BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The September 15th Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President George Davis. Board members present were George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Ginny Renda, Penny Harrison, Jon Shelness, Pete Conrad, Steve Sarcone, Steve Utterson, and Joe Harrison. Guests were City Manager Scott Sanders and Harmon Park subcommittee chairman, Sue Huppert.

The Board approved minutes from the August 18,2025 board meeting.

The Board approved the treasurers report summitted by Heather Carman, September 15, 2025.

President Davis introduced the City Manager, Scott Sanders, and thanked him for coming to our meeting. The City Manager gave a short presentation and overview of the Harmon Park Tennis Courts. Mr. Sanders revealed the city needs to cut seventeen million dollars from the budget. The city manager proclaimed the city did not want to cut personnel. Mr. Sanders suggested using the tennis courts at Brody Park instead of rebuilding those at Harmon Park. The city will monitor the combined use of the tennis courts during the fall of 2025 and the spring of 2026. The city manager said a better job informing neighbors of maintenance issues with the Harmon Park tennis courts could have been done. A majority of board members voted to support the use of the Brody Tennis Courts on a trial basis through Fall and Spring. The board will address issues after the Spring season. A majority of the board members agreed with subcommittee Chair Sue Huppert’s recommendation to disband the committee based on the trial bases with Brody courts.

Saturday, September 20th, is SCRUB DAY. It will be held at the Bell Center located at 1901 Bell Avenue. Board Members from Southwestern Hills will be responsible for assisting at SCRUB Day from 7am to 10 am. Grays Lake will help from 10am till 1pm. Jon Shelness, Steve Utterson, and Steve Sarcone plan to help at SCRUB Day.

There will be a General Meeting on September 22 at 6:30 pm at Wakonda Christian Church. Topics will be City Codes and Enforcement of Codes. The guest list features Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Director, and Dalton Jacobus, the Neighborhood Inspections Division Administrator, along with some members of the city council.

Heather Tamminga, the Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, is hosting a grant writing seminar on September 25th at 6:00 pm at the DMACC Urban Center.

The board meeting concluded at 7:45 pm. The next board meeting is October 20th.Board Minutes Submitted by Ginny Renda – Secretary SWHNA