They had a, you know, a stonemason there to get his perspective on, you know, what would be needed and they've already contacted other cities in the country that, you know, have, you know, a lot of brick sidewalks or brick streets in their towns. So, to get their perspective on what maintenance was like, what kind of, you know, funding they needed to gather together to go ahead. And, you know, maintain them. So they're they're slowly building up the process but at least you know they're doing some adequate research into it. So,

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Pat Miller 22:14

Okay, so, if you come by our house and my husband's out front with something that looks like a flame thrower - it's called a weed dragon. And his theory is that you have to like scorch the grass that grows up through it, and it won't come back for a while. So very entertaining.

J

Jen Unekis 22:34

It's a theory based on how awesome it is to do, it's kind of fun. My dad gets real into that thing too. And our neighbors. Um, I wonder if this brick street and sidewalk thing is gonna come before multimodal transportation commission at some point. Because streets and sidewalks that's two modes right there. So I won't be surprised if this is not the last I hear of it. I think it's coming up because the rebuild of East Ninth Street didn't go quite as planned on the brick sections. There was a lot of finger pointing as to whose fault it was. You know, was it the city, was the contractor, was it the engineer - who knows. I work for said engineer, so I'm not going to get too far into it. But all I know is that there's a lot of finger pointing and not a lot of standards to which to lean on. So it sounds like this is kind of why they're doing it.

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Bart Littlejohn 23:21

Absolutely, that - that was a major component of the conversation that there were some missteps, missteps made. And they they want to figure out better ways to go ahead and

have a, you know, a more complete process and how to correct them. So. Um, but yeah, so like I said, it's, when I hear more information, I'll go ahead and let you guys know and the association know. So um, alright. So I have a feeling this is gonna be pretty quick meeting. So we've already done our community garden stuff. Eleanor, do we have any future events we want to go ahead and talk about?

E

Eleanor Gardner 24:05

Well, we actually just have one that's happening right now. And that's the extension of the virtual neighborhood bingo game that's going through this evening, 11:59pm. If folks want to get their, their bingo card in, then they will be entered into the drawing for our remaining gift card, which is a gift card to Syllas and Maddy's ice cream shop. And if nobody turns in a bingo card, then that's okay, we can save that gift card for some other neighborhood-wide event that we do in the future.

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Bart Littlejohn 24:51

Cool, cool. And thank you for all your work on that. Eleanor. You've really, you've done a lot in a very short time. And we really appreciate it.

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Eleanor Gardner 25:02

Absolutely.

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Bart Littlejohn 25:04

Um, Nick, do we have a LAN update?

J

Jen Unekis 25:10

Yeah, there's not too much to talk about. But I think the events is a good segue. So during our neighborhood update portion of LAN on Wednesday, I said, Hey, well, we have a new coordinator and she's already organized like 4 events. A lot of things are happening in the Pinckney neighborhood. It is not quiet, even during the pandemic, and everybody's like, wow, okay, it's a lot of stuff going on. So people are impressed about Pinckney, I would say. In terms of other things in LAN, we are doing. Let's see, there was a talk about policing and it was pretty meandering. So I can't exactly give you a good summary of what happened necessarily just that all the neighbors are definitely looking into it, and trying to figure out how maybe to interface with our neighborhood resource officers a little bit more, you know, officially. That's pretty much it on LAN, honestly. There's a couple of

