

**Call to order:** 6:35 pm

**Approve last meeting minutes:**

They are on the website and copies were distributed. Provisionally approved unless someone objects later after they read them. Harlan moved. Mary second. Passed.

**Guests present:** no new neighborhood guests

**Break from tradition:** Patti goes 1<sup>st</sup> on Garage Sale

- She has recently had surgery and needs to leave.
- Patti cannot run the garage sale this year. If you would like to do it, contact her. It's not hard.
- It has been suggested in the past to have the sale on a weekend during or surrounding the Iowa State Fair. These weekends don't seem to be good or bad, but we need to pick a date. If you have a preference for the weekend, let the person running it know.

**NBSD reports:**

**Vince (971-0786) and Tim (205-3165) –**

- <http://mapping.dmgov.org/crimeview/wizard.asp> or our neighborhood website. This has number for the last 90 days. He can get you longer if you would like
- Harlan wants him to look up other neighborhoods to others to see how we compare.
- 3 reported in last 90 days. 1 burglary and to 2 larcenies. There have been some other violations such as invalid tags.
- He was driving behind someone who littered. He usually does a warning, but because we have complained so much, he did a ticket. He also said he would help get her ticket dropped if she brought some friends and came back to help at our neighborhood cleanup. We'll see if they show up.
- He will be here for our clean up day. Meet at 9 am, Saturday, April 24 at Sleepy Hollow. We start on Dean and work our way up the hill to Williams. We take a break and then do Williams.
- Lots of stop sign violations at Timberlane and Winegardner. During morning and evening rush hour.
- There are also loud car stereos that shake windows after 10 pm. She has flashed her porch light and they stopped in the street to threaten her. If she can get a name or license plate number, Vince has gone to their house even though it is across town and confronted them. It surprises them and usually helps. Call Vince's cell phone.
- No one knows what is going on with 1020 Knob Hill Dr.
- A speed trailer can be placed on Dean for 48 hours, and then they usually sit there to give tickets. There are a limited number so he will put us on the list to get one.

**Jim Nelson (208-0305)**

- Notice of garbage in driveway that was left as they moved out.
- There is a pool at 819 Knob Hill Dr. Last year, he put some mosquito killer in it, but this year he will make sure it gets pumped out. Story is guy is sick and she cannot maintain it. Jim will arrange to have it drained. The get a truck and pump it out into the street.
- Any pool with more than 18 inches of water must have a 5 foot fence around it. Those blue ones that are regularly sold are more than 18 inches. They have asked the store to put a sign by the pool that a fence is required, but it hasn't happened. One solution someone did was to put holes at 18 inches so the water would not be that deep.
- To park a car in the yard it must be on a hard surface. It can be just tire tracks. Acceptable material is paver bricks, asphalt or concrete.
- Free tree removal for low income if there is a problem with the tree. Contact Jim.

**Pres report: Harlan Donaldson**

- Bus route on University. There are 2-3 stops in the morning and 2-3 in the evening during the week. From downtown you need to get off on 41<sup>st</sup> and walk another block. He will be contacting the bus company to see if they can get a bus stop on 42nd (?)
- Mary is nominated for the Alice Roe Dean Bob Nickel citizen volunteer award. A potluck and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Mickel House (16<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant). Chase will go with Mary. For her work at the Botanical Center, city gardens, city greenhouse and fairgrounds. She also makes sure all neighborhoods get flowers. Harlan will be there, but maybe not right on time.
- We need more people in the neighborhood to be members of the association. We also need a way to contact more people in the neighborhood to tell them about events. Our meeting was listed on the signs, in the Des Moines Register (twice) and he emailed everyone he had. We need people's emails or phone numbers whether they join or not. The phone system is available to use, but we need to get the phone numbers. We have 220 addresses and can list 120 phone numbers so we can't get them all, but can get more. We need to get out and get our neighbors phone numbers or emails before our next meeting.

**Treas report: \$650.00**

- If you haven't paid your dues, do so now. At \$10 a year, it is one of the cheapest in Des Moines.
- Details are available if you would like them.

