SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting- May 20, 2024

Jenny Farell and Matt Mauro hosted the May 20th board meeting. The meeting was held The Pinnacle Townhomes at 2738 Fleur Dr. We would like to thank Jenny and Matt for their warm hospitality and treats. Board members present were George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Ginny Renda, Penny Harrison, Jon Shelness, Pete Conrad, Joe Harrison, and Steve Utterson.

The Minutes of the April 15,2024 meeting were discussed and approved. The Treasurer’s Report of May 20,2024 explained and approved.

A meeting with MidAmerican Energy Representatives, The Southwestern Hills Board, and some neighbors living near the proposed sub-station was held on April 29, 2024, at the Boy Scott Center Headquarters. Residents living close to the proposed substation were against the project. Kathryn Kunert, a representative of MidAmerican Energy, explained why the substation needed to be built near SW 56th Street. She also had a visual presentation of what the landscape would look like around the substation. The Board of Adjustment/Zoning Commission will decide at a later date whether to rezone the area and move the project forward.

The JOPPA Homes Project sent SWHNA Board Member Penny Harrison to Austin Texas to gather information on that city’s proposed JOPPA Tiny Homes Development. Penny was impressed with this housing development for the homeless, but she felt that a similar development in Des Moines needs to be somewhat different. Penny believes that JOPPA could construct a beneficial Tiny Home development in Des Moines. JOPPA plans to begin the project sometime after 2025/26 with City Council approval.

Board member Steve Sarcone will represent Southwestern Hills at a Street Improvement Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th.

Board members Joe Harrison and George Davis attended a Zoom meeting with the Brody PTA on April 28th. The meeting will improve PTA involvement in the neighborhood.

The Water Works Park Foundation is hosting a neighborhood appreciation day on Sunday, June 23rd starting at 12:30. Some displays and projects will be used.

Our annual Neighbors Night Out free picnic is planned for August 6th. President Davis will reserve Wakonda Church parking area. Ginny Renda will contact Hy-Vee and Nick will work on tables and chairs. Each Board member will secure 2 prizes for drawings. board member is asked to secure 2 prizes for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Minutes summited by Secretary Ginny Renda.