planning commission updates, nothing really of note that affects us. Oh, except for on Fifth & Michigan, there's this long strip of land that LMH owns that's currently just kind of a, I don't know, like a backyard or something, but it's going to be a parking lot. So I would bet that's probably across the street from Otho-Kansas if I had to guess. I'm trying to think what's on the northeast side of Sixth & Maine right now, but drawing a blank. So anyway, that's what's going on there. What else. And I may as well give you a multimodal transportation commission update as well. Probably the biggest thing that's happening is that the neighborhood traffic management program is still getting underway. We're working on it. There's gonna be a survey coming out soon that's meant to go to as many neighbors as humanly possible, to get info on kind of where trouble spots are, what kind of mitigation and prevention methods we can think of for speeding and running stop signs and stuff like that. So it's not up yet, but keep your eye out. Charlie Bryan of the health department is actually going to be on that task force. So we'll probably be hearing from him at some point. Let's see what else is going on. The idea of street standards has come up again, if you've been following the saga of East 19th Street, the multimodal transportation commission and city commission both have expressed concern that the street design standards that the city has kind of tied itself to are maybe not very context sensitive. So they basically mandate that every street be really wide, if it gets remade, and a lot of people on those boards that maybe that's not the best option. So there's gonna be some talk going forward of just more, you know, standards like for brick street and sidewalk, for example, but more adaptable standards. And I think in places like Pinckney, that's probably really important because we have some unusual streets around here just like East Lawrence does. So. I'm trying to think, there's one important thing I'm totally skipping on but might have to come back to me so if I think about it. Oh, that's right. Traffic light signal coordination study and retiming. So, Sixth St., Iowa St., and 23rd / Clinton Parkway are in the process of getting their traffic lights synched up. Finally. It's been like 20 years since we last did this. So Sixth St. is actually done. They did a study and analysis and tried to figure out how to best kind of redo the traffic lights. So it's not perfect necessarily like you're not going to see just a string of green lights for miles. But you should get less hard reds is how the traffic engineer put it to me. So I haven't really noticed because I haven't been driving very much. But if you do drive a lot down Sixth Street. Maybe you've seen it, I don't know.

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Eleanor Gardner 28:39

Can I ask - what is a hard red?

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Nick Kuzmyak 28:45

I am not entirely sure. I have a feeling it's one of those things where there's no chance you

could even hit the yellow like you're only going to hit a red and it'll be there for at least 30 seconds to a minute. Like the worst kind of red light, right? Like you can't just slow down.

P Pat Miller 28:58
Once you leave one, like the next one will not be red necessarily.

E Eleanor Gardner 29:06
Oh, okay.

N Nick Kuzmyak 29:07
The not good red,

E Eleanor Gardner 29:08
Right. [laughter]

J Jen Unekis 29:10
So, Sixth St is done. Iowa St. is next sometime in the fall and then 23rd Street should be happening over the winter. So we'll see if anybody notices.

P Pat Miller 29:25
That's one of those things that you notice when it's bad that you really don't notice when it's good.

N Nick Kuzmyak 29:29
Kind of like a bassist in a jazz band. Right, like, you notice if they're terrible. If they're really good, like they actually kind of blend in pretty well. So who knows? We'll see. I think that's everything from me.

B Bart Littlejohn 29:41
Cool, cool. Thanks. Thanks, Nick. Um, I was just thinking about the Fifth & Michigan - is that like right behind Anderson Rentals?



Jen Unekis 29:51

That may be it, yes. Because Anderson Rentals is going to turn into an LMH something or other.



Bart Littlejohn 29:56

Okay, got it.



Nick Kuzmyak 29:56

Yeah. Okay. Thanks.



Pat Miller 29:58

Well, Anderson Rental is going to become the new Heartland.



Bart Littlejohn 30:03

Okay.



Kate Kuzmyak 30:04

Oh.



30:04

They're moving in there. Um, I think they're gonna, I know that LMH owns some property back behind that, I think and then most of the things are going to be vacating where Medical Arts is.



Bart Littlejohn 30:24

Right. Okay.



Pat Miller 30:25

And so there will be rethinking of what that space is going to be potentially taking it down and reconstructing it. And I've already said you need to talk to the neighborhood.

N Nick Kuzmyak 30:37
That's our pharmacy, no!

P Pat Miller 30:41
I've heard 'em toss around some interesting ideas for it, but like I have made the point and they hear it now that the hospital bisects our neighborhood and they need to really be conscious about what they're doing so that they don't make it so that it's difficult for pedestrian, bicycle, whatever traffic flow to go from east to west. And they've heard it, so that's a good thing.

