

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes October 26, 2023 at City Hall.

6:05pm meeting called to order

Roll Call: Chair Allen Foley, Anna Jacobson, Tom Madigan, Ian Tomkins, Jim Grebe

Absent: Kate Raglow, Liz Vogel, Miel Castagna-Herrera, Chief Morris

Approval of September 20, 2023 meeting minutes.

Unfinished business

Anna summarized her draft of the first essay, working title: “‘Central to Any Real Understanding’: An Environmental and Indigenous Contextualization of Roeland Park, Kansas.” Approximately 3,000 words. Topics included: 19th century attitudes toward indigenous peoples, the great plains, myths and misconceptions and how related to Roeland Park.

Ecology of the area, transitional from hard wood forest to bluestem prairie. Diversity of indigenous cultures. Kansa people in our area. Agriculture, hunting and foraging. Treaty of 1825 which reduced their land from twenty-million acres to two-million acres across Kansas and Nebraska. Promotion of agriculture and Agricultural schools. Treaty of 1846 which reduced Kansa lands to 256,000 acres. Continued reduction of tribal land and population and in 1872 the tribe moved to Oklahoma.

In summary, the significance of the Roeland Park area to the Kansa culture and the cost incurred as this area became a state and a city.

New Business: Allen handed out a proposal: “First Road Project” for discussion at our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55.

NEXT MEETING 6 pm, November 30, 2023 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grebe

