

Roeland Park Historical Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 28th, 2021

Opening: The initial meeting of the Roeland Park Historical Committee was called to order at 3pm on Thursday January 28th, 2021 via a Zoom meeting facilitated by Councilman Michael Rebne.

Present: Michael Rebne and Tom Madigal council liasons, Chief John Morris, Chris Wolff and Jim Grebe.

Introductions: Each member briefly introduced themselves and discussed their interest in the committee.

Agenda: Councilman Rebne set the agenda with a discussion of the purpose of the committee being to explore the establishment of historical signs and markers in the City of Roeland Park to highlight points of historical and cultural interest for the community. Further goals are to be a discussion of whether to update the history of Roeland Park, *Roeling Through the Years* or possible write a new history from scratch.

Concilman Rebne and Chief Morris walked the committee through a powerpoint presentation outlining the need for historical signs and markers in the City of Roeland Park as well as some suggestions as to what these markers should cover. The committee discussed each suggested marker. A suggested list of possible markers was alsopresented by Chris Wolff.

1. Stone Santa Fe Trail Marker in front of City Hall. Something similar to the D.A.R. stone in Overland Park and all along the trail route.
2. The Southridge Market/ Southridge-Buena Vista Studio today
3. The Roe family farmhouse site. –Roe and Johnson Dr. Today.
4. The Quarry.-The old pool site.
5. The Washita Station on the Strang Line/Old Mission Golf Course Clubhouse. 47th terrace and Mohawk circle.
6. The John Tesar Dairy Farm-54th Terrace and Buena Vista.
7. Roesland School
8. Southridge Station on the Strang Ling. –Where Quiktrip is today.

Councilman Rebne added that he would like to add a sign that acknowledges the history of racial segregation in Roeland Park and the intent to change course. There was also a discussion of possibly adding a sign to acknowledge the old Roeland Park Elementary and Skyline Elementary Schools.

The committee also discussed the possibility of updating the Roe'ling Through the Years history of Roeland Park, which is now nearly 25 years old or perhaps writing a new history book from scratch, with the earlier book as a source. It was decided that the sign project should take precedence since it is the easier and quicker of the two projects.

Chris Wolff was voted chair of the committee.

Agenda for next meeting:

It was decided that the committee will meet at 3pm on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Chief Morris will pass on his research into the various vendors of historical signs and markers and the costs involved.

Chris Wolff will create a list of sign mockups based on his initial list. The rest of the committee will think about other potential signs they would like to see that can be added to the list.

Michael Rebne will reach out to Roeland Park residents Kathleen Whitworth and Allen Foley about joining the committee. He will also reach out to John Scott, the author of Roe'ling Through the Years about the committee's desire to update his book or perhaps use it as the nucleus of a new book.

Michael Rebne will ask Jen Jones Lacy to create an email group for the committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Next Meeting set at 3pm on February 25th.