

**Westwood Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m, Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at Hanawalt Elementary**

Officers and Board members in attendance: Kristy Barzen, Mike Keller, Ed Truslow, Sue Boesen Copple, Vicki Heiken, Sharon Murphy, Bill Satterstrom, Brad Sammon and Barb Bremner along with approximately 40 other individuals.

The annual meeting was preceded by a Chili supper along with a presentation by the DSM Neighbors Relations Board and WNA liaison Sharon Murphy. The representatives solicited ideas and suggestions for the neighborhood (issues mentioned included speeding, access to grants).

Lt. Joe Gonzalez commands the neighborhood service delivery for the Des Moines Police department and assigns officers to specific neighborhood issues. Any concerns should be directed to Kristy Barzen in order to keep the association in the loop. Requested feedback on "red light cameras" that may be installed in DSM (five within the city will be installed). jgonzalez@dmgov.org.

Mayor Cownie addressed questions from the audience. Mosquito spraying is a budgetary issue. Spraying was not planned for 2010 but was reinstated due to the number of complaints and excessive swarms. Noted that water management/flood control impacts this issue and the city is working with the state on long-term solutions. Question - what is city doing to coordinate with Corps of Engineers as to controlling the flow/releases at Saylorville to prevent flooding? City did start talking with Corps early on the past winter when they noticed the heavy snowpack. An early release was done in May but heavy rainfalls after that time (particularly in August) contributed to other flooding.

Andrew Berg, new Hanawalt principal was introduced. He began July 1st of this year. Grew up in Decorah. Undergraduate work at University of Iowa, graduate work at Drake. Started at Jackson Elementary, then several years as a math instructor with DMPS, then Perkins, then Capitol View Elementary as Dean of Students prior to Hanawalt. Hanawalt has partnership with DSM University on Literacy Army, where children read individually with an adult for 30 minutes per week. Hanawalt profile: 360 students, 80% Caucasian, 30% free and reduced lunch (up 8% since last year). Any neighbor who wishes to volunteer can contact Principal Berg.

One neighbor noted her driveway has been blocked on 56th across from Hanawalt more than once. She asked that the school notify drivers to not block driveways. The school will look at other solutions.

Ed Truslow gave the 2009- 2010 Treasurer's report. Year ago balance was \$3,813.34 this year's ending balance is \$5,284.10. Approximately 174 members on the WNA Membership list which represents good growth over the past year. Truslow suggested that there is adequate money to donate \$1,000 to Hanawalt for their tech center/ comptuer lab. It was moved and seconded and approved by voice vote to make the donation to Hanawalt. The PTA has also applied for grant money to apply toward the tech center.

Barzen thanked several Board members for their work including Brad Sammon (Jazz 'n July, signs), Ed Truslow (Treasurer), Mike Keller (VP, point person on the Welker trail), Sue Copple (secretary), Barbara Bell (brochures, bylaws, etc), Vicki Heiken (coordinates delivery of newsletter to block captains), Bill Satterstrom (membership). Future meetings will be third Tuesday of the month.

Barbara Bell on behalf of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2010-2011. Total of 14 Board members including the officers. The slate includes:

President	Kristy Barzen
Vice-President	Mike Keller
Treasurer	Ed Truslow
Secretary	Sue Boesen Copple

Need someone to volunteer to layout the newsletter as Amy MacKrell (who has laid it out and printed it gratis for the past few years) who can no longer do it.

Mark Melton volunteered part of his garden (the large, fenced area on the north side of Welker) for anyone who may be interested in gardening next spring. Contact him at 5315 Welker or markmelton@hotmail.com.

Moved and seconded to adopt slate - voice vote of unanimous approval.

Mike Keller noted that the Welker trail gate has been removed, gravel (pea gravel vs. crushed limestone w/ fines) has been laid and debris has been removed. Bryan Shiffler requested direction on the next step to further improve the base. Barzen suggested Shiffler and Keller coordinate with potential donors to further improve the area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.