**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GENERAL MEETING**

**April 6, 2021**

The 6:00PM April special general meeting was co-sponsored by the City of Des Moines and Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association. Board members present included: George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Heather Carman, Joe Harrison, Steve Utterson, Jon Shelness and Pete Conrad.

The meeting was held via City Zoom and was attended by forty-six participates.

Jeff Wiggins, Transportation Planner for the City was the presenter.

An overview of speed reduction efforts on Stanton Ave. and SW 23rd by Brody Middle School were presented.

**Stanton Ave**

The concept plan includes 3 speed humps between SW 26th and SW 31st.  At a December 2020 City Council meeting on this topic a City Council Member requested that a sidewalk be added on one side of the street (this is still in study and undetermined between SW 26th and SW 31st.)

Some neighbors questioned; would they be assessed if the street were re-done.

Roadway repaving is not part of the traffic calming project and is not planned or programmed in this area at this time.  For many years the City of Des Moines assessed for roadway and sidewalk projects.  This included a process for residents to participate in funding approximately 25% of the total project. The City no longer assesses for roadway or sidewalk improvements.  Instead, the City has moved toward simply funding projects of this nature with the local option sales and service tax (LOSST).

Some neighbors requested a 4-way stop sign at 31st and Stanton.

Jeff Wiggens answered each question and made his email available for future questions. The Association was pleased with his efforts and planning on this issue.

Jeff will get back with a concept plan for SW 23rd.

The meeting was concluded at 7:21.

Meeting summary was prepared by George Davis for Board Secretary Ginny Renda.