

Westwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7-8:10 PM
Pal Joey's

1. Call to Order

President Brad Sammon called the business meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Brad Sammon, President; Barbara Bell, Vice President; Vicki Heiken, Treasurer; Margo Hutcheson (substituting for Tom Kisch, Secretary); Sharon Murphy, Des Moines Neighbors Liaison; Marti Huber, Beautification Committee Chair; David Barzen, Social Committee Co-Chair.

2. Review/Approval of May 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Marti Huber moved the minutes of the May 15, 2007 business meeting be approved as written. Vicki Heiken seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Des Moines Neighbors Liaison, Sharon Murphy reported the following information from the May 24, 2007 Des Moines Neighbors meeting.

- Keep Iowa Beautiful Project: If you observe someone littering, take down license number and report to 1-888-665-4887. The owner of the vehicle will be sent a letter. Sharon will include info in the next newsletter.
- Electric Billboard on 63rd/Grand: Some oppose the billboard, thinking it is a safety hazard. DM Planning and Zoning suggested having the image change every 20 seconds; the City Council voted to keep the image change at every 8 seconds. If neighbors have a concern about the billboard, the City Council should be contacted.
- DM Neighbors is continuing to collect old cell phones, printer cartridges, and toner. Sharon will include an article about this recycle project for the next newsletter. Westwood neighbors can drop off their items at Sharon's house. Brad suggested having a drop box at neighborhood social events and meetings.
- ComNet program: Each neighborhood needs 5-6 volunteers to take photos of problem areas needing repairs in the neighborhood such as sidewalks, potholes, etc. Discussion included having a committee chair for this project or asking the Block Captains to handle this. Sharon volunteered to find out how other neighborhoods handle this project.
- Neighborhood Summit: September 6-7, 2007 at Embassy Suites. Sharon will attend; Westwood needs another volunteer to attend this event.
- "How to be a Leader of Neighborhood Associations: Brad mentioned seminars conducted at DMACC.
- Emerald Ash Boer and Oak Wilt: Brad raised the question of having a speaker to cover these issues. Margo suggested asking Kris Sutton to include information about Oak Wilt in her newsletter article.
- Police Chief candidate interviews: Four neighborhood representatives, will participate in the interview of candidates on June 25.

4. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$5,959.36	
Deposits:	\$ 550.00	
Expenditures	\$ 20.00	Sound permit for Jazz in July
	\$ 95.40	Kness Signs for 2 bike trail signs
Current Balance:	\$6,393.96	

5. Historian Update: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Vikki will send a list of new members to Tom Kisch for including in the July newsletter.

7. Signage Committee: Barbara Bell happily reported that two bike signs have been delivered to Parks and Recreation for installation. The books are closed on the Neighborhood Signs project. Parks & Rec. determined the size (18" x 12") and will use this as the parameter for future neighborhood bike trail signs. Westwood's was the first request to install a neighborhood sign on a bike trail.. Barbara will contact Traffic & Safety regarding replacing the street signs on SW 58th that were removed with the pole following a traffic accident.

8. Beautification Committee

- Community Gardens: Marti reported problems with critters eating perennials. Plants donated this year were not as nice because of the weather.
- Hanawalt School did not plant flowers in the "H" this year.
- 2008 Westwood Neighborhood Garden Tour: Barbara Bell reported that five thus far have volunteered for the committee. The event will be held the second Saturday in June. Barbara asked for suggestions of gardens for the tour. The planning committee will have its kickoff meeting in fall 2007.
- Westwood Great Perennial Divide: Barbara suggested having the event in May 2008 rather than in April.

8. Social Committee:

- Ice Cream Social at the Barzen's: The Board agreed the annual event was a success, although attendance was less this year than in previous years. The Board voted to have the next event in July 2008.
- Holiday Home Tour 2007: Brad asked for suggestions of neighbors who would be interested in having their homes open for tour.
- Jazz in July: Brad introduced the need for event insurance in the amount of \$346.00. Rob moved in favor to approve \$346.00 for event insurance; Marti seconded the motion. All were in agreement. The event budget is \$3,000. Brad received an extension for the event application and will fax it on June 20. The Jazz in July committee meeting will be held following the Board meeting.

9: Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on July 12, 2007 at Pal Joey's.

10: The Newsletter:

The newsletter will be printed before the Jazz in July event on July 6. All articles should be submitted to Tom Kisch by 6-25-07.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