**Welcome Committee:**

- If you know of a new neighbor, let Mary know. 600 Winegardner and 4137 Enden Lane??
- Our welcome book contains coupons, common phone number, information about garbage day, etc.
- Some phone number sheets are available now. I will print more for later.

**Grant Committee:**

- We have had no luck with grants.
- We turned down one company because they wanted to advertise on it.

**Old business:**

- Des Moines Neighborhood cookbooks are available for \$12. Money goes to Des Moines neighbors. He will have some at the summer picnic. Our neighbors have recipes as well as many other neighborhoods.
- There was a little talk or changing the name of our neighborhood association because some people think Manor sounds like an old folk's home. Mary and Virginia gave a history of the neighborhood. The area was known as Winegardner edition at one point. Lots started as one lot, but many wanted ranch style and they resurveyed to 1 ½ lots.
- Neighborhood signage - Aluminum signs for entrances to the neighborhood. We can put them on telephone posts. City will put them up. Since we can't get grants, we want to use money from our treasury. BKM will match money that we put in. Rick motions that we use up to \$400 for signs. Carol seconds. Motion passes.
- Newsletter carriers – we need a few more volunteers. We don't do them in the winter when the streets are bad. Carol, Dorothy Dickey, Chase, Connie & Mitchell Ballard for Timber Lane?

**Park update:**

- No rain garden. They don't want to destroy the trees.
- Signs for the trees might be put in place.
- 10 x 10 shelter would cost about \$500. If we can get the parks department to level someplace out for the shelter, we could put it up. The dirt could be used for the swings.
- We need to follow up with them about moving dirt to the swings so it can be legal and we can put pea gravel or something under the swings.

**Street cleanup:**

- Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers and a truck or so. If we have had much rain before or are expecting rain that day, we will postpone until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Call Harlan if iffy.
- Wear long sleeve and bring glove.

**SCRUB dates:**

- Usually it is at the parking lot south of the Fairgrounds. They are busy enough that we can't find a date that works with them and the city to get trash containers there.
- We are pursuing a different location on the fairgrounds for next year.
- You can take your items to the appropriate dump site on the third Saturday of each month. Hours are 7 am to 1 pm. Through October.
  - Yard waste to MWA Metro Compost Center at 601 Harriet St
  - Tires, appliances, electronics, furniture, general trash to MWA Metro Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Ave.
  - General trash to MWA Metro Park East Landfill at 12181 University Ave, NE, Mitchellville.
- Need help the third Saturday in July (17<sup>th</sup>) to provide help and hauling for neighbors who need to get rid of junk, but cannot get rid of it themselves. It will be in the next newsletter. It is something we can do to help our own neighbors.

**Neighborhood signage:**

- Are we willing to put up some of our own money to put these signs up? Aluminum signs with our neighborhood name. 18 wide, 36 tall on a telephone pole. \$100 a sign.
- Brackets for signs \$25 a sign.
- 5 signs would total around \$600.
- BKM will match our money so we would be spending ½ that. They don't want to
- Rick motion to spend up to \$400 for the signs, Carol second. All in favor. AYE! Passed.

**Picnic:**

- Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Association gets hot dogs, burgers, buns. The rest is potluck.
- May have a small meeting or a hand out.
- Need some grills.

**National Night out:**

- During the week. Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Do we want to do something for this? NO.

**Food bank:**

- When we come to the meeting, bring something for the food bank to help people needier than you.

**Public Works Appreciation Breakfast:**

- May 18<sup>th</sup> 7 am
- For city workers to show we appreciate them.
- Chase motions to donate \$20. Mary second. All in favor. AYE! Passed.
- Rick donates \$5 also.

**Street projects:**

- Turn lanes at St. Joseph school at Easton and 33<sup>rd</sup>. They promised 33<sup>rd</sup> will stay open.
- Replacing the bridge at 4 mile so Easton is closed there.
- Promised to have these done by fair time.
- Resurfacing Dean and Hubbell this summer also.

**Sewer project on Winegardner:**

- Holes 20 foot deep. Watch it!
- Smell is from there. It is like an old murky pond.
- They put a culvert to drive over, but did not clean it up well. The sides are straight up and down instead of sloped

**Adjourn:**