

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes June 27, 2024 at City Hall, Roeland Park, KS

6:02 p.m. meeting called to order by Chair Madigan

Roll Call: Tom Madigan, Allen Foley, Matt Bauer, Ian Tompkins, Jenn Hill, Anna Jacobson, Jim Grebe.

Minutes of the May meeting was approved.

Unfinished Business

Roe sign: Tom reported that the Mayor suggested that we delay this until we include a land acknowledgement sign.

Anna reported that she finished the final draft of her second essay and that this has been sent to the committee.

Oral histories: Along with Kate Raglow, Anna is making list of those long-time residents who wish to share their stories about living in Roeland Park. She has interviewed three persons to date.

Committee Archives: Allen suggested that we gather past committee minutes and presentations. Tom will contact Jennifer Jones-Lacy about the searchability of our past minutes on the city website.

New Business

Tom presented a collection of old R.P. newsletters dating back to 1958 which he found in a storeroom. He also offered to lend a bound copy of *Roe 'ling through the Years in Roeland Park* to anyone interested.

Land Acknowledgement Sign: Allen presented a suggested sign:

A Reflection and Call for Action in Roeland Park

Within the history of Roeland Park, Kansas, we acknowledge those who, as Native, Indigenous, and enslaved people, contributed to its foundation. We honor their presence on our soil and their struggle for freedom and equality.

We also acknowledge the failings of the past, which include unjust choices regarding status, rights, and opportunities. It is essential to learn from these historical injustices as we commit to ensuring that Roeland Park is a place where freedom and equality are realized for all.

As we reflect on Roeland Park's history, we are reminded of our collective responsibility to uphold these principles and strive for a community where every individual is valued and respected. Let us move forward with this commitment, welcoming all who stand on our soil today and in the future.

The committee discussed this and thanked Allen for this draft. It agreed that the best location for such a sign would be at City Hall. Anna will bring an alternative version to our next meeting.

Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted with respect,
Jim Grebe