B Bart Littlejohn 31:07
Well, and also, I mean, they're - they've got - they've already got a lot of pavement down at like you know, you know, Sixth & Maine, and if they're thinking about paving even more I mean we want to take that under consideration.

P Pat Miller 31:19
No, no, they're thinking of a different building.

B Bart Littlejohn 31:22
Oh, okay. Okay.

P Pat Miller 31:23
But But how they, that there have some interesting concepts about what they might do like on the first floor, for example, but like, they just need to have good conversations with the neighborhood and I will make sure that happens. So.

J Jen Unekis 31:42
Can you share any ideas you - oh, sorry, you go first.

E Eleanor Gardner 31:46
Oh, I just the saying thanks to Pat.



Jen Unekis 31:49

I was gonna wonder - I know you're generally sworn to secrecy, but are there any of the ideas that have been tossed around that you could share?



Pat Miller 31:57

I don't think it's far enough along to do that. I mean, it's and it's not going to be hospital property. I don't think. They may have some. They may use it, but I don't think it's going to be a hospital property. But when when it gets closer to the point where they're actually thinking of doing things, I will make sure that that the neighborhood gets brought into it.



Nick Kuzmyak 32:19

Okay. Sounds exciting. We'll see.



Bart Littlejohn 32:25

Cool, thank you for that, Pat. We appreciate it - definitely helps to have somebody in the room. So, um, all right. And also, I have a little bit of an update, not an update, but just in just a thing I want to mention. One of our neighbors reached out to us recently and said she was having trouble with someone in our neighborhood just doing something, some illegal activity. And just asked for our help. So what we did is, you know, we've kind of directed her to resources that could go ahead and be the proper intermediaries between her and the other person in this situation. So I - we just basically wanted to just let everybody else in the neighborhood know that we're always here as a resource. And we will try to do everything that we can, we might not necessarily be able to intermediate, but we'll try to put you at least on a path that you can find some way to go ahead and correct the problem. So hopefully, you know, what we'll do is we'll go ahead and follow up with the neighborhood resource officer. I believe that we're getting started with that process. And then hopefully, we'll we'll try to find a solution for her so that she can, you know, enjoy the neighborhood. So.



Eleanor Gardner 33:51

And, uh, we did email that neighborhood resource officer email address at the police department about this. So they've been alerted. And hopefully we'll see some follow up and responses and can communicate that with the resident as well.

B Bart Littlejohn 34:16
Cool. So does anybody else have anything they would like to add? This is just open time right now. So.

P Pat Miller 34:24
The Treasurer's Report? Do you want a Treasurer's Report?

B Bart Littlejohn 34:26
Yes, that's right. I forgot that. We've kind to skipped around a little bit. That would be appropriate. Thank you.

P Pat Miller 34:32
Okay. All right. So I did get reimbursement from the city for a whole slew of things. And so our current balance, and this is after I have a reimbursement check for you Bart for the Zoom stuff, for \$183.27 (and that was already in the reimbursement request), but I now have money I can pay you. And for coordinator expenses for June - \$645 - which is well worth it, I will say. Our current balance is \$1,370.79 in checking; \$223.25 in savings; and \$154.29 in petty cash. And so that's with - we're up to date on all expenses remaining in our grant, which was \$4800 to begin with. We have currently spent of those amounts \$4,217.78. And so by the end of July, we need to - we have available yet \$582.22. So I know Eleanor is doing a lot of work. I don't know, if you're doing work at the level you did in June when you were catching up or not.

E Eleanor Gardner 36:13
It's gonna be the the normally expected number of hours this month.

P Pat Miller 36:19
So like 300, you're thinking?

E Eleanor Gardner 36:21
300?! Is that what you said?!

P Pat Miller 36:23
No, not hours. I mean, the expenses.

