**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING**

**August 18, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by George Davis. Board members attending were George Davis, Jon Shelness, Steve Sarcone, Steve Utterson, Pete Conrad, Nick VanPatten, and Joe Harrison. Invited guests/speakers included SuAnn Donovan (City of Des Moines code enforcement), Dana Wingert (Des Moines Chief of Police), and over 35 neighbors of Southwestern Hills.

Minutes from 7/17/22 meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer’s report, summitted online by Heather Carman was approved as written.

The large attendance was in response to a newly established live in recovery home at 3700 SW 35th. The home is rented from homeowner Nick Tobin to Tim’s Clube, a faith-based organization. The organization has more homes used in the Des Moines area. The Executive Director is Joel Thorson.

Neighbor concerns included resident’s crime convictions, just released from incarceration, safety of neighbors, young kids, and teenagers in area homes, who monitors residents, hour restrictions and many more concerns. Some of the neighbor’s work for the Department of Corrections and have closeness issues. The meeting had very deep concerns by all.

Chief Wingert has been staying informed on the residents and their restrictions. SuAnn Donovan thinks the housing might be in violation of codes and will follow through with our concerns. She will issue violations to the owner and stated they have the right to appeal. This type of programming is happening in all areas of Des Moines. All neighbors were encouraged to join the SWHNA.

The Board reviewed the Neighbor Night Out picnic and was very pleased with the turn out of over 350 with heat being an issue. Total cost was around the $5,000 mark with mailings, meals, table and chairs, sno-cones, and prizes. Many political guests stopped by. Overall, it was a City success.

SCRUB DAY (9/17) will happen before our next Board Meeting (9/19) from 7AM-1PM. Jon will go the whole day. Steve Utterson will go early until called away. Sarcone and Joe will go 7-10 and Pete will go 10-1. Other Board members will call in times.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Minutes are submitted by,

George Davis for the Secretary’s approval.