**Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**November 3, 2016-Brody Middle School-6:30PM**

The meeting was call to order at 6:30pm by President George Davis. Board members present included George Davis, Heather Carman, Julie Calder, Ginny Renda, Steve Utterson, Steve Sarcone, Penny Harrison, Nick VanPatten and Jon Shelness. Special Guests included: City Councilman-Bill Gray, City Manager-Scott Sanders, City Public Works Director-Jonathan Gano, Police Liaison officer-Sgt.Lance Ripperger, Police Chief-Dana Wingert, Waterworks Foundation Representatives-Sam Carrell and Mike Bell. Over 130 Southwestern Hills Members were also in attendance.

An election of Southwestern Hills Board members for 2017-2018 terms was held. Julie Calder, Penny Harrison, Heather Carman, Jon Shelness and Joe Harrison were elected to the two year terms.

Public Works Director, Jonathan Gano reported the widening of Park Ave. from SW 63rd going east to SW 56th. He also stated resurfacing George Flagg Parkway was scheduled for 2017. Regarding Fleur Drive, repairs will continue as reported from citizens. He encouraged residents to sign up for My DSM mobile app, a free download on your Iphone, to report needed repairs.

Waterworks Foundation speaker, Sam Carrell did a presentation of future sights in the park including stages, ponds, walking areas and a proposed tunnel under Fleur Drive. 2018 is the year construction will begin. Several questions were addressed both for and against the project and the tunnel. The residents felt another meeting is in order as the timeline gets closer and road studies are finished. City Manager, Scott Sanders also added input on the project and the cities role moving forward. Hosted concerts and their size was also a concern.

Chris Hensley was unable to attend but sent an email which stated refund checks, for the franchise fee, should be coming this month. She included other areas of concern in the neighborhood including housing and streets.

City Manager, Scott Sanders was made aware of the bridge needing to be reopened at SW 46th and McKinley in case of needed emergency traffic and a denied housing development in the area of SW 56th-south of Park Ave because it is listed as commercial development.

Police Liaison Officer, Lance Ripperger addressed the SWHNA members and received a standing ovation for the work and support regarding the police department and the tragedy of two policemen’s murder. It was very emotional and included Chief Wingert speaking about unity. Blue porch lights show police support and many neighbors are displaying them.

Guests stayed after the meeting and answered many question from neighbors.

The well attended meeting adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted by,

Ginny Renda, Secretary