E Eleanor Gardner 36:25
'Cause, whoa, that's not-

P Pat Miller 36:26
Yeah, no no no. So, yeah, so about 20 hours is what we're?

E Eleanor Gardner 36:32
Yeah.

P Pat Miller 36:32
Okay. All right, which is \$300. So yeah.

E Eleanor Gardner 36:36
Gotcha.

P Pat Miller 36:37
So if we're expecting that, about \$300, additional for coordinator fees, we have- we'll have like 280 bucks left. And so if we need any signage, which, like if we're going to change our name, that makes it a little bit difficult to decide to do that, or anything else that's grant eligible, we might want to go ahead and decide to do that. It's not enough for a newsletter. So... And we need to incur expenses before August 1.

E Eleanor Gardner 37:20
I have one question. Oh, sorry. Go ahead, Bart. You're muted.

B Bart Littlejohn 37:27
Yeah, go ahead.

E Eleanor Gardner 37:30
Oh, okay. Um. This, I don't believe we discussed at the last meeting, just because it was a more heavily agenda-ed meeting. But for the food drive, I purchased, on behalf of the neighborhood, two bins that we can consistently use for food drives in the future (if we put them out- outdoors). And this doesn't have to be reimbursed, but if it could be, that would be awesome. But I also recognize that we have tight finances and so I'm happy to just have that be a cost that came out of my pocket.

P Pat Miller 38:14
So I don't think - I don't think we could get reimbursement for them from the grant.

E Eleanor Gardner 38:22
Oh, okay.

P Pat Miller 38:23
But like I said, we have all total, \$1500-1600 in Pinckney funds. And so, if we wanted to we could. You know, if somebody wanted move to do that, we could potentially cover that expense.

B Bart Littlejohn 38:52
I would move to go ahead and potentially cover that expense because I figure we'll put it to use in the future.

P Pat Miller 38:58
Do you have the dollar figure for that, so that we can put that in the motion?

E Eleanor Gardner 39:03
Yes. Um. It should be - yeah, here it is. Total was \$142.02.

P Pat Miller 39:13
And that was for two bins. Did that include the the locks to secure them or is that just the bins themselves?

- E** Eleanor Gardner 39:20
This is just the two bins. The locks ended up disappearing. So I don't think that that needs to be reimbursed since they don't exist anymore.
- P** Pat Miller 39:33
I'm sorry.
- E** Eleanor Gardner 39:34
That's okay.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 39:41
So I would amend the motion to cover the what was it? \$142 and...?
- E** Eleanor Gardner 39:49
And two cents. Yeah, yeah.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 39:50
Two cents, uh, to cover that cost for the bins.
- K** Kate Kuzmyak 39:55
Sorry. Yeah, I would second Bart's motion.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 40:00
Okay. Is there any other discussion or any other comment?
- E** Eleanor Gardner 40:06
Thank you!
- B** Bart Littlejohn 40:08
Seeing as there is none, all those in favor say aye.



Everybody 40:11

Aye. Aye.



Bart Littlejohn 40:13

Aye. Any opposed? All right.



Eleanor Gardner 40:20

Thank you. I really appreciate that.



Bart Littlejohn 40:22

Absolutely. Absolutely. Um, so Pat, will we have to decide on the signage like, or if we wanted, how we want to use that extra \$282 now?



Pat Miller 40:34

Before August 1, we have to, we have to expend the resources. I mean, you know, what we've done in past years depending on like, how we were getting our information out, we have purchased stamps, we have gotten office supply type things because we were actually having those expenses. Now that we're doing more things online, we don't probably have as much paper-specific expenses. But if we had anything that was, you know, went towards the purpose of why we get the grants, which is communication primarily, then, you know, that would be a reasonable expense. If not, you know, we'll just go back into the pot.



Eleanor Gardner 41:26

One thing that perhaps we should consider is purchasing paper that could then be used to print the survey that we would ultimately like to distribute, to get - to gauge community input for the potential name change. I don't, since we aren't at a point where we know what those survey questions are, we can't like you know, buy the paper and then immediately print it and have both of those costs go in I think before August 1, certainly -- but would buying the paper for that purpose suffice?



