                           SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION   
                                             BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
                                                            APRIL 16, 2018  
  
Board Members present included: George Davis, Ginny Renda, Joe Harrison, Nick VanPatten, Steve Sarcone, Jon Shelness, and Steve Utterson. Guests addressing the Board included: Josh Mandelbaum, Third Ward City Council Member, Chris Green, neighborhood member, and Summer Song, seeking board approval for a zoning adjustment.  
  
The meeting was called to order by President George Davis at 6:00 PM. The minutes of the March 19, 2018 Board Meeting and the minutes of the April 5, 2018 General Meeting were discussed, reviewed, and approved.  
  
The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as presented by Heather Carmen.  
  
FLEUR DRIVE  
Councilman Josh Mandelbaum gave a report on the current plan to reconstruct Fleur Drive. He stated this project would be done in stages starting in 2019.  Some members of the Board thought that previous City of Des Moines officials had a dedicated starting point of 2018. The Board has concern about the delayed time frame.

PHASE 1.  Spring- Fall 2019, would reconstruct northbound Fleur Drive from the intersection of Watrous Ave. North to just South of George Flagg PKWY. The existing southbound lanes would accommodate single-lane northbound and southbound head to head traffic while the northbound lanes are closed for construction.

PHASE 2.  Spring - Fall 2020:  Phase 2 reconstructs southbound Fleur Drive from the intersection of Watrous Ave. North to just South of George Flagg PRKY. The reconstructed northbound lane would accommodate single-lane northbound and southbound head to head traffic while the southbound lanes are closed for construction.

PHASE 3.  Anticipated 2020-2021:  Phase 3. Reconstructs northbound and southbound Fleur Drive from McKinley Avenue North to Watrous Avenue. This section of roadway may take one-two construction seasons.  
Sidewalks are currently planned for both sides of Fleur Drive. A majority of the Board Members are in favor of this plan. It was recommended that home owners be notified about the sidewalks and the Board would like to see the time frame for the reconstruction of Fleur Drive be reduced from 5 years to 3 years. Neighbor, Chris Green suggested that underground water pipes be installed to water the flowers and foliage that run down the center of Fleur. This would be possible while the street is under construction.

REZONING OF SW 31TH STREET AND MCKINLEY

Neighbor, Summer Song wants to have the property at SW 31st and McKinley rezoned from commercial to residential so her family can build a single family home at that location. The zoning commission will address this issue at their May meeting. The SWHNA Board fully supports her request.

REZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 3343 AND 3349 MCKINLEY

The request for this property is to remove restrictions and allow for separate assess for each property. The Board was supportive of this request.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON SW 56TH STREET

Chris Green has some concerns about this project. He believes that there needs to be better coordination and planning for this development and the Toon housing project.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY ID

Jon Shelness discussed his neighborhood property identification program designed to label and record household items, electronic, and tools. This program is designed to discourage theft and help the police recover stolen property and convict criminals. Most Board members felt that this was a beneficial product but the Board has a policy of not endorsing private businesses even though most members are signed up for this program..

NEW BUSINESS

The traffic light turn arrows at Park Avenue and Fleur Dr. when turning left towards town needs to be reset to allow two or more cars to safely turn left. At this time the signal is too fast.

The meeting was concluded at 8:00pm

Minute Summited by Ginny Renda, Board Secretary.