

Westwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2007
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1. Call to Order:

President Brad Sammon called the business meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance: Brad Sammon, President; Barbara Bell, Vice President; Sharon Murphy, Des Moines Neighbors Liaison; Marti Huber, Beautification Committee Chair; Thomas Kisch, Secretary.

2. Review/Approval of June 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written, with a notation the date for tonight's meeting in section 9 of the minutes should be July 17 rather than July 12.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$6,393.96	
Deposits:	\$ 670.00	New Members (29)
	\$ 873.91	Jazz in July
	\$ 105.00	Artists' Booths
Subtotal	\$1,648.91	
Expenditures	\$ 120.00	Bounce House (Barzen)
	\$ 5.30	Locks (den Hartog)
	\$ 400.00	Wagonette (James)
	\$ 210.00	Cash for Jazz Volunteers—change
	\$ 160.00	Story Teller (Julson)
	\$ 900.00	Janey Hooper / Susie Miget Project
	\$ 323.68	Madrid, Inc. (W Logo Banner)
	\$ 135.00	Crystal Clear (Printing Newsletter)
Subtotal	\$2,253.98	
Current Balance	\$5,788.89	

4. Membership Committee: As of July 13, the association has 57 members. These include individuals, families, and one business.

5. Signage Committee: Barbara Bell will contact the Parks and Recreation Department to learn the status of installing the two neighborhood signs on the Walnut Creek bike trail. The signs have been delivered, but not yet installed.

6. Historian Update: No report.

7. Des Moines Neighbors Liaison: Sharon Murphy reported the following information from the June 28, 2007 Des Moines Neighbors meeting.

-Sharon shared a copy of an ordinance being considered by the City Council entitled "Division 3. Specified Crime Property." The purpose of the ordinance is to address situations where specific properties in the city are being used for criminal purposes and those owners who are habitual violators.

-Save the Date: Representatives from neighborhood associations are being encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Summit on September 6 (10:00 AM - 6:00 PM and September 7 (8:30 AM – Noon) at Embassy Suites. Sharon will attend; Westwood needs another volunteer to attend this event.

-ComNet Program: The time period for neighborhoods to apply to participate in this program has been extended. Brad Sammon will complete an application for our association.

-NeighborhoodsOnLine.Net: Sharon shared information about an internet resource that neighborhood associations may want to use entitled "www.neighborhoodsonline.net". It is a large collection of internet links that have been categorized to provide fast access to information and ideas covering all aspects of neighborhood revitalization.

8. Beautification Committee

Community Gardens

Marti Huber reported the garden at 44th Street is in good condition. The garden space at Hanawalt School is being re-landscaped, so there are no flowers currently at this site. The garden space at the corner of 56th Street and North Valley Drive needs to be developed yet.

Garden Tour 2008

Barbara Bell reported that planning for next year's garden tour has begun. The tour will be held on June 14, 2008 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, with the theme being "Non-Traditional Gardens."

Two gardens have been confirmed for the tour. One focuses on being deer resistant. The other is a container garden. The goal is to have five gardens available for viewing and 300 people participating in the tour. Ten people will help the gardeners with preparation for the tour.

An organizational meeting will be held in October and regular meetings will begin in January 2008. Neighborhood members are welcome to join the planning committee.

9. Social Committee: No report.

10. Newsletter Editor: Discussion was held about the next newsletter editor. Thomas Kisch has been the editor for one year and is ready to “pass the baton.” Brad will contact those who may be interested in being the next editor.

11. Publicity Committee: Brad Sammon moved that a Publicity Committee be established. Marti Huber seconded the motion. All approved. The purpose of this committee would be to publicize news and events of our neighborhood and be the “central-point” for communicating with neighbors via e-mail. Brad will contact those who may be interested in serving as Chair of this committee.

12. Revising the Bylaws: Barbara Bell moved that an ad hoc committee be established to review the bylaws and revise sections which need updating. Brad Sammon seconded the motion. All approved. Barbara will serve as Chair of the ad hoc committee.

Barbara and Thomas will review sections 2 through 6. Brad and Sharon will review sections 7 through 11. The ad hoc committee will meet on September 11 beginning at 7:00 PM to share results of the review and recommendations for revision. The meeting will be held at Barbara’s home.

13. Annual Meeting: Brad Sammon moved this year’s annual meeting of the neighborhood association be held in October. Marti Huber seconded. All approved.

14. Next Meeting: The next business meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Hanawalt School, pending the principal’s approval.

15. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