Pat Miller 42:06

Office supplies definitely are covered. You know, you're talking to probably a couple of

reams of paper. So that's like a drop in the bucket with that 200 some dollars left, but...

E Eleanor Gardner 42:18
Okay.

D David Unekis 42:19
And if it's something you're doing in a printer, you can actually, you know, just on the account we have it can be sort of a credit towards the the actual printing

P Pat Miller 42:29
I'm not sure, with the grant, that you can do that.

D David Unekis 42:32
Oh.

P Pat Miller 42:33
Yeah, cuz we have to turn it in that we expended that amount for a service.

E Eleanor Gardner 42:40
You can't, I assume, prepay?

J Jen Unekis 42:43
Yeah. So you can't like get a card that you put the money toward?

P Pat Miller 42:50
I can call Dani. I can ask Dani, if we can do that. I'd be happy to do that. I don't think we need a motion for this. I think it's just a, you know, that the President and the board can just decide that that's a reasonable expense. But I can call Dani and ask if we can get some prepaid services and use that, like as long as we expend the funds. But I don't know the answer to that.

- E** Eleanor Gardner 43:20
I think it would at least be worth checking into, because that would certainly be helpful to have some of those- that 200 something dollars go towards that cost.
- J** Jen Unekis 43:31
And also with like with Art in the Park, I've done that before with UPS. When they've had when they have a sale, and then they'll allow you to purchase to purchase a certain dollar amount with your, on their sale at their sale price too. So then that way, you're not just waiting until the moment that you have to have something printed and having to pay, you know, a lot more. You can try to take advantage of those sale prices too.
- P** Pat Miller 43:57
I will ask, I just don't know the answer to it. And all of this stuff, like I said, is things that we don't need to have a motion for. If we can expand the resources, you know, I don't think we need a motion.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 44:09
Okay, yeah, that sounds good. Thank you Pat. We'd appreciate that. And we appreciate all the work you do as treasurer.
- P** Pat Miller 44:20
Uh, it's less than perfect but I, I try.
- B** Bart Littlejohn 44:23
Yeah, no, no, I totally appreciate it especially. So. But also, before we, I guess, wrap things up. I would also you know, like to add that KT Walsh from East Lawrence, she did want me specifically to mention to you, Eleanor, that you're doing a bang up job with the website. So, she really-
- E** Eleanor Gardner 44:49
Thank you.



Bart Littlejohn 44:50

Yes, she she she enjoyed it a lot. And she said that E-L ELNA has to step up their game. So.



Pat Miller 45:01

Do you guys, by any chance want a little update on the hospital board stuff?



Bart Littlejohn 45:07

Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely.



Pat Miller 45:09

Um, so last, I was gonna tell you last time that we had, you know, the issue about the naming and it took up all the time, and that was appropriate. But I did want to let you know that there are a couple of things going on that I think are really good for the community. One of them is that they have an opioid prescription reduction program, that they're implementing not only within the hospital, but with all of their providers and their contract providers. And I've been amazed at how many of the, what you would think of as independent providers have a connection to LMH. So so they have a really broad network, and so they're doing things to reduce the occurrence and duration of opiate-opium- opioid prescriptions. And they're working with on opioid disorder and disruption and working with different pain management processes so that they're prescribing less so I thought it was really, I was really happy to hear that they are they have such a focused group, with not only in the hospital, but with all of their provider network to try to get down the occurrence of prescribing opioids. And then you know, dealing with the folks who are already have a opioid disorder. And they also have been increasing their - well, they've they've had a diversity and equity program for a long time. But with everything that's happening now they have moved it a little bit more forward facing. So they now have links to what they're doing on the web site, the first page of the website when you go there, so they're not only doing things to increase diversity within the workplace, but they're trying to find out in the community where there are individuals or pockets that are underserved because of race, gender, poverty, all of those types of things and and trying to come up with ways to move services out to them. I think they've had several - I'm not sure if it's a mobile mammogram - but they've had several outreach efforts for mammography and other service. So as I hear about additional things, I'll let you know. They now have Pinckney neighborhood and I hope other neighborhoods, that that their social media folks are keeping track of and hopefully they will use that to put some of the word out -- but if I hear of anything that doesn't come out directly from them, I will let you know. And then I don't know if any of you heard about / participated in the community

