



## Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting NOTES

**Wednesday, November 6 at 12:00 pm**  
**Memorial Auditorium**

**Members Present:** Glennis Peck, Lacy O'Malley, Ryan Williams, , Bo Bowman, Kristen Thomas, Mark Newbold, PJ Graham

**Others Present:** Sarah Runyon (City of Pittsburg), Dustin Strong (Morning Sun), Trudy Hanson (Citizen NE Quad)

**Members Absent:** Bob Gilmore, Marnie Shipper, Sarah Watts

### Call to Order – Lacy O'Malley

- Guest Introductions
- Agenda Review

### 1. Review/Approve Last Meeting Notes – Action Needed

- Motion to Approve as written – Ryan Williams
- Second – PJ Graham
- **All in favor / Unanimous**

### 2. Open Discussion – Quadrant Issues, Concerns or Bright Ideas (5 – 10 minutes)

- **Note Taker** - Need to identify a new notetaker since Bo Bowman has resigned from the board.
- **Storm Sirens** – Some questions were raised about how the storm sirens operate. Sarah said there are representatives in the city who listen for the sirens and notify the traffic department when there is a malfunction. There is also technology involved in monitoring the system to check for issues. Sirens are tested monthly during storm season.
- **Storm Shelters** - Group discussed the possibility of community storm shelters and what it would take to establish them in Pittsburg, as the city does not currently have public storm shelters. Suggestions included inviting more city representatives and county representatives to speak with the NAC at a future meeting. Sarah will invite city management and/or emergency responders, and Glennis offered to reach out to Crawford County Emergency Manager Rusty Akins.
- **Fall Spruce Up** - Ryan updated the group on the Fall Spruce Up event and said it was successful but there were a lot of lessons learned. A process should be established by the NAC that can be duplicated and used for future cleanups. Ryan made a motion to establish a Cleanup Task Force subcommittee to focus solely on creating a framework for future events. Lacy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mark, PJ, Lacy, and Ryan agreed to serve on the task force and meet separately from the regular NAC meetings to work on this effort.
- **Road Patches** – Ryan noted that there are dozens of SeeClickFix requests for potholes and asked for what progress can be made – either to fix them or follow up with some form of communication.
- **Water Main Breaks** – Glennis mentioned that it can take a long time to patch a utility repair after a water main break. What does that process look like and how do city crews address those? Sarah will find out the answers to these questions and follow up after speaking with Public Works. Reminder – if you have a question related to roads, sidewalks, utilities or other topic, you can reach out directly to the

department head or send city staff those questions ahead of the meeting and they can be prepared with answers to those questions.

- **Housing Needs Assessment Open House** – Several NAC members attended the open house events for the Housing Needs Assessment and shared feedback that it was a wide range of individuals and businesses who participated. Sarah said the city will receive the new set of goals at the beginning of next year (2025) along with further data on housing in Pittsburg.

### **3. 8 Front Doors Challenge – Lacy O’Malley**

- Lacy shared about the 8 Front Doors Challenge, a program that is being implemented in Wichita and other cities to encourage neighbors to connect. This could be adopted by the NAC and shared on the city’s website or another neighborhood resource page separate from the city’s.

### **4. Board Vacancy – SE & NE Quadrant Opening**

- Several applications have been submitted for the SE Quadrant. Applicants are needed in the NE Quadrant. Trudy was invited to apply. Appointments to the board will be made by the City Commission in December and applications are available online or at the City Clerk’s office.

### **5. Goals Update: *Review 2024 goals and accomplishments***

- December meeting will focus on goals accomplished in 2024 and future goals for 2025.
- ***HOMEWORK for next NAC meeting – please specific goals you would like the NAC to accomplish next year.*** An extra 30 minutes will be added to the meeting time to accommodate for a robust discussion.
- Food will be provided! Sarah will send details.

### **6. Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, December 4 at 12:00 - 1:30PM at the Memorial Auditorium.**

- January Meeting will be held on January 8, due to the New Year’s holiday.

### **7. Adjournment – Action Needed**

- Motion to Approve – PJ Graham
- Second – Glennis Peck
- **All in favor / Unanimous**