SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2025

President George Davis opened the General Meeting held in conjunction with Neighbors Night Out for meals at 5:00 pm. The program is hosted in the Wakonda Church parking lot. Board Members present were George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Ginny Renda, Joe Harrison, Pete Conrad, Steve Utterson, Heather Carman, and Steve Sarcone.

Fire engine #8 was presented for public viewing. Members expressed satisfaction upon learning that it will continue to be stationed at McKinley fire station #8.

Southwestern Hills President George Davis welcomed neighbors and introduced the City Officials who were in attendance. He also reminded everyone that monthly board meetings are open for neighborhood attendance and concerns with finances reviewed and discussed. Dates are listed on the website swhna.com

Councilperson Mike Simonson discussed improvements in the City of Des Moines. Neighbors being involved is very important.

Councilperson Carl Voss talked about embracing businesses on the Southside and the progress of Fleur Drive.

Councilperson Josh Mandelbaum discussed city budget issues and how everyone is working to keep our city great.

Police Chief Michael McTaggart reported on neighborhood resources including officers.

Polk County Supervisor Matt McCoy said he was impressed with the number of people attending the meeting and Neighbors Night Out. Our neighborhood association is a model for the community. He encouraged neighbors to reach out to him with questions.

 City Officials spent time visiting with the people in attendance and addressing individual concerns

After all the City Officials had an opportunity to speak, President Davis invited neighbors to enjoy the buffet dinner catered by HyVee.

The Next General Meeting is planned for September and will focus on City codes and violations.

Minutes submitted by SWHNA Secretary – Ginny Renda