

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes April 25, 2024 at City Hall

6:04 p.m. meeting called to order by Chair Madigan

Roll Call: Tom Madigan, Allen Foley, Liz Vogel, Ian Tompkins, Jim Grebe.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the March meeting was approved.

Old Business

Oral histories: Anna will begin this in May. Suggested that Kate Raglow also be involved.

Roe sign: Committee approved a minor change to the draft. Tom will forward this version to the D.E.I Committee and, if approved, will present it to the Council:

In 1883, Irish immigrant and Missouri farmer John Roe purchased approximately 270 acres of the former Shawnee Reservation from the heirs of Thomas Johnson, founder of the Shawnee Methodist Mission. By 1890, Roe had purchased nearly 1600 acres in the area. This sign indicates the site of the Roe's 16 room, 2-story family home, "The Cedars of Merriam". The Roe family promoted development in the area, and after John's death in 1920, they sold land to housing developers and donated land for the original Roeland Park Pool and St. Agnes Catholic Church and School. In 1951, the city of Roeland Park was incorporated, including much of the Roe Farm.

Allen initiated a discussion regarding the old maps that were included in Anna's latest report.

Committee Archives: Jim and Tom will research their files for information about the committee's earliest meetings and the proposal that was presented to the Council two years ago.

Adjournment at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted with respect,

Jim Grebe