wide concern (that's a nice way to put it) for the contract for the hospitalists and the ER. It brought a lot of attention and unfortunately not good attention. And the hospitalist and emergency room physicians work- work for a contractor or the name of their organization is LEMA - Lawrence Emergency Medical Associates. I think that's what it is. And they've been with the hospital for 25 years and their contract came up for renewal, which it does about every three years or so. And the decision to retain or not is not with the Board of Trustees. We're not responsible for that - that is something that the hospital itself, that management, is responsible for -- but we were briefed on it. And the management had made a decision that that they were going to go with a different group because of a number of issues. I really can't get into the depths of it, but you know, the important issues are billing, time management, reimbursement, the hospital actually reimburses most of its physician groups to make sure that they're available. So there were a lot of issues tied up in those things. And when negotiations with LEMA were not going well, the hospital decided that it would go with someone else. That brought swift and fierce criticism. Fortunately, the hospital management decided that they wanted to stop and rethink that. And the board fully supported that decision. And negotiations started anew with LEMA and they have come up with a contract, I think it's still in draft now, that addresses the issues that were originally of concern, I think, to the satisfaction of both parties. So hopefully, we'll hear soon that that particular contract is renewed, and that the heartburn that was caused by this whole process, you know, thankfully caused the hospital and the board to go back and rethink like, how are we doing our contracts? You know, is - do we have clear and readily accessible information about what the expectations are and how the contracting process works? So, you know, I know that a lot of the physicians in LEMA are deeply hurt by this and I understand that completely. What I hope is that this has been a valuable experience - as horrifying as it was to live through - so that in the future we won't come to roadblocks as what the management thought they'd come to with LEMA with that contract and that everything will be better defined up front, the process will go more smoothly, expectations will be fully understood. So. That's kind of what I know about that. So let me know if you have any questions.

E

Eleanor Gardner 52:30

If there aren't any questions about that, I was wondering if I could give a really short update about the food drive?

B

Bart Littlejohn 52:38

Sure. So, it's looking like there aren't any questions about it. So. All right, go ahead.

- E** Eleanor Gardner 52:46
Um, so, I made a typo in the last e-news. I meant to type 60 - we actually were able to donate over 60 pounds' worth of food - not 20. So that was a much better number than had been communicated. I apologize for that typo. And I was curious if we needed to keep the receipt that I received that shows like the dollar amount value that was donated? Like is that needed for any documentation or anything?
- B** Bart Littlejohn 53:22
Pat, I don't think -
- P** Pat Miller 53:24
Yeah, I don't think so. But if we don't already have a folder in the G- Gmail drive, it might be worth starting some type of spreadsheet or something and noting that information on it, so that we kind of have you know, so in the future when we donate, we know what the past was. I don't think we need the receipt itself.
- E** Eleanor Gardner 53:54
Okay. I can go back and see in meeting minutes if that has been reported previously for other food drives. And that way we can maybe have some sort of a historical record.
- P** Pat Miller 54:07
We've tried in the past to put that information either in the minutes or in the newsletter whenever it went out. So there should be some record.
- E** Eleanor Gardner 54:16
Okay.
- N** Nick Kuzmyak 54:28
Oh, no. Kate?
- B** Bart Littlejohn 54:30
What's up?

N Nick Kuzmyak 54:30
Hey, there we go. Kate was trying to unmute us and did not doing a very good job.

K Kate Kuzmyak 54:34
Sorry!


B Bart Littlejohn 54:36
All right, but yeah, so - okay.


