SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING JULY 21, 2025

The July 2025 Board meeting was called to order by President George Davis at 6:00 pm. Board members present included George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Ginny Renda, Penny Harrison, Pete Conrad, Jon Shelness, and Steve Utterson.

The minutes of the June 18 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer’s Report submitted by Heather Carman was discussed and approved.

The Board discussed the final plans for the August 5th Neighbors Night Out Picnic. Tables and chairs have been ordered and will arrive on the morning of August 5th. The church parking lot has been reserved for the picnic. Postcards have been sent to the neighbors of Southwestern Hills. Hy Vee will be ready to serve at 5:00 pm, and dinners will be served until 6:45 pm. President Davis is trying to get the snow cone stand. Each board member has given Penny Harrison at least two gift cards or two $20 bills for the prize drawings. If neighbors want to pay dues, Ginny Renda will handle membership forms and money. We should have available a list of paid members, membership applications, pens, and tickets for the drawing. Police and fire departments, and city officials will be invited by President Davis.

There will be a Waldinger Land Development hearing on July 31, 2025, from 5 to 6 pm. The City of Des Moines Planning and Zoning will hear arguments for the rezoning of the 6200 Scott Trail building expansion. This is four acres of land on the north side of Waldinger’s existing property. Waldinger wants the land rezoned industrial.

NEW BUSINESS

Some neighbors have complained about drag racing on SW 56th Street. President Davis has advised them to call the police or contact Officer Marquez, our police resource officer.

Board Members and neighbors would like to know why the city is closing the intersection of Park Avenue and Fleur Drive to put in sidewalks when George Flagg Parkway is closed?

The trees on 56th Street need to be trimmed.

The Board opposes the removal of Engine #8 from the Mckinely Fire Station.

Board members would like to know the plans for the abandoned gas station at SW 35th and Park Avenue.

Board Minutes submitted by SWHNA Secretary Ginny Renda