SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The meeting held at Wakonda Christian Church was called to order by President George Davis at 6:00pm on September 19, 2022. Board members present were George Davis, Nick Van Patten, Ginny Renda, Jon Shelness, Pete Conrad, Steve Sarcone, and Joe Harrison. There were also 22 SWHNA members who attended this meeting with questions and concerns regarding the TIM’s CLUBe house located at 3700 SW 35th Street.

The minutes of the August 15, 2022 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer’s report sent by email was reviewed and approved.

SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW OF NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

Joel Thorson (program director) for TIM’s CLUBe in home resident program Located at 3700 SW 35th Street, gave an overview and answered questions. He stated this house was established to accommodate recovering drug and alcohol addicts. This home could house up to eight men who are recovering addicts and “not convicted” of violent crimes. The men in this facility are expected to get jobs and attend all services. The average length of stay is 6 months but could be extended. Mr. Thorson stated he is a registered pastor, a life coach, and a recovered drug and alcohol addict. He is the overseer of the residents and address any violations. His organization is registered as a non profit. The residents pay a monthly fee.

Neighbors living around this new residential program house voiced concerns about the use of the property. Some concerns raised included other criminal charges of residents which are not stated. Are there State restrictions required of program clients? The program has changed the character of the neighborhood regarding safety and outside activities as stated by many neighbors. Mr. Thorson stated residents are protected by Federal and State law regarding their disabilities. Neighbors are welcome to visit any time without prior notice. He has five other houses in Des Moines and has not had any concerns raised. Neighbor’s and the SWHNA Board will continue to seek legal answers regarding this situation.

AIR BNB

There was a short discussion of truck drivers using Air BnBs. This practice is apparently legal. Semis can legally park in the street, but the trailers cannot be parked in the street.

SCRUB DAY

SCRUB Day was held on September 17, 2022. The City of Des Moines allowed residents of DM to drop off junk, appliances, material to be shredded, and hazardous waste. It was a rainy morning so there were fewer cars and trucks that dropped off items. Southwestern Hills and Gray’s Lake Neighborhood Associations Board Members worked the event.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022

Minutes written and submitted by Ginny Renda, Secretary SWHNA