J Jen Unekis 54:39
Um, I had a quick question. Sorry, guys.


B Bart Littlejohn 54:41
No, go ahead.

N Nick Kuzmyak 54:42
The issue of ADUs has come up again with various people I've talked to in like city commission, Planning Commission, transportation commission, LAN, etc. Old West Lawrence has basically done like a focus group on it. Just quick summary - their board is not in favor of it, but people I've talked to in the neighborhood are in favor of ADUs, so odd. But I realized I- it would be nice to get our neighborhood's idea on them. So I was considering posting something on Facebook like a, like a quick vote. Maybe like, here's the thing, here's the link to it, quick summary, ADUs will maybe be allowed in a couple of new zones here in Lawrence. Supportive, not supportive, what's an ADU, don't care. You know, 4 of those options, because those are the four - you know, or it's complicated. So, if you guys are okay, with that, I can draft something up, send an email out to the board, see if you're okay with it, and then post it. Just so we get some kind of info on it.


B Bart Littlejohn 55:42
Yeah, that would be fine. And also, yeah, just a brief like description of, you know, just kind of a history of why this is important. Why this is being brought up kind of thing. You know.


 Nick Kuzmyak 55:54
I could.


 Bart Littlejohn 55:55
Yeah, and then - but yeah, I think that would be fine. Yeah. You know, hopefully we, we can get some sort of response. You know, so that we can have something to fall back on.


 Jen Unekis 56:04
Yeah. I mean, honestly, at this point, I'm thinking really lack of response indicates apathy, and that is kind of a response in itself. If nobody cares, then you know, have at it, planning commission, right? But if people do care, it would be nice to actually know.


 Bart Littlejohn 56:18
Absolutely.

 Nick Kuzmyak 56:19
So we'll see. Sounds good. I'll get that over soon.

 Bart Littlejohn 56:24
Cool. All right.

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And it was a- it's good to see little Ward attending the meeting.

 Nick Kuzmyak 56:31
Yeah, we forgot to call the grandparents in time. So. Last time, we had help, but this time he's ours.

 Bart Littlejohn 56:39
Yeah, I don't know if you heard but uh, Curtis - Curtis definitely made his appearance known as well.

K Kate Kuzmyak 56:43
Yeah, we saw Curtis too. It's a family event.

P Pat Miller 56:45
And cats have been up on the piano waving their tails. I've loved that. Where'd the red hair come from?

J Jen Unekis 56:56
Apparently both sides of our family has some kind of red hair. Just not us. Skipped a couple generations. Speaking of babies on Zoom meetings, I was speaking for multimodal transportation commission at the city Commission on Tuesday, I think. Maybe it was last Tuesday. And right in the middle of my one comment, you know, Kate comes through here and he just started bawling and yelling. I had to ask Porter and Ehling, like did you guys get any of that or just crying? They were like no, we heard it. It's okay. So, fun stuff happens on Zoom. Let's put it that way. Like cats walking across your desk. I've seen that a lot too.

B Bart Littlejohn 57:35
Oh, yeah. Everybody is adapting. So it's, it's all good. Does anybody else have any any updates or anything for the neighborhood?

N Nick Kuzmyak 57:48
I'm finally tapped out. Thanks.

J Jen Unekis 57:51
Uh, David and I would be interested in joining the naming committee in some way if it's still possible, anyway.

E Eleanor Gardner 57:58
Absolutely. Yeah. I saw your chat and I've got that noted. So I will add you guys to our, our email list. And I'll forward the the meeting minutes from last Saturday so that you're up to date.

J Jen Unekis 58:15
Okay, thanks.

P Pat Miller 58:18
You know, I don't know if everybody has access to Gmail, but you might think of starting a folder and sharing it with the people in your group that's on Gmail. So you can just like have that area. Like I still don't suggest that you necessarily need to give all your minutes to broader audiences, but you could sure put them in a G, whatever -

E Eleanor Gardner 58:49
Like a Google Drive folder?

