**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS BOARD MEETING

                     MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The Board Meeting was held at Wakonda Christian Church and was called to order at 6:00PM by President George Davis. Board members present were George Davis, Ginny Renda, Julie Calder, Jon Shelness, Steve Sarcone and Nick VanPatten

The Board Minutes of the September 18,2017 meeting were discussed and approved as written.
The Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Treasurer Heather Carman.

The “City Council Forum” hosted by SWHNA on September 19th was very successful, with over seventy in attendance. Two of the candidates, Michael Kiernan and Josh Mandelbaum presented their ideas for Des Moines and Ward 3. Questions included many topics from those in attendance. The SWHNA Board suggests the continued hosting of forums that include issues in our neighborhood.

Zoning Board of Adjustment issues were discussed regarding our neighborhood area. This included a variance request from Waterworks. The public review and variances regarding parking and future development of playgrounds along with event venues did not provide enough information for the Board to support or deny this variance.

SWHNA will sponsor a Park and Recreation Department request to host a special meeting at Brody Middle School on October 26th at 6:15pm. The Department will do a presentation of future parks in our area and what we want in those parks. They are seeking neighborhood input specific to their future master plan. An email will be sent to our neighbors informing them of this meeting and seeking their input.
The SWHNA General Meeting will be held Thursday November 9th at 6:30 PM. Notification postcards will be sent to the entire neighborhood area, as well as, emails. The meeting will include the election of Board Members and general neighborhood concerns. Anyone interested in running for a Board Position must submit their name prior to the meeting. Current Board Members seeking reelection include; George Davis, Darlene Blake, Steve Sarcone, Steve Utterson, Ginny Renda and Nick Van Patten. Chris Hensley will be honored as she is retiring from the City Council after many years of service to the City of Des Moines. The board plans to have some kind of desert to thank her for her years of service.

President Davis recognized the efforts of Nick Van Patten who worked with the City Council to pass the rezoning of two parcels of land for new housing projects in the Southwestern Hills Area south of 56th and Park Ave.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.
Minutes Summited by Ginny Renda