SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING JULY 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President George Davis at 6:00 in the backyard of board member Steve Sarcone. Board members present included: George Davis, Nick Van Patten, Ginny Renda, Penny Harrison, Steve Sarcone, Steve Utterson, Joe Harrison, Pete Conrad, and Jon Shelness.

The treasurer’s report submitted by Heather Carmen dated 7-20-20 was review and approved as submitted.

The June meeting was held via email and was designed to approve the treasurer’s report and confirm the Neighbors Night Out date of October 6, 2020

It was noted at the meeting that Park Avenue East of Fleur Drive has finally opened for traffic but now Watrous Avenue is closed for at least 6 weeks.

Our board discussed the Des Moines School Board’s recent approval of a Drake/DM School partnership to build a $17,000,000 stadium East of the Knapp Center on Forest Avenue. A motion passed by SWHNA board to let the Des Moines voters decide if taxpayer money should be used to build this stadium. Our SWHNA board is in favor of a public vote on the $17,000,000+ stadium project.

Neighbors Night Out has been rescheduled for October 6, 2020. We will be sending postcards to notify neighbor of this change and asking members to pay their 2020 dues. We will not be getting a grant from Polk County this year, so it is important that members pay their dues. We will wait till the August board meeting to determine if NNO will held this year.

Frank Vala has sent a request for a traffic study on SW 23rd St. from Park Avenue to Bell Avenue. Our board has not noticed that this area is a problem.

SCRUB Day is Saturday, September 19, 2020. Board members will work in shifts on SCRUB Day. Board members Jon Shelness and Steve Utterson are in charge of this event.

Speed cameras are planned for SW 31th ST.

It was noted that long time supporter and member of Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association, Dr. John McCall passed away at the age of 103. Our oldest age member will be missed.

The meeting concluded at 6:59PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17th, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by Ginny Renda, Secretary of SWHNA