

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes October 24, 2024
at City Hall, Roeland Park, KS

6:00 p.m. meeting called to order by Chair Madigan

Roll Call: Tom Madigan, Jenn Hill, Liz Vogel, Matt Bauer, Ian Tompkins, Anna Jacobson, Chief Morris, Jim Grebe. Also Carrie Paulette, DEI committee member.

Minutes of the August meeting was approved.

Unfinished Business

Land Acknowledgement Sign: Discussion regarding Anna's latest proposed text of a Land Acknowledgement sign which would be appropriate for a 24X36 sign. Anna gave the background to Carrie and explained the constraints (characters) for such a sign. Carrie thanked the committee for its work and offered several comments and suggestions. After several minor changes the following sign text was approved by the committee:

With respect and gratitude, we acknowledge Roeland Park as the ancestral homelands of the Kanza (Kaw), Wahzhazhe (Osage), and Jíwere-Nút'achi (Otoe-Missouria) Nations.

Our city is within the 18 million acres ceded by the Kaw in the Treaty of 1825. The Indian Removal Act of 1830 designated this area as the Shawnee Reservation, neighboring the Wa'dát (Wyandotte), Lenape (Delaware), and other displaced nations. Between 1839-1862, the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School, a tool in the forced acculturualization of Indigenous people, operated on this land. Its students represented over 20 Tribes.

As stewards of this place, we honor and celebrate these continuous relationships and commit to informing the unaware of the enduring connections between this land and Indigenous peoples: past, present, and future.

This along with the Roe sign will be presented to the City Council at the next meeting.

If approved, Ian will contact the sign fabricator for price quotes.

Anna gave a re-cap of her latest research.

Oral histories: Anna will be working with Kate Raglow.

New Business: None.

Our next meeting will be November 21 at 6 p.m., City Hall.

Adjournment at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted with respect,
Jim Grebe