

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes September 7, 2023

6:01 meeting called to order

Roll Call: Chair Allen Foley, Anna Jacobson, Chief Morris, Liz Vogel, Tom Madigan, Kate Raglow, Ian Tomkins, Miel Castagna-Herrera, Jim Grebe
Absent: None

Approval of August 17, 2023 meeting minutes moved by Tom and seconded by Ian.

Jim remarked that the RP Community Center remodeling project, currently underway, includes large panels in the hallways illustrating historical subjects (the old pool, Strang Line, old school house, etc.).

Unfinished business

Anna summarized her recent activities related to our project.

Discussed citizens' comments regarding our proposal at the May 2, 2022 Council meeting. Tom, Miel and Kate will contact those who commented and update them regarding our progress.

Anna reviewed her list of essay topics. Trying to find more information regarding Latinx history in RP, also red-lining, white flight and racial covenants as Vawter developed neighborhoods. RP's recent history of inclusiveness (protection of LGBT identities via anti-discrimination ordinance in 2014).

Anna would like to combine topic #4 "Development and Becoming a City" and topic #5 "Redlining and White Flight: The part it played in RP's development."

Allen suggested that a timeline would be useful.

Miel will send section #1 "Pre-colonization environmental and Indigenous history" to Chief Barnes of the Shawnee tribe.

Allen suggested that Anna contact Merriam for possible information about the Quaker mission. The librarian at the Missouri Valley Room could not find the file regarding the Shawnee Baptist Mission. Allen offered that he has a list of students who attended the Shawnee Methodist Mission.

Anna would like to write an essay about how children's lives changed here over the years but probably would not have enough time to pursue this.

Essay length is projected to be approximately 3,000 words per topic.

Discussion about signage for the Santa Fe trail and other names that might be used, respecting indigenous cultures. Anna remarked that this may not be within the scope of her contract.

We discussed the oral histories part of our project. (done before the holidays?) Tom suggested that, via the newsletter, we ask residents who would like to participate. Kate will send wording to Jennifer Jones-Lacy.

At our next meeting we will review the first essay draft. This will be sent to the committee on 9/18. Questions and comments should be sent to Keith Moody prior to our 9/20 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:24

NEXT MEETING 6 pm, September 20, 2023 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grebe