

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first speaker was David Jahn, the City's Arborist, to talk about the ash borer problem. The ash borer came from Asia on pallets. Will only go one to two miles per year. The prime reason for it spreading is firewood. DNR recommends that you have trees treated within 15 miles of where it is discovered. The trees can have up to 30% damage and still be treated. The City has checked a lot of trees in Des Moines. The trees with a red mark at the base of the tree are the ones that will be cut down sometime in the next three years. The ones that will be saved are marked with a silver number up above your head on the tree. \$1,200 will cover a healthy tree to be cut down and the stump removed. The best way to treat an ash tree is with a chemical injected into the tree and is called TreeAge. It should be treated every second year and once you treat it, you have to continue with the treatment.

The next meetings to be held are at the Central Library on June 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, North Side Library on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Franklin Library on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The website to see this information is [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org)

Bob Mahaffey talked about the problems due to the Euclid Bridge being repaired; the restriping on Hubbell will be removed (hopefully in about 60 days). He also talked about wanting to put a walking trail being in where Riverview was; and the changes taking place at Grandview University.

The next SCRUB is June 21<sup>st</sup> at River Point.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Norm Kamm made the motion that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was second by Lorraine Eldredge. The motion was approved.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. The balance as of the end of May in the bank is \$495.14.

Bob Mahaffey asked about the "free little libraries" and there was discussion regarding these.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at Dahl's on East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library and will be an ice cream social.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Marge Ramsey***

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Secretary/Treasurer