**Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association**

**Board Meeting**

**January 16, 2023**

 The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM, at host site, Wakonda Church. Board Members present were George Davis, Steve Utterson, Joe Harrison, Steve Sarcone, Pete Conrad, Nick VanPatten, Jon Shelness. Katie Hernandez with City of Des Moines project development was presenting a proposal.

 The Board approved the minutes from the November 21, 2022, and the treasurers report for January 16, 2023.

 Katie Hernandez presented possible TIF Tax develop areas in the southwest area of our neighborhood. They are bounded by SW 63rd on the west and County Line Road on the south. TIF is an incentive for new development which subsidizes their investment.

 A new mailing address list costing around $189 per year was approved. This will reduce returned mailing of postcards which exceeded 275 in the last mailing. The cost is yearly for the address list with unlimited use.

 The Board meeting schedule will continue to be the third Monday of each month. General meetings will take place in April, August, and November. Other general meetings will be scheduled as needed. Usually, a general meeting happens in September or early October. We have had general meetings regarding issues in February.

 Concerns were expressed about the closed Velaro Store at 30th and SW Park Ave. becoming a liquor store. A rumor currently.

 Road conditions are a real concern in the neighborhood. Many are in very bad condition. Repairs seem to break down quickly.

 Business vacancies on Fleur Drive and Park Ave. along with public transportation options continue to be discussed.

The meeting closed at 7:48 PM. Next meeting is February 20th.

Minutes by George Davis for Ginny Renda, Secretary.