P Pat Miller 58:51
Yeah, a Google Drive folder. And then I think even if you don't do Google Drive - if you don't use Google, I think you could still get access to it, I'm not sure?

E Eleanor Gardner 59:02
Yeah, I would just need to send it as a link to those that don't use Gmail and they can still like look at it - I don't think they would have editing privileges - but I think that's okay.

B Bart Littlejohn 59:16
Yeah, you can you can select it for however like specified for however, you know, however limited you want it to be so. Great idea. So, good deal and glad to have you guys aboard. So like I said, the more the merrier. We want to be as inclusive as possible with this. So um, but okay, if there is nothing else -

L Lori 59:42
I have something.

B Bart Littlejohn 59:43
Oh okay, go ahead.

L Lori 59:45
This is Lori.

B Bart Littlejohn 59:46
Oh okay.

L Lori 59:46
Sorry, I'm late getting here. But um, if there was anything from the neighborhood association with the park, about the drive entrance into the Clinton Park parking area? It's all buckled you drive- if you're in the low riding sedan, you scrape your bottom. And I've talked to Tyler Pike, but I didn't know if anything had come, or could come to just keep some pressure on. It's probably a four hour job for them to rip out the asphalt and replace it. It's just all buckled up. And so it's it's just not a good situation, it would be an easy fix. And it's supposedly on the list. I just didn't know if anything had been done from the neighborhood as far as taking care of that.

E Eleanor Gardner 60:34
Can you, Lori, can you repeat which park it is? I didn't catch that.

L Lori 60:39
Clinton Park - the shelter that we use. The drive.

E Eleanor Gardner 60:43
Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, that is a mess. You're right.

L Lori 60:45
Yeah. Yeah. So like I say, I've talked to Tyler Pike, who's in charge of, I guess, at least these parks or something. And he said, Oh, yeah, we'll look at the - I'm sure the city can do it. Whatever. Well, that's been a month. So I just didn't know if something could come from the neighborhood association. As just a little extra "Hey, can we get this done? Now, quickly?" I mean, it's, like I say, I don't think it'd be a very big job for them to take care of. So if we could just encourage them to do that, that would be great.

E Eleanor Gardner 61:26
I'd be in favor of sending an email or contacting, but I will leave that to the executive committee to decide.

B Bart Littlejohn 61:35
Oh, yeah, yeah, it's I believe it's something that we can definitely follow up on. And that's Clinton Park. And that's also it's a- and I'll have to go ahead and drive by cuz it's, it's been a while since I've been there. It's the drive up? And when you drive through, you just scrape on it? Okay.

E Eleanor Gardner 61:51
It's like got a series of really high - I don't know - humps.

B Bart Littlejohn 61:59
Okay. But yeah -

E Eleanor Gardner 62:01
It's like roots or something-

L Lori 62:02
It melted on a really hot day, and it just reformed the asphalt to be not good. So.

B Bart Littlejohn 62:09
Okay. Yeah, it's a it's something we can definitely we can follow up on because we've done stuff like that before especially with Burcham Park and things of that sort.

L Lori 62:19
Great.

B Bart Littlejohn 62:20
So. Okay. See, Does anyone else have any- anything? Alright, I'm not hearing anything. I

would entertain a motion to adjourn.

P Pat Miller 62:49
So moved.

K Kate Kuzmyak 62:51
I'll second.

B Bart Littlejohn 62:53
Okay. So Pat with first and then Kate, second. Any sort of comments or anything? Hearing none. All those in favor of adjourning say aye.

E Everybody 63:07
Aye.

B Bart Littlejohn 63:08
Any opposed? Okay, thank you all for coming and participating in this meeting. I think we had a pretty good attendance today, and I appreciate all you guys taking time out of your day to go ahead and do this. Really do appreciate it.

J Jen Unekis 63:22
Very efficient too.

E Everybody 63:24
Thanks. Bye! Thank you, bye!