

Northeast Neighbors and Friends Meeting Minutes September 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the East Side Library by Tania Hunt, Chair.

Present: Tania Hunt, Jim Bush, Shirlee Herrold, Shirley Bird, Kevin Marken, Candice Brown, Greg Lewis, Paul Sadler, Dennis Dyer

Guests: Doua Lor, Brett Lewis, David Kamp, Jennifer Dakovich

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department gave his report. He spoke about the police selection process. He gave us some tips when out walking or jogging from the Safety Talk that was presented by the DMPD:

- Don't wear ear buds in both ears – so you can hear what is going on around you
- Go with another person
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Have your cell phone ready to call for help
- Think like a police officer
- In parking lots have your key/remote ready; jump in and lock your door immediately

Guest Speakers: Brett Lewis, David Kamp, Jennifer Dakovich – Engineers with the City of Des Moines. They started with a video and PowerPoint program about the Hubbell Avenue Reconstruction project. They talked about the project development and timelines. The project is now in the construction phase. It is a \$9 million project that will go from August 201- through May 2020. Construction work along Hubbell Avenue has started. The project includes safety improvements along Hubbell Avenue from E. Euclid Avenue to just east of E. 38th Street. The project includes construction of left turn lanes, raised medians, sidewalks and installation of three new traffic signals along Hubbell Avenue. The bulk of construction is anticipated to occur in 2019, with remaining construction items extending into spring of 2020. However, utilities are currently relocating overhead and underground facilities and the Contractor has started clearing trees and installing storm sewer and water main along E. Douglas Avenue behind QuikTrip. The Contractor is also planning to begin storm sewer construction along the westbound ramp from Hubbell Avenue to E. Euclid Avenue in the coming weeks. Traffic delays along Hubbell Avenue and E. Douglas Avenue are anticipated as lanes are reduced for construction. For more information go to www.dmgov / Hubbell Avenue Reconstruction Project. There is a Facebook page which will provide information on construction updates, road closures, detours, staging, etc. throughout the project: <https://www.facebook.com/Hubbell-Avenue-Reconstruction-233829900791948/>

Secretary Report: The minutes from our August meeting were reviewed. Paul Sadler made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Kevin Marken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – no report

Neighborhood News/New Business/Old Business:

ACCENT Neighborhood meeting is October 10th. Information is on Facebook.

Resource Fair will be January 26th, 11:00 to 2:00 at the East Side Library Meeting Room. Kevin and Tania talked to Ashley at the library about having the resource fair in the East Side Library Meeting Room and she was excited to have it there. We can use the breezeway too. This event is still in conjunction with the GESD. GESD has offered to provide some gift cards. Eighteen tables are available from the library. One table will be reserve one table just for handouts and take-aways. The number of invitees will be narrowed down to accommodate the size of the room. Kevin has created a Facebook page for the Resource Fair event. We will provide bottled water and a sack lunch from "In the Bag" for the volunteers, since it runs through the noon hour.

Next year the NENF meetings will be the first Monday of each month, however the first meeting of the year will be January 17, 2019. Labor Day we will need to find a different location.

Next meeting Linda Westergaard will give an update and Parks and Recreation will speak. Also representatives from McKee School will give an update.

Upcoming Events:

- Linda Westergaard's fundraiser is Wednesday, September 26th at the Bright Grandview Golf Course Club house at 5:00.
- Cindy Axne is having her fundraiser on October 2nd at the Bright Grandview Golf Course Club house at 5:30 to 7:00
- Our next Board meeting will be Saturday, October 20th, at 9:00 am
- Our regular meeting will be Monday October 22nd at 5:30 at the East Side Library.
- Resource Fair will be January 26, 2019, 11:00 to 2:00 at the East Side Library Meeting Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Paul Sadler