

## Notes VHMN QTRLY MEETING July 19, 2012

Call to order: 5:41 pm

Welcome and introductions:

Welcome to new members from our current area and guests from our expansion area

Meetings start at 6:30 to be over by 8:00

Usually the City guests speak 1<sup>st</sup> so they can leave, but tonight we want to start with results of our survey to extend boundaries so that City guests know the area they are speaking to.

Survey - 125 possible households: 60 were contacted and only 2 said No.

New area explained and noted on displayed map

Parks: No one available tonight. We do have a park and it is one of the best sledding hills in Des Moines. It is not ADA approved. It has the last remaining merry-go-round.

Zoning: Dennis Rule

Usual calls: Junk debris, Parking violations, curb items

Report vacant houses because they can become trouble

If putting items on curb, put address on sticker. They sometimes get stolen

Report of a house with cars in the front yard in the new area.

Quiet neighborhoods

Police: Our normal Neighborhood Officer Doua Lor is not here tonight because of a death in the family. In his place welcome Officer Gonzales who is also filling in for him until the 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Passed out 2011 Annual Report
- There are 57 neighborhoods supported by 6 or 7 officers.
- We would like to see the no parking sign on Winegardner moved further from the corner. It is hard to see around and make that corner safely with the little room provided
- Provide mobile speed camera and signs when requested
- Traffic at top of hill on University at E 36<sup>th</sup> court. People are going too fast to see well and react to traffic conditions as they come over the hill
- Iowa State Fair:
  - State Troopers provide security inside and average 130 arrests
  - Des Moines Police patrol outside and average 12 – 15 arrests
  - There will be vans provided by local groups on the last day of the fair towards closing time to make sure everyone gets home
  - The Westbound entrance to 33<sup>rd</sup> St. gate is closed when there are not enough officers there to handle the traffic from both directions
  - Can there be someone on Williams and University to help push people through intersection when traffic gets busy. Maybe Pleasant Hill can help

Start discussion of boundary change: Next Week

For the new area residents-

Pros: Parks, Zoning and Police Officers at meetings and able to follow your area more closely.

Cons: none

For the recognized area residents-

Pros: Bigger footprint for neighborhood so we can get more attention

Cons: Larger delivery area for newsletters. More food and/or money need for food baskets

Vote on moving forward w/petition to the City: Dennis motioned, Brenda seconded, passed

Committee Reports:

Treasurer \$446.15 (End of June)

Expenditures include: Printing costs for newsletters, mailing for winter newsletter, a few supplies for board members, and last year only, neighborhood signs which were partially paid by BKM Properties. More may be needed for the expansion area.

Welcome Committee May need to collect more items since we have more area to hand out information. A welcome packet is handed out

New members are free this year.

Report on National Nite Out: (list on our website)

Invitation from Fairgrounds to attend theirs

Meet at VFW Post 738 at 2801 Dean Avenue

August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm

Garage Sale-Possibly more than 1 a yr?

Put a survey in the newsletter.

Street clean on Dean-Williams happened June 23rd

Erosion issues update:

Williams – Wooden culvert was washing out on East side up to asphalt. Concrete spillway added

Knob Hill – Threw rocks into the area (not city property, but they helped)

Winegardner by sidewalk – snow fence for now

Dean – both sides of hill. City put rocks in 'ditches' on both sides of street.

Upcoming events:

City and Iowa Power clean up Williams so trailers don't get their roofs taken off

State Fair-Promises for weed mowing on Dn-Wms/No reply yet on tree trimming

Looking for folks to clean our side of Univ the weekend before the Fair. Sat. August 4th

Possible back yard Picnic plans in conjunction with our next Board Meeting Sep 20<sup>th</sup>. If enough interest, we can move it to a weekend get together.

Newsletter to be out in Sep as well. Need someone to put it together, and folks to distribute it.

Oct Annual Meeting and Elections: We need a Secretary for the next yr, and possibly an at large member as well. Talk with Brenda about duties of Secretary.

Annual Meeting date: Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the 4 Mile Center.

Usual late Fall and Winter activities of the Association:

- Possible Newsletter anytime between Thanksgiving and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> (mailed for the safety of our deliverers)
- Thanksgiving or Christmas Basket drive and delivery within the Neighborhood
- Christmas Holiday Light Contest
- Jan Meeting is a Pot Luck affair

Snow Route changes:

Our area will not be plowed at 1 inch.

Entire city will be plowed when 2 inches instead of the current 4 inches

No parking on all city streets

Adjourn: 7:40 pm