

Roeland Park Historical Committee

11th Meeting Minutes

12/02/2021

Present:

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

- 1. Reschedule of December Meeting.** It was agreed that the committee would not meet again in December and instead meet at its regularly scheduled January meeting.
- 2. Carpenter Park.** There was a brief discussion of Carpenter Park as a possible location for the interpretive signs. The park has a central circular walkway that would make a good location for an historical plaza. The park is shaded much of the time, which would increase the life of the signs. There is ample parking at the library. The library location is central to Roeland Park and has much traffic. Committee chair Chris Wolff agreed to approach the Parks Committee to get their thoughts on this as a location.
- 3. Chris Wolff stepping down:** Chris Wolff announced that he would be stepping down from the leadership role of the committee after the first of the year. The regular time for a committee to choose a leader is in January. Chris agreed to stay in his position through February if necessary. He agreed to remain part of the committee perhaps in a consulting role.
- 4. Interpretive Sign Copy:** 2nd or 3rd drafts of all proposed signs have been completed and made available to all committee members. Ian provided a life-size file of his mockup of the Roe family sign, which Chris printed out in life size. From examination of the poster, it is clear that the font size chosen is legible. It is also the same size font used in other interpretive signs in Merriam, Shawnee and Leavenworth documented by Chris Wolff. From examination of the life-size poster it was clear that one of the interpretive signs in particular, the sign that documents both the Shawnee Baptist and the Shawnee Methodist missions, would have too much text to fit on the sign. There was a discussion of using this sign to focus on the Baptist Mission since the Methodist Mission has the State Historical Site and museum dedicated to it already. There would be a mention on

the sign that the Methodist and Quaker Missions existed but the focus would be on the Baptist Mission. Chris agreed to rework the copy for that sign accordingly.

5. **Meeting Adjourned to do technical difficulties.** The Zoom connection failed at 4:10pm and due to technical difficulties, it was impossible to reconnect. It was decided via email to adjourn the meeting and meet again at the regular January meeting.
6. **Agenda for next meeting.**

Chris Wolff will present an update to the city council on Monday January 20th.

All committee members have been provided the copy for all of the different signs: Locational, Interpretive, Otocast. They have been asked to review all of the copy and be ready to discuss at the January Meeting. In particular committee members have been asked to review the two concepts for the sign on segregated housing and be ready to discuss.

The next meeting of the Roeland Park Historical Committee is January 27th at 3:30 pm. An agenda for the meeting will be sent out earlier that week.