

Roeland Park Historical Committee

13th Meeting Minutes

1/27/2022

Present:

Michael Rebne, Jim Grebe, Allen Foley, Ian Thompkins, Chris Wolff, Tom Madigan, Liz Vogel. Russ McCorkle, Ian Thompson, Chief Morris, Michael Poppa. Peter Macek was not in attendance

- 1. Update on Interpretive signs.** Ian walked the committee through the latest two designs of the interpretive signs. The Shawnee Baptist Mission and Early Communities of Roeland Park.
- 2. Carpenter Park.** There was a discussion of Carpenter Park as a possible location for the interpretive signs. Chris displayed a couple of mockup photos of what the signs would look like in the park and the committee discussed the pros and cons of the location. The overall consensus was that the committee would like to suggest Carpenter Park to the council as the location of the interpretive signs. Chris meets with the Parks committee on Feb 9th and will attempt to sell them on the project.
- 3. Baptist Mission interpretive sign:** Chris Wolff discussed the latest copy for the Baptist Mission Interpretive sign. All mention of the Methodist mission has been removed due to lack of space and the fact that the Methodist Mission has its own interpretive center.
- 4. Segregated Housing Interpretive Sign:** The committee discussed the two competing visions for the Interpretive sign discussing the issue of segregated housing. Councilman Poppa agreed to look at the copy of each sign and then possibly merge them. The committee will further discuss the sign at the next meeting.
- 5. Historical Committee going forward.** The committee failed to elect a new chair. Chris proposed that the committee attempt to finalize its work on the metal locational signs and the interpretive signs projects so that they could be presented to the council in March. The Santa Fe trail sign project and the Otocast project would be pushed off into a phase two of the committee that would resume in the fall. In the meantime, should the council approve the 2 projects, Chris will work with the individual committee

members on completing the two projects. The committee would cease to meet as a group and instead Chris would provide monthly status updates.

6. Agenda for next meeting.

- A. Chris Wolff will present to the Parks committee on Feb 9th.
- B. Michael Poppa will work on a new copy for the interpretive sign on Charles Vawter/incorporation of Roeland Park/Segregated Housing.
- C. Ian will continue to work on the designs for the Interpretive Signs.

The next meeting of the Roeland Park Historical Committee is February 24th at 3:30 pm. An agenda for the meeting will be sent out earlier that week.