

Westwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Hanawalt School

1. Call to Order: President Brad Sammon called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance: Brad Sammon, President, Barbara Bell, Beautification Committee Chair, Vicki Heiken, Treasurer, Amy Zuck, Social Committee Co-Chair, Sharon Murphy, Des Moines Neighbors Liaison, Kristy Barzen, and Thomas Kisch, Secretary.

2. Approve July 15, 2008 Minutes: Amy Zuck moved the minutes be approved as written. Vicki Heiken seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Membership / Treasurer Report

A. Membership: The association has 54 members for the new membership year beginning July 1. Discussion was held about including a reminder in the next newsletter that each annual membership year is July through June and association dues are eligible for annual renewal in July. Brad Sammon will include a reminder in his President's Message, along with information about benefits for the neighborhood which are funded by the dues.

B. Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$5,825.59

Deposits: \$ 743.00 New Members
 \$ 210.50 Jazz in July

Expenses: \$ 400.00 Flood Donation
 \$ 239.81 Neighborhood Note Cards
 \$ 210.36 Walnut Creek Gateway Garden (Mulch)
 \$1,056.09 Jazz in July—2007 (Brad Sammon)
 \$ 141.88 Jazz in July—2008 (A&E Dairy)
 \$ 160.00 Jazz in July—2008 (Mandy)
 \$ 280.85 Jazz in July—2008 (Great Prairie Print)
 \$1,000.00 Jazz in July—2008 (Roxi Copland)
 \$ 97.01 Jazz in July—2008 (Rob denHartog)
 \$ 40.00 Jazz in July—2008 (DM Public Schools)
 \$ 151.94 Jazz in July—2008 (Posters)
 \$ 65.00 Jazz in July—2008 (Jim's Johns)

Ending Balance: \$2,936.15

4. Neighborhood Liaison: Sharon Murphy reported that she attended her first meeting as a new appointee to the Neighborhood Revitalization Board. The board has begun its review of all neighborhood association bylaws. Applications for new 3-year grants will be accepted in 2009. It was consensus of the board that in early 2009, a committee will review the application submitted two years ago by Westwood and determine what, if any, changes are needed for a new application.

Sharon also informed the board that Des Moines Neighbors, in conjunction with MidAmerican Energy, is selling trees for \$25 each. Purchase is limited to two trees per household. They will be available on Saturday, October 4 between 8:30 and 11:00 AM in the north parking lot of the Hoover State Office Building at SE 14 and Court.

5. Beautification Committee Report: Barbara Bell reported that neighbors have gotten together recently at the Walnut Creek Gateway Community Garden for two weed pulling sessions and the 44th Street Garden continues to look good.

Barbara has sent 13 thank you cards in behalf of the board to neighbors who have made improvements to their property which are visible from the street. The cards state, "We know who you are and what you did. Thank you for what you have done for the Westwood Neighborhood." Block Captains can let Barbara know when a card should be sent to a neighbor who has made a property improvement benefiting the looks of the neighborhood.

Also, Barbara will design a card to use for welcoming new neighbors. A brief article about this will be included in the next newsletter.

6. Slate of Nominations for the Annual Meeting: Barbara Bell, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported the following slate of candidates for nomination as officers of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in October:

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| President: | Brad Sammon |
| Vice President: | Amy Zuck |
| Treasurer: | Ed Truslow |
| Secretary: | Thomas Kisch |
| Immediate Past President: | David Barzen |

7. Fundraiser: In David Barzen's behalf, Kristy Barzen reported on the status of selling the neighborhood picture cards at recent events (e.g., Garden Tour, Jazz in July). It was consensus of the board the cards continue to be available for sale at future neighborhood events.

8. Social Committee:

- A. Jazz in July: Expenses for this year's concert totaled \$1,936.68 and income totaled \$210.50 for a net expenditure of \$1,726.18. Discussion was held about joining with a contiguous neighborhood association in sponsoring a concert in 2009.
- B. January 2009 Social Meeting at the Des Moines Art Center: Brad Sammon will contact the Art Center's Event Planner to discuss a date in January for holding our neighborhood social meeting that does not conflict with another event. Amy Zuck will then contact the Art Center's restaurant to coordinate the availability of hors d'oeuvres.

9.. Annual Meeting – October: Brad Sammon reviewed the agenda for the association's annual meeting, which will be held at the Merrill Middle School on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM.

- a. Des Moines Police - Presentation
- b. Mary Gottschalk – Presentation
- c. Election of Officers
- d. Neighborhood Appreciation Social

10. Future Meeting Dates / Location: Brad Sammon reviewed the dates / location of future board meetings. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

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| October 21, 2008 | Merrill Middle School |
| November 18, 2008 | Hanawalt School |
| December 2008 | No Meeting |
| January 20, 2009 | Hanawalt School |
| February 17, 2009 | Hanawalt School |
| March 24, 2009* | Pal Joey's |
| April 21, 2009 | Hanawalt School |
| May 18, 2009 | Hanawalt School |
| June 16, 2009 | Pal Joey's |

*The board agreed to move the meeting date from March 17 to March 24.

Dates to be determined yet include the January Social Meeting, Jazz in July concert, and the Westwood Great Perennial Divide.

11. Other Business:

- A. Speed Trailer: Amy Zuck reported the results from having the Des Moines Police Speed Trailer located for two days recently on Grand Avenue. The trailer recorded the passage of 15,752 vehicles in April and 14,650 in September. The highest speed recorded was 55mph. Most vehicles were in the range of 27 to 36 mph, with 85% showing 35 mph. To summarize, the police stated the results showed that speeding on Grand Avenue was not critical.
- B. Neighborhood Block Captains: Discussion was held about holding a meeting with the neighborhood block captains to recognize their contribution to the Westwood Neighborhood. Barbara Bell offered to host a gathering at her home the evening of October 28.
- C. National Night Out: The board discussed combining the next Ice Cream Social with the National Night Out during the evening of August 4, 2009. It was consensus of the board to combine these events.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

