

Agenda 18 January 2012

Call to Order: 7 pm

Thanks to East Side Senior Center

Handout that you can get taxes done for free if you make under \$50,000

Pot-luck: First on the agenda

Guests: Will speak after we eat

Guest speaker: Officer Doua

- Only 47 calls, 3 arrests for our neighborhood. Wonderful
- Dec 20 speed camera – Southbound on Williams. 365 cars. 63 were going over 37 mph
- Phoukham Tran – recovering at home now. Doing well, but long way to go. Many pulling for him.
 - Guy who hit him is pleading not guilty to all charges. Trial in February.
- He will be there for our street cleanup
- Tires dumped on Williams. Possible suspected truck and address. Give plate to Doua
- There are golf carts, dirt bikes, etc. in street and park. Give address to Doua.

Minutes from last meeting on web pg: Anyone need a paper copy. Let Brenda know.

Treasurer report: In form of a handout:

Questions, there is 1 full report on the table for you to look at.

Submit receipts for reimbursements

Welcome committee:

We are one of the last few neighborhood doing something like this.

Mary has a list of items we need to replenish. We delivered to 11 houses in 2011

In the interest of saving time tonight I will go down the accomplishment/plans list one item at a time. If anyone has a question or comment we will address it in order and move on. Thanks, I think this will speed us along tonight.

Accomplishments in 2011:

- Jan Pot Luck/meeting
- Annual street clean on Williams and Dean.
- Neighborhood Signage DONE (Thanks to Member and Sponsor BKM Properties who split the bill with us on the signs.) (And to Roger Burdett who helped me re-hang the signs safely out of reach of spray cans.)
- Garage Sale – Second Saturday in June
- SCRUB DAY: A success, but the last one. City will only do 4/yr in 2012 (one for each quadrant of city), and NE side doesn't get one due to proximity to the transfer station on 3rd Saturday of months. Dump will charge. Don't go there. Harriet will be open for brush
- Park cleaned, painted, new retaining wall in front of swings, and a surround for the park pottie. Thanks Jim's Johns for providing same again this year.

- Thanks to Des Moines Parks Department for the paint, removing the trimmed trees, the expert 1st day help in getting the wall started....but did they have to be 60 lb blocks? No other work anticipated in 2012 unless City moves dirt first. Hopefully level an area for a gazebo
- Master gardner Mary – good job!
There is a vertical garden at the Botanical Center to go see also. It is in the showhouse.
- Picnic: Moved date due to heat
- Williams/Dean again mowed before the Fair.
- Elections held in Oct: Introduction of board members
- Designated Neighborhood Status: Not secured but.... We got promises. Thanks to all who signed the petitions, and collected signatures (86 of 200 homes signed). City will meet with us to get a plan for the neighborhood. It will help define what is acceptable for us on the farm/flood land
- Holiday Lights - Winners names and pictures are on the table
(Thanks to Frindley Theaters, Okoboji Grill, and Eastern Buffet, and to Ellyse and Brenda for securing the awards for us!)
- Christmas baskets: 4 delivered, all in the Neighborhood.
- Newsletters: Thanks to all who help!

Ongoing:

- Drainage issues on Williams were supposed to be addressed before winter, but it hasn't happened. Harlan will find name and make a call. Dirt washed out so we don't have standing water, but now we might have a washout under road
- Flooding issues are continued till sometime in the Spring pending outcome of yet another study of Four Mile. A thought is to use the spillway as flood plain.
 - We are eligible for NFC loans

On hold for further Park projects, but no maintenance is expected in 2012.

Goals and Plans for 2012:

- Street clean – annual chore
- Garage Sale – Second Saturday in June. June 9th to coincide with Copper Creek.
- July Meeting in evening followed by a meal? We prefer to tack a meal onto the meeting. Maybe have it in August during "Take back the Night".
- Elections: We will need a new Secretary for 2013
- Lights contest – yes. Again.
- Baskets – yes. Again.
- Other ideas?

Dues for 2012 are due. Pay or send to Connie.

Getting new members:

- Proposed 1st yr free to anyone new that attends a meeting and provides contact information? Hopefully they will come to more meetings once they come to one. Brenda motion. Patti 2nd. Pass.
- Change wording from 'application' to 'form'. More people might participate. Put this wording on newsletter form.
- Looking to grow the Neighborhood by adding the area West of us down to the Fairgrounds?
 - Dean to University. Williams to E 30th St. Including Fairgrounds itself.

- Idea worth pursuing? Yes.
- Initial inquiry is that the city won't care. Maybe a new neighborhood name.
- \$88 for stamps for letter to invite to meeting. Will need a follow up letter also.
- Possibly wording = We are incorporating your area, come to a meeting to see what it means to you.
- Motion by Dennis. Second by Rick. Passed.

Next membership meeting April 19th at Four Mile Center. Next Board meeting on March 15, place TBD

Adjourn to cleanup time as we have to be out of here by 8:30 7:50 pm

Cookbooks are available at \$5 (after Christmas clearance sale.)

Proceeds to Des Moines Neighbors-Pay Connie