

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, October 1, 2012, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first speaker was Ruth Ann Gaines, State Representative of District 32. She taught for many years at East High, she is for unions, the elderly, minorities, disabled, middle class. She has either walked in all these shoes or had relatives who have walked in these shoes, and is a very good listener. Her new boundaries are: East 29th on the west; 2nd Avenue on the east; south to the freeway; and Aurora on the north.

Our next speaker was Tom Hockensmith. It is too early to report on the budget other than to say that it will be a struggle. They offered early retirement and had 88 people take it. Although the plans for the new casino in Urbandale have been withdrawn, he believes the subject will come up again. He told of the conservation item that is on the ballot this year, and the issue of the courts. He told about the upcoming events at Wells Fargo Arena.

Jim Conlin of Conlin Properties was the next speaker. He spoke about his plans of a 60 unit senior unit on the site at East 38th which used to be Dahl's. It will be by the QuikTrip and be for seniors 55 and up. He is also planning on 32 units of 4 bedrooms, 2 baths in that area also. It is scheduled to come up before the Planning and Zoning Commission soon and before the City Council on November 5th. If his plans are approved, construction will start in March.

Jim will speak at the November 13th meeting at Douglas Acres.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Ramsey. The balance is \$884.50 with \$432.55 as the balance of the grant and \$451.95 as operating expenses.

The minutes from the last month's meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Bush to accept the minutes as written. The motion was second by Carole Westbrook. Motion carried.

The Des Moines Police Department will have a workshop on Tuesday, November 13th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Police Academy on Army Post Road.

Marge gave a report on the Leadership Summit that Rebuilding Together had which was held on September 6th. It had very good breakout sessions and a good panel discussion with some City leaders. Rebuilding is planning on having another one next year.

Des Moines Neighbors is planning on having a Neighborhood Summit on November 10th at the River Place.

Our service project for our November 5th meeting will be to bring cards and we will send them to the 1034th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Valerie's son is in this unit and will get the cards to the men.

Norm Kamm reminded us that November is also election of officers. Valerie volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

We will have Rebuilding Together as our speaker in November.

Candice Brown told the group about a food and gift fair on October 20 from 8-2 p.m. and Trunk or Treat on October 30 from 6-8 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer