**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS BOARD MEETING**

**Monday-September 18, 2017**

**6:00PM**

 The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM, in the home of Nick Van Patten, by Board President George Davis. Board Members present were; George Davis, Nick Van Patten, Penny Harrison, Heather Carman, Steve Utterson, Joe Harrison, Darlene Blake and Dave Johnston of Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association.

Minutes from the August 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurers report was approved as presented by Treasurer Heather Carman.

Steve Utterson gave a SCRUB Day report followed by suggestions of redirecting traffic and the entrance of the dump site. Over 400 cars were accommodated.

The Southwestern Hills City Council Forum was approved with updated questions and details. The Forum will be Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30. Brody Middle School will be the site with candidates Mike Kiernan and Josh Mandelbaum both confirming. Other candidates have not responded to emails. Some questions pre-sent to candidates were:

1) Neighborhood infrastructure has fallen behind. Some believe commitments to downtown development has caused this. What can you do for neighborhood development?

2) Dart transit does not serve the total area west of Fleur Drive to WDM. In other parts of the city, bus stops have no benches and people must stand and wait with young kids and elderly. Many are seen sitting on the curbs. Lots of our tax dollars go to DART.  Your view?

3) Our individual neighborhood issues are specific to us and do not go through blanket groups such as DM Neighbors or other groups.  Will that openness continue with you and in your attendance at some of our meetings?

4) Getting things done on the City Council requires four votes. Will you be able to get those votes on issues that involve our ward?

We are hoping for audience participation on other issues.

The Board set and approved the date of the General Fall Meeting and election of SWHNA board members to be on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 PM.

Guest, Dave Johnston had questions about starting their neighborhood association and stated he was very impressed with SWHNA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27

Summited by George Davis