

Roeland Park Historical Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 24th, 2021

Present: Michael Rebne, Tom Madigan, Jim Grebe, Allen Foley, Ian Thompkins, Russ McCorkle, Liz Vogel, Peter Macek, Chris Wolff. Chief Morris was not present.

Agenda:

- 1. Santa Fe Trail signage:** Allen updated the committee on the NPS signs marking the Santa Fe Trail in Roeland Park. Our previous understanding was that the NPS did not have the route correctly marked in NE Johnson County. This would have meant we would have had to go through their procedures to correct the route. However, the NPS has already marked this route for official correction. Once that happens we would be clear to request signs from them. Allen also shared two maps. One was potential spots in Roeland Park to place the proposed NPS signs and the other was the route of a potential walking/biking tour of the route of the Santa Fe Trail through Roeland Park.
- 2. Project Mark:** The committee had previously discussed creating a mark or brand for the signs eventually created by the project. The discussion at this meeting centered on refining how exactly we would like the mark to look. The design artists on the team will use this discussion to guide the creation of new ideas as their time permits.
- 3. Preparation for the Historical Committee update to City Council on 7/6:** Chris shared some powerpoint slides he had created and some talking points he had written. The committee discussed and advised on the presentation of the update.
- 4. Interpretive Signage location:** There was further discussion on a possible location of an interpretive signage walk similar in nature to what some of our neighboring communities have created (Shawnee, Merriam, Overland Park, KCMO Loose Park). Some of these theoretical ideas include a park location, city hall and the “Boomerang” tract at Roe and Johnson Dr.
- 5. Next Steps:** The committee discussed the next steps in the project. It was decided to start the creation of a formal proposal for the four different projects considered by the committee: Santa Fe Trail signage, Otocast Tour, Metal Historic Location signage, Interpretive Signage. Chris agreed to provide copy, photos, and sign dimensions to the designers on the team (Russ, Ian and Liz). They agreed, time permitting to create a mockup of a metal locational sign and an interpretive sign. The topic for the signs

chosen was the Roe Home for the locational sign and the Roe family itself for the interpretive sign. These mockups would be intended for the eventual formal presentation to council on the committee's recommendation.

Agenda For Next Meeting:

- a. Follow up on committee update to the city council on July 6th.
- b. Follow up on project mark.
- c. Follow up on sign mockups.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm

Next Meeting set at 3pm on Thursday July 22nd.